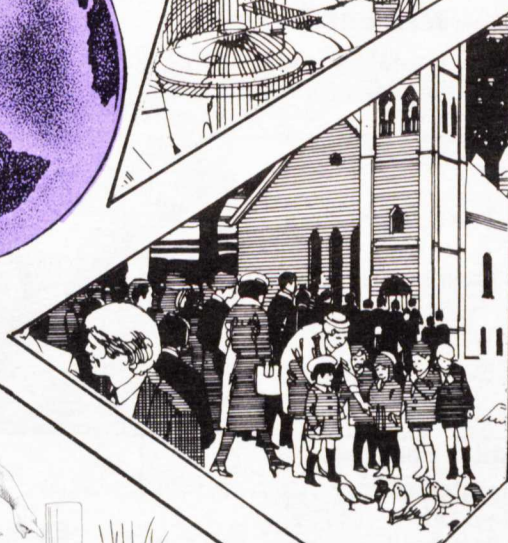
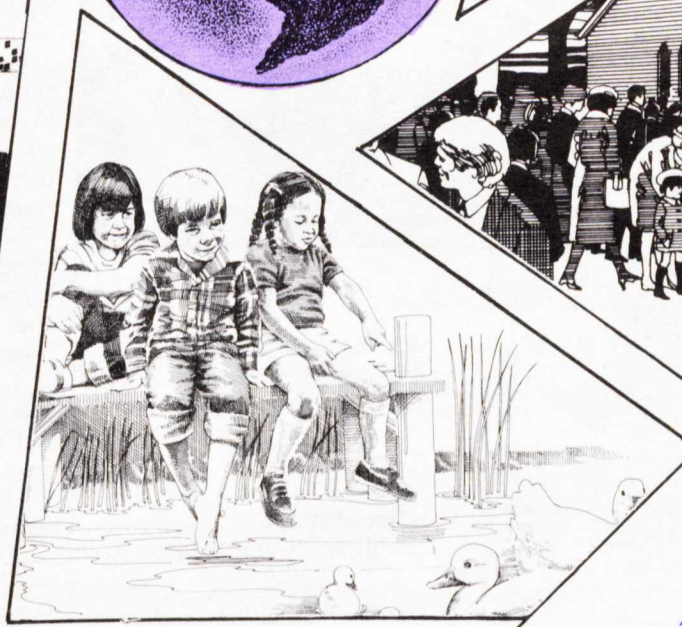
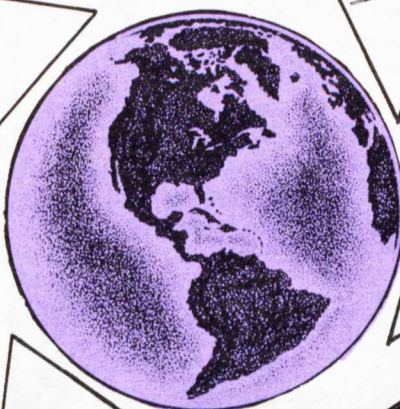


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Editorially

I've walked with the Lord for many years now and have encircled many red-letter days along the way: the day I became a new creation in Christ Jesus at age 11, left for Bible College, marriage, children, mission field, WNAC, etc.

But getting this enlarged edition of *Co-Laborer* to you nudges for a place at the top.

The red-letter days on my calendar did not signify so much a past accomplishment as a responsibility for the future. "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus," meant not only forgiveness of sins, but giving Him throne rights to my future.

"I surrender all," directed my steps to Free Will Baptist Bible College and a young man to whom I promised, "I do."

"Ready to go" (He led to Africa), "ready to stay" (the happiest, most useful, most blessed life imaginable), "ready to leave" (accept a new responsibility here which involved working in auxiliary, and more specifically, with the *Co-Laborer* magazine).

The Lord made my leaving Africa easier with a peace in knowing that my years on the mission field were preparation for this "new thing" He had awaiting me.

I sense this same anticipation as we send this new-look *Co-Laborer* your way. My past experience with the old format was mere preparation for this "new thing" He wants to do among Free Will Baptist women.

With this first issue, we confirm our past commitment: to present missions information and challenge in such a way that each woman will fulfill her unique place in the Great Commission.

To enrich the spiritual life of each woman.

Frankly, I can think of no other motive for investing my time and energy in the magazine. May God take these efforts and transform them into that which will endure as gold and silver and precious stones on that final day of accounting.

The Story of Ama

**A true story from West Africa written by
Janie Aldridge, former missionary to Ivory
Coast.**

The fetish gave me life, or so it was told me. I accepted this fact; yet many unasked questions flowed through my mind.

I lived a normal, predictable life as a little girl in my African village. Because I was born on Monday, my name was Ama, as were all the other Monday-girls. I played with the other children by day and sang and danced in the moonlight by night. I learned the ways of every African woman—washing clothes, carrying loads of firewood and water, planting the fields, gathering the crops, preparing the food, and the other everyday chores that consume a woman's life.

Like all other teenagers, I fell in love. My choice was Kouadio, a handsome young man in our village. Our courtship was strongly disapproved of by his family, but we persisted in seeing each other and wanted to be married.

Our family finally consulted a witchdoctor. A sacrifice was made and the answer given: NO, we must never marry. In spite of this fearful ultimatum, we continued to meet secretly and eventually I became pregnant. Kouadio built a hut for us and I became his wife.

Our first baby was a beautiful child. We were so happy! As a mother, life took on real meaning for me and I became a person of worth. Other children followed in rapid succession. Then something terrible began happening. Our children began dying, each between the ages of four and five. Quite suddenly, without warning, each would be taken with a severe tummy ache, and then in a few hours, death.

We watched, horrified, crushed, as our own flesh and blood was buried in the cold ground. Other babies, one right after the other, were born and each died—nine in all. How could this be possible?

Why? Unasked questions mounted in my mind. Would the truth ever be known?

Before the ninth child died, some white people came to our village. This man and his wife

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read from a Book and told us about the Creator God who inhabits the universe. They told of His love and that He wanted to forgive our sins and make us His children.

I had never heard such wonderful words, yet the people of my village resisted their teaching. Each day I longed for the missionaries to return and speak God's words to us. Would they come again? Yes, and we even learned the missionaries had medicine to treat the sick.

When our last child sickened, we walked the long distance to the house of the missionary. The white woman treated us kindly and prayed for us. Then she asked if we were ready to become Christians and walk the Jesus road. Oh yes, we were ready! As we walked back to our village that day a warm peace filled our hearts. We experienced great joy to know that the true and living God was living in us.

But that very night the inevitable happened. Our child awakened us with a severe tummy ache, and in a few hours, our last child died. Crushed, bruised, and broken, it was almost more than we could bear. The missionaries came and comforted us and made a strange suggestion. Would we leave our village and come to live near them and the other Christians? They would provide a house for us.

Doubts raced through our thoughts. Did the missionaries

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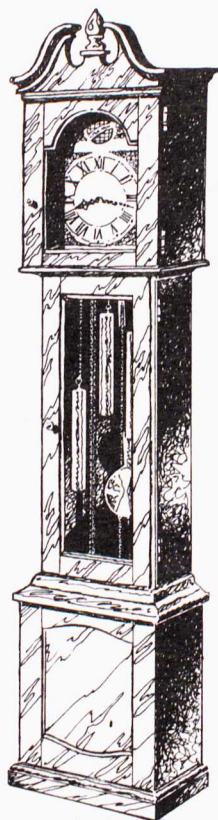
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Programs

Enlistment

Suggested by an installation
written by Wanda Powell

WNAC's Enlistment Program for 1987



IT'S ABOUT
TIME

Introduction

Do you remember your very first wrist watch? Your best friend had received a Mickey Mouse watch, or another popular one, and you ached to own one, too. Then for Christmas or your birthday or another special occasion, you at last received a watch of your very own.

Remember the warnings that came with its possession? Don't get it in water. Don't hit it on anything. Don't forget to wind it every night. Don't wind it too tightly. You wondered if it was worth owning something you had to be so careful with.

We live in a time-oriented society when our every action is regulated by time. How many different sayings can you think of related to time?

How time flies.

Time to go to bed . . . get up . . .
take your medicine . . . go to work
. . . go to church . . . go home . . .

What time is it?

Do you have the time?

Solomon wrote, "There's a time to be born and a time to die." But how that time is spent in between is of infinite importance.

As early as 1500 B.C., the Egyptians discovered the sundial to measure time. Hundreds of small improvements and great scientific discoveries span the gulf between this simple measure of time to our modern electronic wrist watch. Did you ever wonder what makes a clock work? Benjamin Franklin did and took one apart in order to satisfy his curiosity.

Do you ever wonder about a Woman's Auxiliary and how it works? This enlistment program likens the auxiliary to clocks and then takes one apart to see what makes them tick.

Speaking of Clocks

Notice this display of clocks. Some are large, others small. Some are decorative while others more practical.

Some are much more expensive than others. Some are noisy, chiming off the hours, sounding an alarm and ticking loudly; while others go about their business with hardly a sound. Although clocks come in various sizes, shapes and made of different materials, they all are created for one purpose—to tell time.

Women in our churches come in various sizes and shapes, ages, and backgrounds. Some have different talents and spiritual gifts. But one trait characterizes them all—their love for the Lord Jesus and their desire to obey His commands, especially the last one of our Lord in getting the gospel to the ends of the earth. The Woman's Auxiliary is the missionary service of the church. To this end was it organized.

Let's look at some of these clocks and liken them to some of our auxiliaries. Just as no two clocks are alike, it's not likely you'll find any two auxiliaries the same. But each should be accomplishing the same purpose.

Notice this *clock with its simple lines and easy-to-read numbers*. This is an accurate clock which will give good service for many years. It knows what it was created for and goes about its business without trying to be something it isn't.

The auxiliary that provides opportunities for each of its women to fulfill her place in the Great Commission is accomplishing its purpose.

This is a *decorative clock*. At first glance you wonder if it is really a clock at all because it has no numbers and the face is so small. A clock which exists strictly for decoration is not living up to its potential.

Socials, fellowship, and dinners are fun, but there's more to an auxiliary than these occasions.

The rich color of this *gold clock* tells us it is of "karat gold," or an alloy mixture of pure gold and other metals. Some clocks are literally worth their weight in gold and a precious asset to their owners.

Some pastors value their Woman's Auxiliary for their contribution to the overall growth of the church.

It is neither the face or the case which makes this clock distinctive. Listen. This *clock has a loud ticking* which indicates it is about its business. Twenty-four hours a day

seven days a week it continues to do what it was created to do. No mistaking. Just listen.

A busy auxiliary is one that works at doing what it was created to do.

Parts of a Clock

Not only are the various clocks distinctive, but the various parts teach us further about a Woman's Auxiliary.

The Case—We usually think of a clock as being that part which registers time, but the case is a vital part of any clock. The auxiliary is not an isolated organization, but it is set within the framework of the church. An auxiliary is only as strong as its case.

The Face—The clock face speaks of the auxiliary program and the goals which she is striving to accomplish. It should be clearly visible for all to see: mission giving, mission study, mission prayer and mission action.

One look at the face of the auxiliary clock, and her purpose is clear and unmistakable.

The Hands—The clear face may be set in a framework of beauty, but it still needs hands to tell time. Certain women serve as officers to regulate the rhythm of the auxiliary.

"Time to study," points out the mission study chairman as she enrolls the women in missions and puts good missions literature in their hands.

"Time to pray," prods the prayer reminders distributed by the mission prayer chairman and the prayer requests drive women to their knees throughout the month.

"Time to act," reminds the mission action chairman as she sees that each woman has volunteered for a task that helps develop her potential.

"Time to give," they chime together as the women respond as one to the call of missions with their money.

The Power Plant

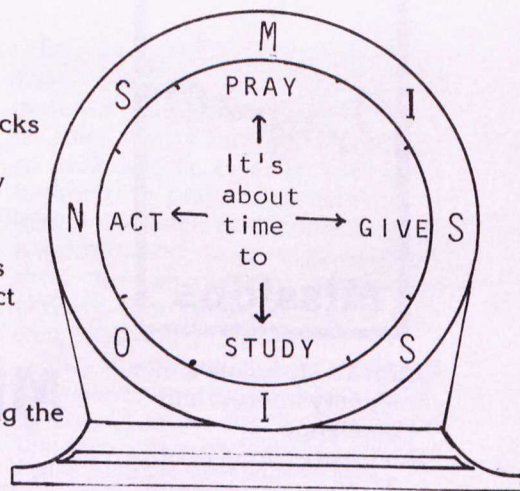
We've spent all this time speaking of the case and face of the clock. There's more to a clock than meets the eye. Look at this one. It's just the right size and color to blend with most any decor. The crystal is clear and unblemished with easy to read numbers and an attractive face and hands. There is one thing wrong with it however. It doesn't work. What good is a clock that doesn't tell time?

Presentation

Collect an assortment of clocks and watches of various sizes, shapes and fabrication. Display these on a table in front of the women.

One person may present this program as an illustrated object lesson, or the topics may be assigned to different women.

Prepare a large poster, as illustrated, and display it during the meeting.



Inside this clock is the power plant which contains the essential parts to spring it into action. Without being technical, the ingredients are here—springs and balance wheel to make the hands move in perfect rhythm, but it isn't working.

Some auxiliaries have all the proper parts to function properly, the right goals, efficient officers and even well-planned programs. But somehow it doesn't click and the women lose interest. Why?

Something More

So why doesn't this clock run? Did I wind it? You ask. Yes, there is a little knob here that indicates the clock must be wound to activate the spring and put all the vital parts in motion.

Prayer releases the power of God in the Woman's Auxiliary. Without the anointing of God, words fall on deaf ears. Every work, no matter how good, registers as wood, hay and stubble and can not withstand the fire. The Holy Spirit must energize each woman in the auxiliary.

This clock moves on bearings made of 21 jewels, probably of sapphire or rubies. What would the auxiliary be without these auxiliary jewels? They are not as visible as the officers, but their faithfulness in attendance and service account for untold accuracy and precision.

Conclusion

It's about time—time to see a world lost without Christ, time to once again hear the last commission of our Lord to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, time to respond with, "Here am I; use me." It's about time.

Aim:

To inform every woman in the church about the spiritual and missionary program of the Woman's Auxiliary; to enlist each one to service.

Scripture:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Hymn:

*"Take Time to Be Holy"
"Ready"*

MISSIONS

FAMILY STYLE

Aim: To stimulate a missionary interest and challenge

Scripture: John 4:1-8;
31-35

Music: "We've a Story to Tell"

There is probably no better place to teach your children about missions than at the breakfast table. It is likely to be one of the few places you can catch the family all together in the course of the day. And since that is probably where you have daily Bible reading and prayer with the family, missions should be a part of it.

Also, there is something very "everyday, common, and ordinary" about breakfast. Talking about missions at a time such as this can help reinforce the idea that missions is also quite "everyday, common, and ordinary." Discussing missions only in church seems to add an unreal dimension—it makes missions "out of the ordinary" and it puts missionaries on a pedestal. Teaching missions at the breakfast table gives missions a touch of realism.

Missions and Prayer

But what do you DO about missions at the breakfast table? What do you SAY? First, let me suggest the obvious. Get a world map and put it on a bulletin board where it can be seen. Have the prayer cards of your missionary friends attached to the map at appropriate places. Then pray for the missionaries. You might choose one family each day and pray for them by name.

In order to make the prayer something other than a "shotgun" prayer that simply asks God to "bless the missionaries," write to the missionaries and ask them to put you on the mailing list for their

Missions at the Breakfast Table

regular prayer letters. Fasten the letters to the map along with the pictures, and use them in making your prayers specific.

Missionary Lifestyle

Breakfast is a good time to discuss what missions is like. Have your children figure out what time of day it is on a given field. Try to imagine what the missionary children are doing at that particular moment. It might help to send one of the children scurrying for an encyclopedia to look up the country in question. What is their weather like just now? The terrain? Wild animal life? Keep an eye on the newspaper for information about the government, the economy, or natural disasters in countries of interest. Discuss what it must be like to live in a land where the government is a dictatorship, or where an earthquake has just leveled several villages, or where the annual per capita income is only \$100.

Get information about the schooling of missionary children. Have your children think about what it is like to go to a boarding school, to have only three in a

classroom, or to have monkeys playing in the trees outside the window. What does the missionary child do after school? How would your children react to hiking in the jungle?

Take a moment after breakfast to have everyone write a few short sentences in a letter to a missionary family. Relax! You don't have to start the letter with a pious-sounding phrase and end with a Scripture verse. Be yourself! Tell the missionary who won the most recent basketball game, tell the most recent joke you heard, tell the price of gasoline, tell what the rainy weather is doing to your permanent, tell what a new blouse cost you on sale, tell about having to take your dog to the vet. This sort of letter will likely elicit a similar letter of everyday news from the missionary.

Missions and Money

At the breakfast table you can discuss what the family is doing financially for missions. Our family's policy is to give to missions 20 percent of all cash Christmas gifts we receive. We discuss all the needs we know about, and we include the children in the decision about where the money is to go. This gives us the opportunity to think about both good and bad uses of mission money. And we learn about mission priorities.

Missionary Kids (MKs)

Discuss with your children the fact that although MKs are living in a foreign culture with its advantages, they are also living in a situation which makes them feel out of touch with the North American



culture. The MK often comes back feeling insecure—not familiar with the latest styles, the latest jargon, the up-to-date sports news, and the latest fads.

One practical way your family can help is by planning to ease the reentry of the MK to society. Immediately upon our daughter's return from Bangladesh, a group of girls took her on a shopping trip for clothes. The girls showed her the "in" styles, and they even paid for a complete outfit for her. She felt quite comfortable and confident in public when wearing her new clothes, for she knew it met the approval of her age group. Can your family do something like that for a returning MK?

Mission Involvement

At the breakfast table you might also encourage your children (at an appropriate age) to become involved in short-term missionary activity. It might be something as simple as helping in a neighborhood 5-day Bible club. Perhaps you can go as a family to help a home missionary with his vacation Bible school or help him construct a church building. Maybe there will even be opportunity for your college-age son or daughter to go overseas for a summer to help a missionary.

One of the most valuable things you can do to promote missions with your children is to invite missionaries into your home. One missionary of 23 years says, "I know that the impact for missions I make from the pulpit is little compared to the impact I can make while a guest in a home. When I go to a church to speak, I often ask the pastor to put me in a home where there are preteens or teens. The tendency is to place me with older members who are "prayer warriors." Those who are prayer warriors do not need me in the home. They will pray for me whether I stay with them or not. I much prefer to be in homes where there are young people. Over the breakfast table I can interact with them. They can ask questions. They can discover that missionaries are real people and not some weird sort of spiritual supermen or

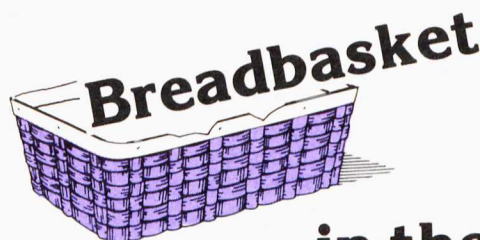
superwomen. Personal friendships will be forged over the breakfast table—friendships that will have a lasting impact in the life of the young person."

The missionary interest of a church usually rises no higher than the missionary interest of the pastor. By the same token, the interest aroused in the hearts and minds of young people will rarely go any higher than that of the parents. If you are vitally interested in missions, you will find ways to generate interest in your children as well.

But be careful! Make sure that your interest in missions is genuine. Children can easily see if it's fake. If your interest causes you to write letters, to open your pocketbook, to pray, to spend time in actual outreach to the lost in your neighborhood, to give up vacation time for short-term missionary activity, then they will get the idea that missions is important.

Yes, much can be accomplished for missions at the breakfast table!

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Diane Mitchell Thomas
Grifton, NC

—in the Bathroom?

I'm waging a subtle campaign to place good, Christian reading at my family's fingertips . . . uh, their toes would perhaps be more accurate.

I'm an avid reader. The bathroom has long been stocked with a supply of magazines to encourage this interest. At times I have even read *Football Digest* for lack of more suitable reading, and folks, let me tell you, I hate football.

One day I entered as my son exited and found, to my surprise, he had left one of my Christian woman's journals spread open on the floor. Let's face it, you are a captive audience during visits to the bathroom. I decided then and there that if the kids would read my magazines, surely they would appreciate material geared to their own level and interests.

With the decision, I planned my course of action and began my campaign. I guard my secret jealously, but I am willing to share it with you if you promise not to squeal to my family. They are very suspicious. They have a tendency to associate anything good for them with green vegetables.

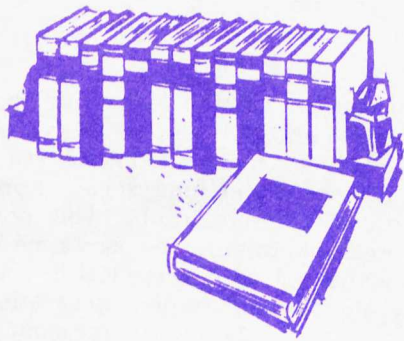
First I found a large, attractive bread basket to match the country

decor of the bathroom and filled it with good, Christian literature. I included an ample supply of our Free Will Baptist periodicals. I plan to ground them in faith and establish a love toward their denomination. A missions directory invites them to browse through and become familiar with our missionary family, both by face and name. At their early age, I want them to see the harvest is great and the laborers are few. If I can instill in them the importance of serving God, they will be ready should God call them to go.

A copy of *Our Daily Bread* waits in our basket. The messages are short and easy to read, yet contain powerful truths that can make an impact to the reading mind. I invested in a book of Christian short stories written for their age group. Novels in the bathroom are not recommended, especially for the one-bathroom family.

Once a month I clean out the basket and update it with a fresh reading supply. I have to be on the lookout for alien materials which do not aid in my spiritual nourishment campaign. Magazines as *Golf Digest* and *National Geographic* are

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BOOK

Highlights

Genny Waddell

Happiness Is A Choice by Frank B. Minirth, M.D. and Paul D. Meier, M.D. (Baker Book House, 1978. 248 pp.)

If "happiness is a choice," why do some people have a more difficult time choosing to be happy than others? Why are so many Christians depressed today? Why does "spiritual depression" exist in pandemic proportions in the Church today?

Drs. Minirth and Meier, both of them doctors and Christian counselors, address these questions by dealing with the "symptoms, causes, and cures of depression." They successfully build their case: Most people are depressed because they unconsciously choose that route. After persuading people to choose to be happy or in harmony with God and themselves, the writers deal with the

second task of persuading the "reader to commit his life to the correct course for obtaining inner love, happiness, and peace." The plan for crawling out of the depressing emotional basement is based solidly on the scriptures, as each writer seems to be as well versed in the Bible as in medicine. The book is frank, and it is at times painful, because it forces the reader to see himself as he really is, and to search into his past for some of the answers to his problem of chronic or acute depression.

Both writers are obviously well acquainted with the subject of depression through their medical and psychiatric practices, as well as through their vibrant Christian outreach ministries. Drawing on their mutual experiences, they have created a documented textbook about depression that is still highly readable and understand-

able to the average person. They have also managed to include detailed, specific facts which are designed to tackle the problem of depression in a realistic, practical, and spiritual manner. Numerous charts and lists are included, as well as documented facts about the common medicines prescribed for depression.

I try to read this book at least twice a year! I have found it applicable for my own life and I have shared it extensively with others. I know of no other book like *Happiness Is A Choice*, especially because it requires the reader to be totally honest with himself, totally honest in asking the Holy Spirit to heal any leftover anger and grudges, and totally honest in living in the Word. This book specifically shows how to apply the scripture to real-life situations. If I could pack only two books for an

A Woman God Has Used

Seven churches in three states—Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee—claimed Bobbye Edwards as their pastor's wife until 1986 when God claimed her to Himself. She was 56, mother of three and grandmother to two.

Our times are in God's hands. Bobbye's time was brief, but she lived each day with eternity's values in view.

While a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Mrs. Edwards felt the tug of missions on her life. Health problems prevented their going, but she saw that all three of her children were exposed to the same missionary vision and challenge. Since she was unable to go, she practiced an open heart, open home policy



to missionaries enroute to and from their fields. In this way, and coupled with her intercession, her desire was somewhat assuaged. Mrs. Novis Edwards, an registered nurse, preferred to work the night shift, but this never interfered with her church attendance and activities. God took top priority in her life. She taught Sunday school, worked in auxiliary, and sang in the choir. Once she presided over the district convention.

Her physical influence for good was suddenly cut off one rainy night enroute to her hospital employment. But her memory lives on as a woman who was willing for God to use her to the fullest.

extensive stay on a deserted island, after I packed my Bible, I would pack *Happiness Is A Choice*. If I could pack your suitcase, I would pack your copy, too, because I believe that in your own life and in the lives of people whom you counsel, you want to choose genuine, Bible-based happiness.

Feeling Good About Your Feelings by Barry Applewhite. (Victor Books, Wheaton, Ill., 1980. 118 pp.)

How do you feel about your emotions? Barry Applewhite, a former engineer with the Atomic Energy Commission, discovered that he was uncomfortable with the very word *emotions* when he began a pastoral ministry. Gradually, Applewhite realized through the study of the Word that "man has emotions because God has emotions." He details some of the feelings or emotions expressed by Jesus: anger, distress, sorrow, disappointment, frustration, amazement, love, compassion, joy, and delight. The author feels that many Christians suppress their emotions because they think that "emotions are inherently sinful." The result is a Church which has rejected emotions for fear of being labeled non-spiritual. Consequently, we do not want to be involved with others. We, therefore, cover up our emotions in order to "cut off communication with someone." We deal in cold theories instead of putting to work the tremendous commands of the Bible to reach out to others in love, or confrontation, or forgiveness. He says that Christians believe that to "show our feelings is to betray human weakness. Instead of being truly human, we try to conform to a false standard created by our contemporary culture."

Applewhite capably shows how the Christian can know the right *time* and *way* to express his emotions. This book successfully shows how to express emotions in "harmony with biblical principles."

WNAC does not stock these books. Please order them from your state bookstore, or from Randall House, 319C Harding Place, Nashville, TN 37217.

The POET'S CORNER



When Joan Warren migrated to Washington State, her heart sat down in peace.

***Peace is that feeling away inside
That nothing can shatter,
whatever betide.***

Yakima is home for the family unit: John, a minister, employed by the state in Child Protective Service; their two married children, Brian and Laura; and Rachel, 11. Her family, which includes one grandchild, April, 4, brings joy to this grandma's life.

***Joy is a quality deep inside
The bubbles over when people abide
In harmony with God and man—
A by-product of God's great plan.***

Professionally, Joan works for the state as a regional director. In the Yakima church she teaches the adult Sunday school class and works with the music program. Her daily walk is characterized by faith.

***Faith shouts, "God is!" in words strong and stout,
Even though Satan attempts to cast doubt;
Faith always helps us to find God's way
As we travel life's pathway every day.***

Writing poetry is a joy of this lady's life, but so is reading and fishing. Perhaps some of her choice poetry was conceived on the banks of a stream with fishing pole in hand:

***Gentleness is very serene,
The ripple effect is rarely seen.***

Mrs. Warren specializes in poems that recount a story or teach a lesson. (Watch for her poetical Easter program in the next issue of *Co-Laborer*.) Her latest poem summarizes the fruits of the Spirit:

***The fruits of the Spirit are splendid indeed,
A feast most worthy on which to feed,
Whether inward graces which cannot be seen
Or actions done to some extreme.
The hope is that if we believe
We can each and every fruit achieve!
May God's Spirit shed abroad in your life,
These fruits that make things turn out right!***



Communicator

National Project

THE EUNICE EDWARDS LOAN FUND FOR CHURCHES ABROAD Get used to that name. WNAC has agreed to raise \$50,000 in the next 5 years. The money, to be kept in an interest bearing account, will be disbursed with the agreement of the Foreign Mission Board and WNAC's executive secretary. The money will thus be available to others in that country who wish to build.

Let's get started. Could we raise \$50,000 by July, 1987?

New Equipment

WNAC needs updated equipment and furnishings. We now have a computer with software that will enable us to do wonders! The cost is \$4,411. Sale of used stamps has given us \$666.38 for equipment. The rest of the cost came out of the general fund.

We desperately need a new typewriter (A computer will not do everything all the time.) and some comfortable chairs for workers. If you want a special project, remember the WNAC office needs.

New Worker

On September 8, Yvonne Wolfenbarger joined the staff as executive assistant. Yvonne is familiar with WNAC work and comes to Tennessee from Russellville, Arkansas.

Provision Closet Needs

- Full size sheet sets
- Pressure cookers, 4 and 6 quart sizes
- Full size mattress covers
- Matched towel sets

Pray

For Lorene Miley as she edits the new-look CO-LABORER.

For the executive committee, meeting December 1-3 with all the boards of the National Association.

For contributions to the general fund to meet additional expenses.

That God will enable us to raise \$50,000—and more.

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permitted in the den, but not in the sacred bread basket.

While I may lose patience over dirty clothes left lying on the floor next to the tub, I am thrilled to see literature from the basket scattered throughout the house. It tells me they have become so engrossed in their reading they carry it with them.

My plan is working. The other day my ten-year old came to me and asked, "Mom, why don't we have many missionaries in India?" I explained the situation and we prayed for the Hannas. My son now has a broader vision and burden for those who are trying to reach the world for Christ. My teenager enjoys real-life situation articles written by other Christians, especially athletes. He reads how the Lord helps in their lives and is assured He can do the same for him.

If my strategy works, my family will mature and grow in the Lord, and for this I rejoice. I need all the help I can get in this battle of parenting. Try a breadbasket in your bathroom. It is a challenge with exciting results.

Shh . . . let's keep it a secret.

Missionary Hotline



Over My Coffee Cup



Eunice Edwards

This brand new year offers brand new challenges.

Mark your Bible. As you read, make a brief marginal note and date it. Later when you meet one of those marked passages, the help you received will be renewed and you'll be reminded of God's faithfulness. Your Bible becomes your precious, personal, spiritual diary.

Psalm 23:1 is my life verse. The Lord gave me this verse during a time of spiritual crisis. It carries an abiding sense of security that continues to comfort and sustain me.

In addition, it has become my practice to ask God for a special verse for each new year. One Christmas Eve, He impressed me with Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen. I will be exalted in the earth." That became my special verse for the following year.

How marvelous are God's "I Wills." All the darkness of Satan and his cohorts cannot defeat our God. He will accomplish what He determines to do.

Mark Others. Do you have a critical complainer around you? A pastor's wife once told me, "I never ask so-and-so how she is. Sure as I do, I'm depressed before the service even begins." Paul says in Romans 16:17, "... mark them which cause divisions . . . and avoid them." We come to church to worship and praise, not to grunt and groan! Read Psalm 105:1-3.

Mark Your Christian Growth. God wants His children to grow, to mature spiritually. Just as you mark your child's inch-by-inch growth on the door frame, measure your growth as a Christian. Can you handle greater responsibilities today over yesterday? If you cannot do more for Jesus today than the day you were converted, you have not grown.

Think upon this truth.

God's Estimate of Beauty

*Aren't those flowers simply beautiful?
What a beautiful smile!
She has such a beautiful voice.
I've never seen a more beautiful person than she.*

Beautiful!

Just say the word aloud a couple of times . . .
Even the very sound of the word is beautiful, isn't it?

"The beautiful is determined by fixed rules," someone has suggested. "It admits of no excess or defect. It comprehends regularity, proportion and added distribution of color and every particular which can engage the attention."

Wouldn't you agree that this is a pretty scientific definition?

God's beautiful people, then, are those godly ones who function in an orderly fashion so that there is no distortion, no irregularity—and they do not go to any excesses. They do not allow any defects in their lives—on a continuing basis. Their lives are marked by balance—beautiful balance.

Beautiful balance . . .

Whose life was marked by perfect balance?

Our Lord Jesus! And as we keep our heart set on Him, we are being changed into His likeness.

While giving some valuable advice, in 1 Peter 3:1-4, the aged apostle also directs our attention to the character of Jesus Christ. A careful study of this passage will provide helpful insight into God's estimate of true beauty.

TITLE THE PARAGRAPHS

Read chapter 3 through three times and then give each paragraph a title that you feel best describes its contents.

Verses 1-6 _____
Verse 7 _____
Verses 8-12 _____
Verses 13-22 _____

RIGHTS OR RESPONSIBILITIES?

What do you consider key words, or phrases, in these passages?

1 Peter 3:1-7 Ephesians 5:22-33 Colossians 3—18-19 Titus 2:4-5

1

BEAUTIFUL IN SUBMISSION

"Likewise" (3:1) introduces another emphasis on Christian submission. (Take just a few minutes now for a careful reading of chapter 2.) Verse one does not, however, imply that the submission of wives to their husbands compares to the submission of slaves to their masters. It does, though, teach that the Christian wife has as much a sacred duty as the slave to submit to her husband.

June R. Critcher

For personal Bible study or those auxiliary groups who "just want to use the Bible".

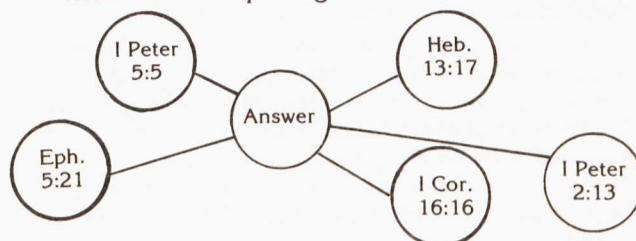
Programs

Bible Study

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Is submission the sole responsibility of the Christian wife?

What do these passages have in common?



Evidence of Being Spirit-Filled

Ephesians 5:18-21

After the Apostle Paul, under the Spirit's direction, commands believers to be filled with, or controlled by, the Holy Spirit, he gives three evidences of being Spirit-filled. One is **submission** to fellow believers. All believers should be characterized by humility and submissiveness.

What do you think???

Should the Christian woman who is married to an unsaved man submit to Him? _____ Yes _____ No

Explain your answer.

If you answered "Yes," is there ever a time when she should not submit to him? _____ Yes _____ No

Explain your answer.

2

BEAUTIFUL IN PURITY

(1 Peter 3:2)

True beauty comes from inside the godly woman. She is characterized by "chaste" or "pure" conduct. Her thoughts are pure. To enhance your beautiful thought life, memorize Philippians 4:8 . . . Her speech is beautiful. What lessons can you learn from Ephesians 4:26 and Proverbs 31:26 that will help you aim toward beautiful speech? . . . The beautiful woman is marked by pure motives. Jesus' motives were always pure. If our motives are pure, what are we doing? (See Mark 10:44,45.) . . . The beautiful woman is a person of beautiful attitudes. Her responses and reactions reflect her Christlike attitudes. What do you remember from a study of Joseph's life that you can incorporate into your life—and that will insure you maintain beautiful attitudes and Christlike responses?

3 BEAUTIFUL IN SPIRIT (1 Peter 3:3,4)

Give close attention to 1 Peter 3:3,4 and then list the negatives and positives.

NEGATIVES	POSITIVES

Word Study

- **Adorning** (*kosmos*). We get our word "cosmetics" from this word. The word refers to an ordered system, to that which is fitting, congruous, not diverse from one's character. The adornment of the Christian woman should be in keeping with what she is inside. If she's an authentic Christian at heart she will not adorn herself as a person of the world. The adornment of the beautiful woman should proceed from within and not be put on from without.
- **Plaiting the Hair** (*emplotè*). This refers to an elaborate gathering of the hair into knots, an elaborate process of braiding that involved an enormous amount of time. Hairstyles in Peter's day were highly artificial and ostentatious.
- **Wearing of Gold** (*peritheseòs*). This word literally means "putting around." These fashionable ladies covered their persons with a lavish, conspicuous display of jewelry. Even their elaborate hairdos were decorated with costly combs, with hair nets of gold, chains, pearls, etc.
- **Putting on of Apparel** (*endueòs*). This word seems to indicate the practice of appearing in a great variety of dresses. Apparently the women put on these dresses for show.
- **Meek Spirit** (*praeos*) does not infer weakness. Meekness, as defined by William Barclay, is "not a spineless gentleness, a sentimental fondness, a passive quietism, but strength under control." The meek person is gentle and considerate.
- **Quiet Spirit** (*hèsuchiou*) seems to be more general in scope. This woman has a quiet disposition as contrasted to a noisy, boisterous spirit. This type of quietness may also be translated "calmness" or "peacefulness". This beautiful woman has a disposition of peace, trust and receptivity. The opposite of this attitude is a refusal or disinclination to accept teaching, advice or direction. So, the woman with a quiet spirit has a teachable spirit.

Real beauty does not come from an elaborate hairdo, nor from expensive jewelry, nor from the latest fashions. Now, while the godly woman does not depend upon adornment put on from the outside to make her attractive, this does not imply

that she is not to dress with neatness and in good taste. Neither should she be drab in appearance or so plain in the way she dresses that she is conspicuous. Aren't the happiest people on earth those Christians who radiate the joy of their Master? Surely this radiance is reflected throughout one's entire make-up.

Verse 3 seems to be a clear warning against extravagance and self-centered display. The way a Christian dresses should be an appropriate reflection of her inner spiritual character.

Notice the first word in verse 4: "But." The truly beautiful woman does not depend upon external adornment, but upon beautiful spiritual character. One's inner spiritual beauty reflects itself in the appropriate use of external personal adornment.

God's estimate of beauty is what really matters! He places a high premium on a "meek and quiet spirit" by comparing a gentle and quiet spirit to an imperishable, precious, very costly jewel.

The truly beautiful woman spends more time adorning herself on the inside than on the outside.

COMMITMENT TO CHANGE

Now that you have allowed the Holy Spirit to speak to you through these verses in 1 Peter 3, what changes in attitude and/or conduct will you commit yourself to because of your desire to please God?

1. If you are spending more time on your appearance than in prayer and Bible study, what changes will you make to rearrange your priorities? Take a few minutes to ask yourself: *Where are my priorities?* God looks on the heart, that special place where He estimates value. The more times we spend with God, the more of His character we will reflect. Will you adorn yourself in a godly fashion by spending more time with the Lord and thus develop an intimate relationship with Him?

2. God desires that our lives be marked by true gentleness, serenity, meekness, kindness, integrity, calmness, trusting submissiveness. The beautiful woman eagerly desires these qualities and values this sweet spirit as the imperishable jewel it is in God's sight.

Will you daily yield to the control of the Holy Spirit so He can cultivate these lovely qualities in your life?

3. Read Psalm 90:17 and then pray . . .

Father God, I will let Your beauty be upon me. Please make me beautiful. Remove the lumps from my life. Smooth the rough edges. Take away my unkind spirit, my critical spirit, my quick temper, my sarcastic attitude, my spirit of pride (and name others). Work out all the ugliness in my life.

From this moment on, Father, I choose to gaze upon You, to seek You, and know You intimately. As I look upon You, I will be changed by Your Spirit into Your likeness—and I will then reflect Your beautiful character in my attitudes and behavior.

Helps For Leaders

Jan./Feb. 1987

President/Vice President

January is Enlistment Month on the auxiliary calendar. Begin making plans now to enlist every woman in your church in this missionary service. Incorporate the program "It's About Time" in a luncheon, buffet, or around refreshments.

Invitations: Cut clocks from construction paper and write the invitation on the back.

Posters: But pictures of assorted clocks and time pieces from magazines and catalogs and arrange on a large sheet of poster board. Or cut the board in the shape of a large clock.

Refreshments: Decorate plain sugar cookies with clock faces.

Tickets: Prepare tickets for your next auxiliary meeting or the enlistment meeting. Each ticket reads "Admit One" and each member should receive two. She is to bring one other person to the meeting. If she does, she gets in free. If she does not, she will have to pay.

The penalty may be paying a quarter, bringing refreshments for the next meeting, singing a solo, turning one garment backward and wearing it throughout the meeting, acting out a nursery rhyme, reciting a poem, etc.

Write these penalties on slips of paper and those who must pay will select one at random.

February is National Student Month. Periodically, a scholarship fund is awarded some national student who is furthering his education in order to minister to his own people. Last July, the convention voted to honor Maurilio Amorim with this scholarship.

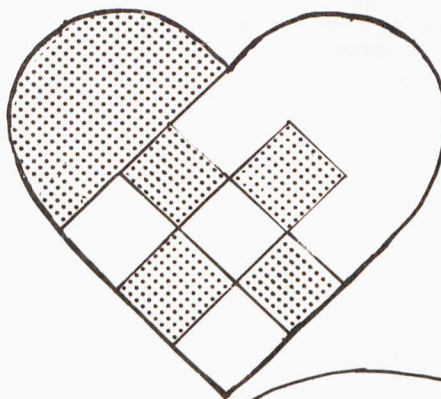
Maurilio is an English major in a Tennessee college. Your funds for February will go to this worthy student.

Calendar of Activities

Prepare a poster of your Calendar of Activities for the year. Check your district and state minutes for the suggested plan of work.

January Enlistment	February National Students	March	April Foreign Missions
May	June	July	August Emphasis Month
September Student Loan	October	November Home Missions	December

Valentine Love Messages (or Invitations)
suggested by Maizie Sevits, Kirksville, MO



Valentine Pattern
Cut one white and one red.

On the red corner, print "Christ's Sacrifice."
On the white, "Our Redemption."

Cut this section and fold back.

Cut a white heart the same size as the prepared one.
Staple the two hearts together.

Write a message inside: "Dear _____, Our heavenly Father sends His love. I send my love also. Signed _____"

Or print your invitation: "The scope of God's love will be explored at our next auxiliary meeting." Please come. Date Time Place
Give one to each woman the Sunday before your meeting.

Mission Study Chairman

Poor Circulation

Use this skit to introduce the two mission study books.

Preparation: Order the books **Second Mile People** and **Vision for Missions** (see the WNAC Order Supplies Leaflet). Prepare two sandwich boards with the front side illustrating the book covers.

Characters: two women wearing the sandwich boards (sign boards hung from the shoulders, one in front and one behind)

Book #1: Oh, here you are! I've been looking for you.

Mission Study Chairman: You have? This is our Woman's Auxiliary. Surely you knew I'd be here.

Book #1: I just remembered! That's why I came.

MSC: Have we met? Who are you?

Book #1: Who am I, you ask? Can't you see? I'm a book.

MSC: A book? I've never seen a book with hands and feet.

Book #1: That's because I like to go places, and that poses a problem. I don't seem to be getting anywhere.

MSC: And that's a problem? Where do you want to go?

Book #1: Well, you see, it's like this. I was made to stay on the go. And when I was selected as one of your mission study books, I was so excited. I was certain I would meet the most interesting women. But for months now I've been pressed between two books on this old stuffy shelf and I'm about to die from poor circulation. I have so many interesting things to tell your women, but they don't even look at me. All I ask is for a chance to circulate.

MSC: I see. Well, let me see what we can do about it. (She turns to her women.)

Book #1: (Grabbing her arm.) Wait! I appreciate it, but before you go, could I introduce you to my friend? She has circulation problems, too.

MSC: A friend? Where?

Book #2: At last! Perhaps now I have found someone who can help.

MSC: Help? How?

Book #2: You see, I'm another one of your mission study books that is supposed to be circulating among your women. But for months now I've been packed tight in the bottom of a magazine rack, covered over by catalogs and magazines. She took me home from the library and I was bursting with things to tell her. But instead I've been cast aside, forgotten, and I've been so lonely.

MSC: I'm so sorry.

Book #2: But that's not all. I've become absolutely ill from poor circulation. You know, I'm told that poor circulation, if unchecked, can lead to long term illness and even . . . ough . . . death!

MSC: I know, you poor thing! But what can I do?

Book #2: Would you please encourage your women to dig out those books that are stuck in their magazine racks or in their closets or hiding among their own books. Beg them to either read me or bring me back to the library where I can meet some nice ladies. I'm becoming so antisocial that I long for a chance to mingle again.

MSC: I promise to do what I can. Thanks to both of you for coming. (The two books exit. She turns to the women.) So there you are—two books, one trying to get out of the library and the other trying to get back in. Both are suffering from poor circulation. One sure cure for poor circulation is exercise, so let's exercise these books, shall we?

Mission Prayer Chairman

Directory Search

You need a Foreign Missions Directory for each woman. These are free upon request from the Foreign Missions Office, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. Please specify number needed.

Each person can search on her own, or you can divide into support groups of 3-5 women. Give special recognition to the group responding with the most answers.

1. How many different fields are represented in the directory?

2. a) Which country has the most missionaries? b) How many?

3. a) Which two countries tie with four single missionary ladies? b) Who has been on the field the longest?

4. Look at the field of Brazil. Name one missionary who is now on furlough.

5. Look at France. Which couple has three boys? Give names and ages.

6. From the field of Ivory Coast, how many have degrees in nursing? Name them.

7. Look at Japan. Who was appointed first? Last?

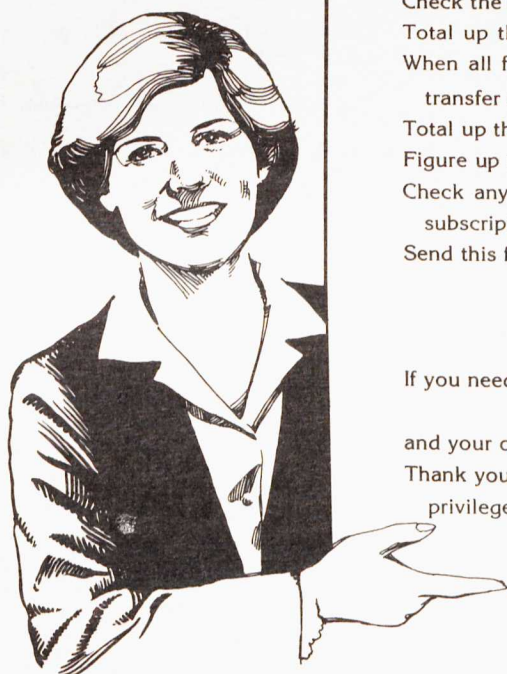
8. From Panama, three out of the six are from North Carolina. Name them.

9. One couple in Spain is a transplant from another mission field. Who?

10. How old is Molly Barker (Uruguay)?

(Look for answers in the next issue; or write the office if you need help.)

Make an "It's Time To Pray" prayer folder for each woman.



This is your order form for auxiliary supplies.
 Send this entire form with your order.
 It contains sections numbered 1-5.
 Check the items desired in each section.
 Total up the amount owed in each section.
 When all five sections have been checked,
 transfer to order blank on the back page.
 Total up the columns.
 Figure up the postage and handling.
 Check any free materials desired, as well as the
 subscription to the *Co-Laborer* magazine.
 Send this form and remittance to:
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 P. O. Box 1088
 Nashville, TN 37202
 If you need to order supplies in a hurry, call:
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 Thank you for your order. We consider it a
 privilege to serve you.

WNAC Supplies Order Leaflet

For Your Mission Study Groups

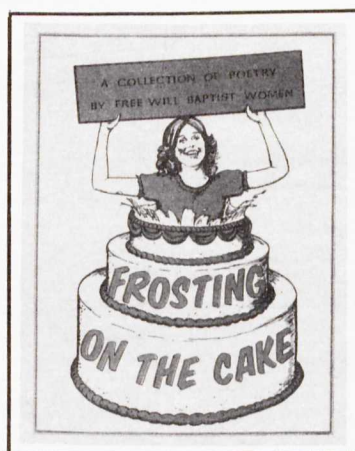


Second-Mile People, Isobel Kuhn
 —Written in the late 1930's but not published until 1982, this book portrays six of those who most influenced Isobel in her youth and her early years as a missionary to China.

A Vision For Missions, Tom Wells
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Check #4 inside.

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Check #5 inside.

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Picirilli, Wisheart & Pursell—Explains the purpose and work of a district, state or national organization. 32pp. \$1.00

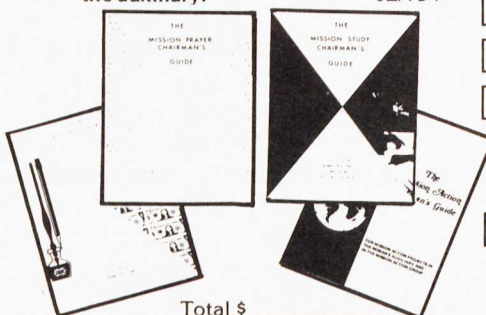
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Two-color postcard to publicize meetings and invite new members to the auxiliary. 12/75¢



Total \$ _____

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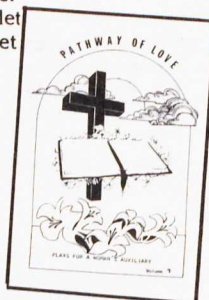
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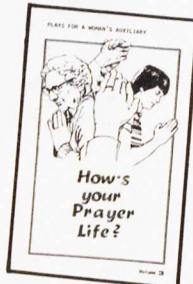
The Field Is The Word by Judy Puckett (9 characters)

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Sound advice from the book: "For every new book you read, read two old ones. If they're still around, they're good."

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A Magazine for Free Will Baptist Women

In 1944, the convention passed a resolution that WNAC hire a full-time editor and begin a monthly magazine. However, the executive committee decided because of the war years' demands and problems with publishing, they continue to use a yearbook for another year. That year stretched into 17 when the quarterly **Co-Laborer** was begun in 1961.

In 1986, the executive committee again decided it was time to give **Co-Laborer** a new look by doubling the size and increasing it to a bi-monthly publication. This enlarged edition offers:

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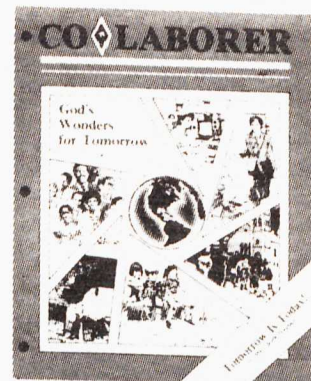
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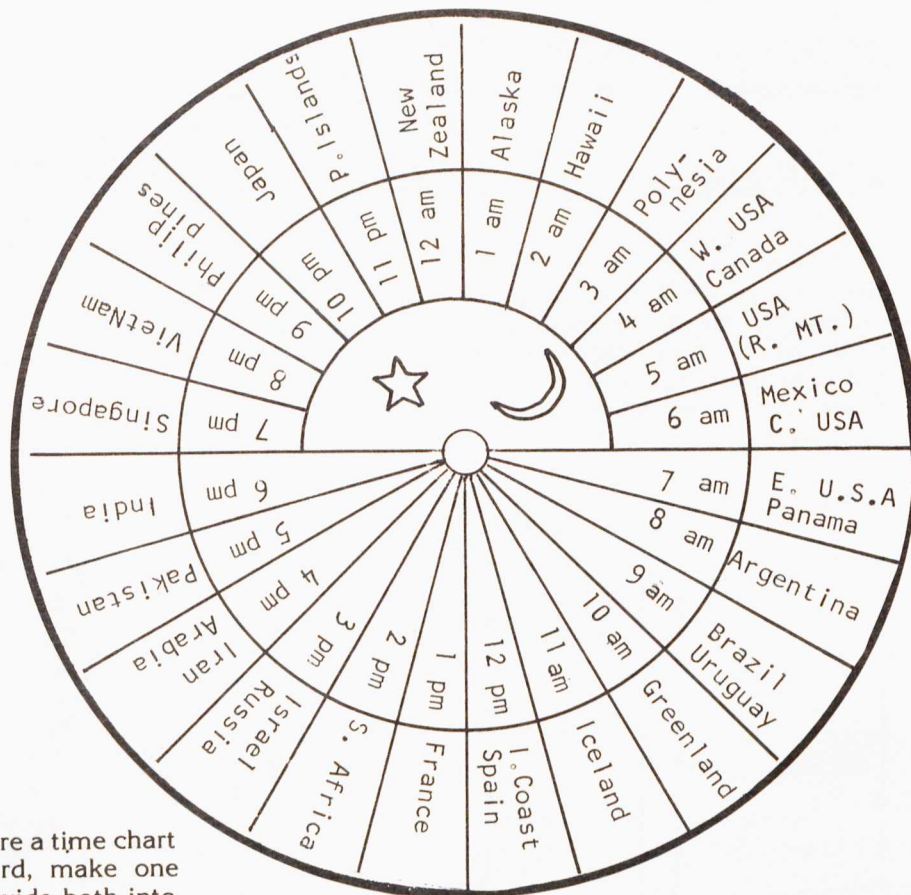
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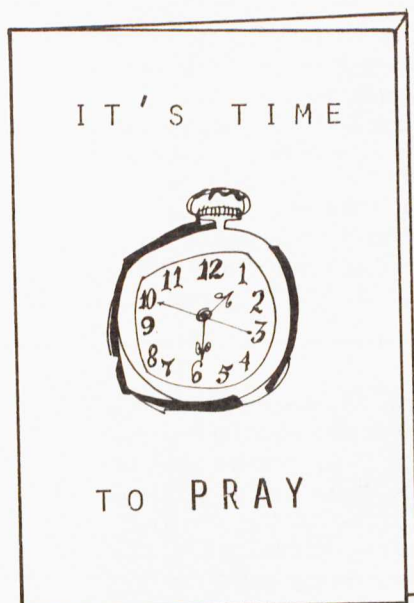
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February Prayer Reminders



Using the pattern given, prepare a time chart for each. From lightweight cardboard, make one large circle and one smaller circle. Divide both into 24 equal parts. Print times and places on each, as indicated. Fasten the two circles together with a brad.

Let these serve as a reminder to pray. For example, while you are in auxiliary meeting at 7:00 in the evening, it is 1:00 in the morning in Africa, an hour later in France, and 11 the next morning in Japan!



January Prayer Reminders

Program Leader

This issue abounds with material for your missionary emphasis program.

- 1) While the program leader reads "The Story of Ama," three others can pantomime the activity.
- 2) For "Missions at the Breakfast Table," one woman can impersonate the missionary and give the program. See that she has the suggested props: A bulletin board containing a missionary map (map free upon request from the Foreign Missions Board, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202), missionary letters, and a time chart (enlarge the pattern given in this *Helps* section). Have an airmail folder to illustrate writing missionaries.

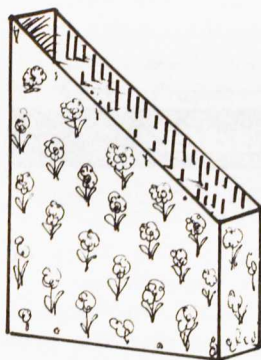
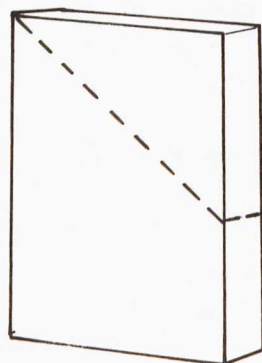
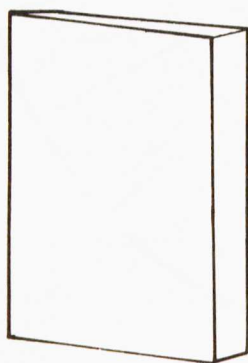
The woman could be sitting at a table set for breakfast and give her program in this setting. Or, if desired, the topics may be assigned to different women.

- 3) "Breadbasket—In The Bathroom?" lends itself to a monologue. You'll need a flat basket with an assortment of Christian magazines. Request a missions directory when you order the missionary map.

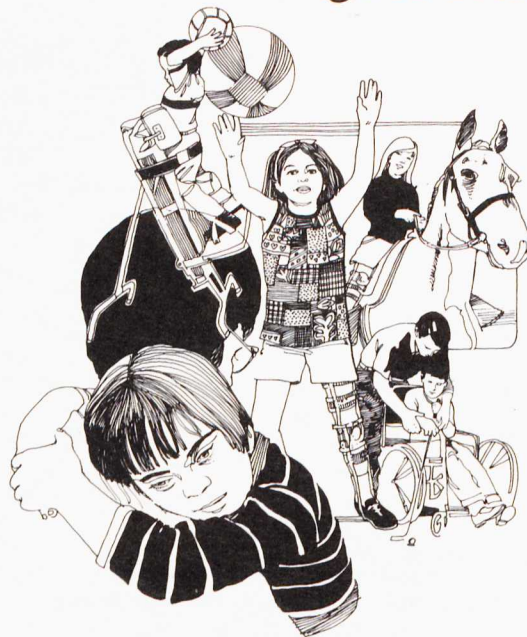
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Co-Laborer File Boxes

Make these file boxes for your shut-ins and deliver them with your first issue. Search for a box $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 11''$. Detergent boxes are usually sturdier than cereal ones. With a sharp knife or single-edge razor blade, cut diagonally from top corner to approximately 5" from the bottom. Cover with Contact paper. Keep each issue of *Co-Laborer* at your finger tips.



Mission Action Project —Project Share



Encourage your women to become involved in Project Share. **What is it?** Project Share is a respite care program sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services.

How does it work? It offers a gift—not of dollars—but of time. It gives the family caregiver respite—time to go to the store, to church, to the doctor, or just to have a much needed quiet hour alone.

How does it help? Besides giving relief from responsibilities, it keeps disabled children—and adults—in the home they love with the families they love.

How do we start? Make a survey of your church and community to determine the need. Enlist volunteers. Write for a manual from: Project SHARE, P. O. Box 2309, Rockville, MD 20852, or call 301-231-9539. For further assistance from Health and Human Services, write: Cindy Daub, 200 Independence Ave., Washington DC 20201, or call 202-245-1319.

Here's How We Did It

The women of Mexico hand-made all their convention programs. Each program required three sheets of airmail paper (or onion skin), about $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ (before folding into booklets). The covers were cut from white construction paper with a final cover of

tracing paper. All pages were trimmed the same size and the corners were curved. A decorative seal, or flowers cut from used greeting cards was glued to the construction paper. A small ribbon bow was glued to the tracing paper. A tiny gold cord held the program together.



Following the WNAC retreat in Ridgecrest, representatives of the Northridge auxiliary, Dayton, OH headed for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Turbeville, SC. Pictured are the gifts they personally delivered to the home, along with \$450.14 in cash.

On The Local Level

Each woman who attended the Mother-Daughter banquet sponsored by the Bear Point auxiliary, Sesser, Illinois, received a cookbook compiled from the church's favorite recipes.

Tom's Creek, Nippa, KY, prepared remembrance booklets for each member. Each booklet contained four 8½ x 11 pages folded with information printed on both sides. A lilac construction paper cover decorated with an auxiliary seal and tied with lilac yarn added the final touch.

Pages included a poem, roster of officers, past presidents, a Miss Auxiliary feature, projects completed, members, committees and expenditures. Some booklets also include the prayer and friendship chains.

News From The Districts

Eudene Pitts, field worker, reports that the highlight of Chatahoochee's (Alabama) first retreat was the bonfire service and testimonies.

South Florida district met in Hollywood with Mom Willey as guest speaker. Leadership seminars added information as well as inspiration. Mary Beth Purchase is vice-president.

Lou Bullard, district and state president, presided over the Little Brown prayer retreat at the Tishomingo state park. Lorene Miley, Nashville, joined with others in developing the theme, "And Walk In Love."

Reba Ritter, Alabama's Progressive district says, "When a program is as good as this one was, we want to pass it on." Eight of the nine auxiliaries presented missions in their unique way. The very young (3 years old) and the older ladies (in their 60's) plus those in-between shared in this program.

Mary Ruth Wisehart, Nashville, met with the East Texas district retreat at the Whispering Pines Campground in Laneville. Mitzi Burk, president, presided over the combination convention-retreat which featured an auxiliary leadership seminar.



Unity auxiliary, Smithfield, NC, present "The Grand Old Lady" with Mae Fry, Nadine Scott and Evelyn Hall. This emphasis program netted \$130 for WNAC.

Women in Action

Mt. Moriah district (AL) represented with the most women at the state auxiliary prayer breakfast held in Dothan. They developed plans for the WNAC convention to be held in Birmingham next July.

On The State Level

West Virginia women rally to the support of their home mission outreach in Wheeling with church supplies as pens, pencils, paper, staplers, etc., as well as craft supplies for Sunday school and DVBS.

Mission plaques were awarded to Little Bethel (Foreign) and Mill Branch (Home) at the South Carolina convention at John-sonville. Joanne King, Cramerton, NC, spoke on "Happiness Is . . ."

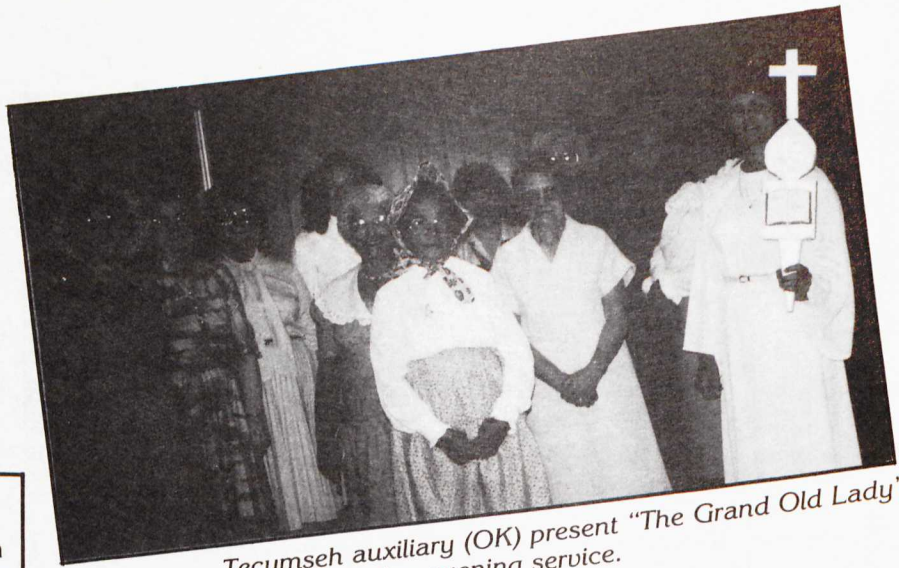


A Family Affair

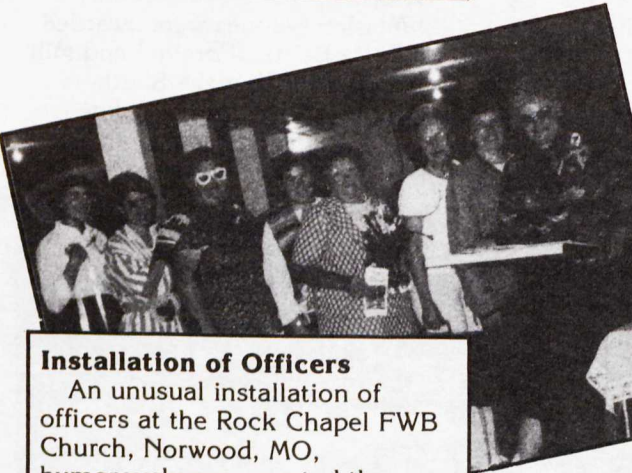
Rolling bandages for the Medical Center in Ivory Coast is a family project for the Tilley family in Donaldsville, Georgia.

Tony, pastor of the Hammond Springs FWB Church, invented a contraption to fit on his 3/8" variable speed drill that eliminates tedious hand rolling. Patricia and the three youngsters join in with the measuring and tearing old sheets into strips.

This fine couple who involve their children in missions now are planting seeds for eternal reaping.



Tecumseh auxiliary (OK) present "The Grand Old Lady" during the Sunday evening service.



Installation of Officers

An unusual installation of officers at the Rock Chapel FWB Church, Norwood, MO, humorously exaggerated the unique characteristics of each office. Virginia Housley, president, wore the coat of leadership, a well-worn garment she customarily wore to the cow barn. The vice president wore oversize tennys, the secretary-treasurer lugged a heavy briefcase, the mission action chairman wore a pair of heavy work gloves, the mission study chairman a pair of rose colored glasses, and the ridiculous attire of the mission prayer chairman challenged each with his responsibilities.



Pat Pless, Alabama's state president, presents a check to home missionaries to Ozark, Bobbie and Jackie Peters.



Phyllis Adams, Lexington, is installed as president of the Kentucky state convention.



Paul and with Alabama



Mary Brewton Stodgill, Atlanta, GA, visits the Alabaha auxiliary while recovering from an automobile accident.



Alabaha ladies, Blackshear, GA, help Lightsey (with the lap cover) celebrate her 87th birthday. She is the pastor's mother.



Amy Robinson, Uruguay, fellowship women during their state convention.

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suspect foul play in our village? Was it possible the witchdoctor and demons were aligned against us? Could they be responsible for destroying our children with poison? But to leave our family, our friends and our village—could we? We had nothing left and nothing to lose. Yes, we would.

With only a bundle of worldly goods, we settled in on the mission station. The peace and quiet soothed our troubled spirits. The Christians welcomed us warmly to their family and helped us get reestablished. Physical, spiritual and emotional healing and restoration took hold gradually, but deeply.

Sometimes at night as the embers of the fires died down, songs of praise and thanksgiving were wafted on the night breezes.

For the first time, we experienced freedom from the domination of sin and Satan. In our poverty we began to understand the riches that were ours in Christ Jesus. Songs of praise burst forth on my lips and I composed these for all to sing. Sometimes at night as the embers of the fires died down, these songs of praise and thanksgiving would be wafted on the night breezes.

Then miracle of miracles, God gave us another baby, a little girl. She was a gift from God to us in our later years. Would we be allowed to enjoy this child? Would she, too, die as had all the others? No, we were now under the protection of the Almighty One. "Greater is he that is in you . . ." was ours to claim, and we chose to believe in the living God.

Our daughter brought such delight and satisfaction to us. Life was richer and fuller than we

could have ever imagined. When she turned 16, she went off to boarding school and I began to wonder about our future years. My aging husband with his whitened hair reminded me of the passing years. After his death, what would happen to me? Would I return to his family as a slave? Fear and anxiety gripped me. Then I whispered an urgent prayer for deliverance from these cruel customs.

One day while sitting in the courtyard, my husband, tired and worn by the years of suffering and hard work, lamented our life of poverty and pain. "Oh no, please don't speak so," I told him. "Instead let us think of all the wonderful things Jesus is preparing for us. One day we will be with Him forever, never to be hungry or suffer again, no more crying, sickness or death. Just think what all we have to look forward to."

Only a few short weeks later Ama went alone to work in a field way back in the woods. That afternoon a terrible storm struck. By nightfall all the other villagers had returned home, soaked and frightened, but safe. Ama was not among them. At last the Christians, anxious and concerned, organized a search party. They found Ama's lifeless body in a field, crushed by a tree. Ama had experienced her ultimate deliverance.

Yes, Ama, your faith has taken flight. You have entered your rest. No more suffering or sorrow. You've joined the mighty chorus of the redeemed in singing a new song from every tongue and tribe and nation:

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power, and riches,
and wisdom, and strength.
Blessing, and honor, and glory
be unto him that sitteth upon
the throne,
and unto the Lamb
forever and ever. (Rev. 5:12,13)

Lynette Morgan, Sharon Ferguson, and Pam West, missionaries to Ivory Coast, with Debbie Mitchell, Limestone, TN, pantomimed this story during the missionary presentation at the recent WNAC retreat in Ridgecrest, NC.

What can an auxiliary do when some of the women bring small children to the meetings? We meet in homes and often the home is not designed to entertain little ones. Should we make a "no babies, no children" rule? We need these young mothers.

Many auxiliaries face this problem, whether they meet at church or in homes. You certainly don't want to discourage women from coming because of child care problems, so let's explore some possibilities.

Most mothers leave the children with daddy or an older brother or sister, but this isn't always possible. Could you talk to some of the teens in your church about making themselves available to babysit on auxiliary night? Make mothers aware of these teens and their willingness to help. The average auxiliary meeting is not more than two hours long. At current rates for babysitting, this should fit most budgets.

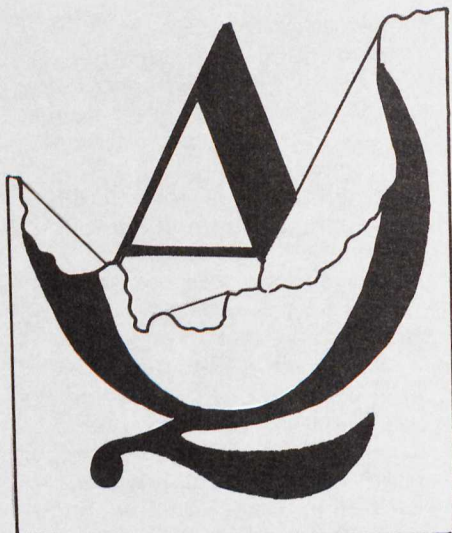
Many auxiliaries provide a babysitting service. Mothers bring their little ones to the church nursery and then leave for auxiliary. Not Mother's Day Off, but Mother's Night Out!

If all these methods fail and the children are disruptive and hinder the meetings, a conference with the mothers may be in order.

Exactly what is the dues structure in a Woman's Auxiliary? How can we get our women to give without harping on money all the time?

You asked about the dues structure. "Membership fees," or dues, are based on figures set by the WNAC, your state, and your district convention. These fees are channeled from the local to the district to the state and, finally, to the national, with each convention withholding a portion. For example, your state may ask \$2.00 membership fee. A quarter of this remains in the district and another quarter in the state, with \$1.50 sent to the national.

To determine your total fees, multiply the amount stipulated by



Your questions answered on:

Woman's Auxiliary

**June Rolen, Fresno, CA
WNAC President**

the number of women in your local. Then consider the following methods of receiving the money.

1) Ideally, include an estimated amount for dues in your annual budget.

2) Or set aside a percentage of each month's total offering for this expense.

3) The month before your district convention, ask each woman to bring along an additional amount for her dues to be added to her regular offering.

Our church has just called a new pastor who, for some reason, is opposed to Woman's Auxiliary. We've always been a very active group and cannot imagine doing without it. What can we do in this sensitive situation?

Are you asking what is the pastor's relationship or responsibility to the auxiliary? It's assumed he is the ex-officio

member of every committee, so a good president will consult with him regularly concerning auxiliary goals and plans.

Without knowing the reason for your new pastor's indifference to auxiliary, it might be wise to arrange a meeting to discuss it. Share with him the materials used, past accomplishments, and practical and spiritual benefits from such an organization.

Depending on his past experiences with auxiliary, perhaps he needs some assurance that all plans and programs will be conducted within the framework of the church structure. Emphasize that we are an auxiliary—a helper—and a missionary service of the church. Women who are involved in mission study, mission action and mission prayer will certainly contribute to the overall work of the church.

If your pastor's opposition stems more from a personal conviction than from a bad experience, you may need to consider putting a "hold" on meetings for a time, concentrating instead on working in other ministries. Submission is not an ugly word and, keep in mind, a soft answer turneth away wrath!

Some of our women don't like the programs in Co-Laborer, but others feel we should use them since we pay for the magazine. What do you suggest?

Free Will Baptist women are a motley group. Trying to please them all is a challenging, if not impossible, task for the editors.

Don't expect to always use the programs exactly as written. Many use them as a springboard for something geared specifically to their group. Elect a chairman who is willing to use some creativity to plan an interesting program. If one particular program doesn't strike a responsive chord, chuck it and write your own! (Send it to Co-Laborer!)

Co-Laborer is a magazine for Free Will Baptist women which happens to contain suggested programs. Whether or not you choose to use the programs, they still make for interesting reading.

The Minister's Wife

Carolyn Redfearn (Mrs. John)
Modesto FWB Church
Modesto, CA

Turning Point

Five years after we were saved, my husband answered the call to preach. We gave up our jobs and home and moved with our two teenage daughters to our first pastorate—at a salary of \$25 a week! It's easy to say, "You live by faith," but until you are put to the test, you have absolutely no inkling of the impact.

Guess who arrived on the scene? That's right! The devil! My husband had given up a good job with good pay and for what? Three rooms and a bath at the back of the Sunday school classrooms! Bitterness and self-pity set in and I complained often to my husband. I would never have anything better until I learned to be thankful for what I had, he told me.

Then satan caused me to even doubt my salvation. I was so wicked God wanted nothing to do with me. I was nothing but a nuisance and hindrance to my husband's ministry, he taunted. I was too ashamed to share this with

God allows trials and disappointments to come into our life, not to disfigure us, but to transform us into the image of His Son.

anyone so battled it alone for several months until I could bear it no longer.

One night I really got serious with God. I prayed all night. I loved God and my husband too much to be a hindrance. If satan was right, then I preferred to leave.

God directed me to His Word. From I John 1:9, He showed me His faithfulness. James 1 told how to get victory over temptation. John 14 revealed the final outcome of serving.

My life and attitude changed direction. He replaced the bitterness with joy. Instead of complaining, I praised. The more I thanked Him for His blessings, He began to bless me even more. I am now a happy, contented pastor's wife.

I'm certainly far from perfect and satan still tries to turn me aside. But now I know where to find help. God and I often carry on a two-way conversation. He speaks to me through His Word and I speak to Him through prayer. When one is used without the other, we have broken the connection and are in danger of satan's tricks and connivings.

The blessings of being a pastor's wife far outweigh the heartaches.

*Wives of ministers are invited to share in this column. What was the turning point in your career as a minister's wife? Please limit your copy to three double spaced pages. A copy of **How to be a Minister's Wife and Love It** by Alice Taylor will be given for each experience used.*

A Fellowship of Ministers' Wives? Why Not?

Lorene Miley

Check most any telephone directory. It offers a wide array of support groups: Alcoholics Anonymous (and related), Weight Watchers (and competitors), those from senior citizens, singles, divorced, twins, and even bald heads. In addition, there are those geared to Christians—Christian Business Women (and men), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Prison Fellowship. There's even a Free Will Baptist Press Association, a fellowship for those involved in the publication of literature.



*Everyone needs
someone, especially
the pastor's wife.*

The abundance of these support groups indicate that we really do need each other. "No man is an island," a popular song of yesteryear tells us. So why not a Fellowship of Ministers' Wives?

Our age is characterized by stress. People have so many serious problems, we tend to avoid them by dealing only with surface relationships.

"Hello. How are you?"

"Fine, thank you, And you?"

"Great."

Then we shake our heads in disbelief when we learn of their divorce, child abuse, alcoholism, drug dependency, mental illness, or even suicide.

"I don't believe it! I talked with her the other day and she was fine."

"She had us over for a meal—she was a fantastic cook and hostess, you know—and she gave no hint of a problem."

"She seemed such a spiritual person. How could she do it?"

So is a support group such a far-fetched idea, after all? Just as these other groups meet for fellowship and encouragement, ministers' wives could well draw strength from others who walk in the same shoes. It offers a straw of courage to get through rough times, as well as the opportunity to share in another's search for fulfillment.

How do you begin, you ask? At your next district auxiliary fellowship, throw out a few lines for any takers. If even one or two express interest, invite all of them to your home for an informal coffee. Sit around the kitchen table or cluster in a circle on comfortable chairs. You could agree to meet bi-monthly or quarterly and take turns meeting in the different homes.

Lay some ground rules to insure continued participation and interest. Wives of deacons and

friends are not invited; this is an exclusive group for pastors' wives only. (Do you wish to include all ministers' wives, as well?) The hostess could prepare a short devotional and lead in the discussion period. You may consider inviting a guest speaker from time to time, a minister's wife from another denomination, for example.

Some topics for discussion could include:

How Do You Handle Criticism—Of Yourself, Your Children, Or Husband?

Stretching the Budget

Protecting the Privacy of the Minister's Home

How To Be Hospitable When You Don't Have The Gift

Time Management

Educating the Pastor's Child

Books To Help The Pastor's Wife

It's very important these sessions be concluded in prayer. While there is therapeutic value in airing our feelings, Jesus is the Great Psychiatrist who ultimately heals all relationships.

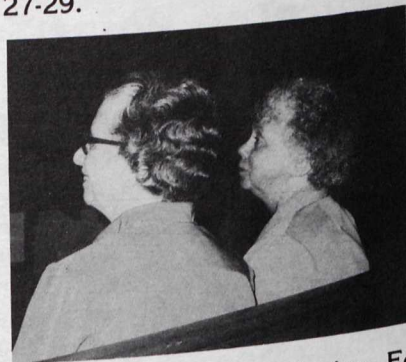
Designate one chair as the chair of prayer. As you pray for one's specific needs, ask her to sit in the chair as the other wives reach out and touch.

Limit requests to one's immediate family. The church family prays for the church and world needs, but when these women meet in their inner sanctum, they share interpersonal requests that are confidential and scrupulously regarded as such. In this setting, even the most reserved woman is free to open herself up to inner healing.

Everyone needs someone, especially the pastor's wife. A fellowship of ministers' wives can scratch the itch.

Retreat

The spirit of the Lord hovered over Ridgecrest Conference Center as more than 662 women met for the fourth WNAC retreat, August 27-29.

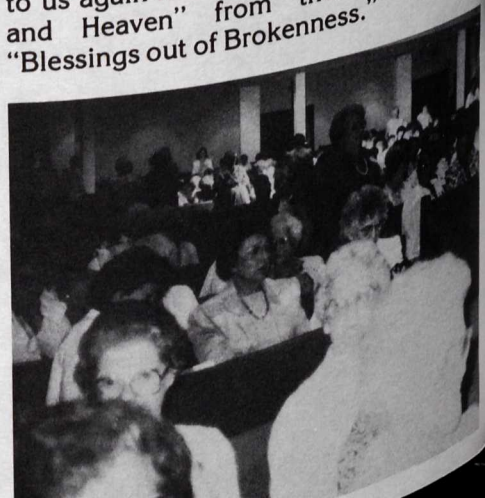


Keynote speaker, Eunice Edwards, and former WNAC executive-secretary, challenged both young and old alike from 1 Peter 1:28 on the theme, "Joy Unspeakable and Full of Glory."



A favorite among our women was Jan Arnoldi who returned with Chester and a new friend, Rainbow. They brought joy to our hearts and tears to our eyes with their daily devotions.

Joni Erickson Tada ministered to us again from her film "Healing and Heaven" from the series "Blessings out of Brokenness."



Wrap-Up

Yvonne Wolfenbarger

A highlight of the three day retreat was the International Variety Program presented by twelve missionaries from nine mission fields. They demonstrated various aspects of their adopted native life style. The women joyfully responded with a missionary offering of \$3,800.



Ten seminars were given which were designed to help today's Christian woman share the joy of her faith. Tapes of these seminars, plus other messages and workshops are available for \$3 each. Please use the handy form in ordering and include \$1 for postage and handling.

A scene of great rejoicing at the retreat—and in heaven—was when Billie Sexton's sister came forward and gave her heart to Christ. Billie, deputational missionary formerly in France, had prayed for her for 36 years.



The auditorium rang with a joyful noise unto the Lord under the direction of Mary Neal. A mass choir presented special music for the two evening services. Mrs. Neal was accompanied by Winona Riggs at the organ and Angie Deel at the piano.

Quantity	Speaker	Title
()	Eunice Edwards	Joy Unspeakable and Full of Glory
()	Jan Arnoldi	Devotion #1
()	Jan Arnoldi	Devotion #2
()	Jan Arnoldi	Devotion #3
()	June Critcher	Sharing the Joy of a Personal Walk
()	Vona Bazen	Sharing the Joy of Service
()	Connie Bomar	Sharing the Joy of Friendship
()	Marguerite Kern	Sharing the Joy of Reading
()	Ruth Johnson	Sharing the Joy of Our Faith
()	Ruth Bivens	Sharing the Joy of Physical Fitness
()	Diane Worthington	Sharing the Joy of Homemaking Talents
()	Lorene Miley	Sharing the Joy of Writing
()	Debbie Burden	Sharing the Joy of Crafts
()	Donna Wade	Sharing the Joy of Listening

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Dr. Mary, executive secretary, praised God for His blessings on the retreat. "Our women truly rejoiced with joy," she said.

The next retreat is scheduled for September 8-10, 1988. And once again at Ridgecrest!

Appointed to Pray

Be a Prayer Missionary

My Friend, uh . . . Catherine

Carol Pinkerton
Ivory Coast, West Africa

She stood before me. Short of stature, barefooted, wearing a cloth about her hips, a mismatched blouse handed down from a missionary, and a scrap of cloth twisted about her freshly shaved head. Her lively steps betrayed her 40-some years.

"Mo fi chor," she greeted. She had come to gather firewood, but manners take priority.

"Mi chor. Fi chori?" I answer. We easily communitate our greetings, but from that point on, it's catch-as-catch-can. She understands neither my English or French, but can mimic both with perfection. "Are you going to town, Jerry?" she repeats in English sounding like a myna bird.

She knows she's done something

cute. My eyes twinkle with hers and our giggles harmonize. Her happiness is contagious.

Once she came with a request which sign language failed to communicate. She repeated it patiently, got down on her knees, blew, waved her hands. My brain strained to respond. Nothing. Finally we drafted an interpreter who explained she needed kerosene. I hunted up an old plastic bottle and filled it with "fire fuel."

Several days later, she returned bearing the empty bottle. Did she need more? We passed the bottle back and forth between us. Then with deliberate force, she pressed it into my hands, turned away a few steps, then flashed back a big grin.



She merely wanted to return the bottle. My friend is considerate.

Riding in a car is a thrill for her. I had just finished browsing the open air market and opened the car door when she appeared. Greetings were made and motions indicated she wanted a ride home. Her outward appearance denied it, but she posed as regal as a queen as we made the five-minute trip home. She shook my hand, said her goodbyes, then turned to make the return trip back to town. Walking!

Although my friend took the name Catherine when she was baptized, we call her Puke Box. It wasn't I who dubbed her so. Another missionary did. He had just brought back his brand new car when she asked for a ride. The motion of the ride was too much and she couldn't contain herself. The interior took on a new look and smell and all because of that . . . that Puke Box!

My friend and I often sit side by side in church and walk home together. This friendly, happy, considerate Lobi woman is my sister, and all because of Jesus.

Personality Profile



Jerry and Carol Pinkerton

For over two terms, Jerry and Carol served as dorm parents to 20 high school boys in the Free Will Baptist dorm on the Ivory Coast Academy complex. Carol—warm, caring and sensitive, oozes with tears at the slightest hint of emotion. Jerry's tough demeanor belies his tender heart.

Neither Jerry or Carol are afraid of



hard work. This natural instinct coupled with their spiritual gift of helps make them a welcome addition on any station. They have common sense to see what needs to be done and do it without being told.

The five P's that were planted in Ivory Coast in 1972 have shriveled to two. The other P's are Howard (Oklahoma), married with two sons; Jerry, Jr., student in the Chicago area; and Tim, stationed in Germany.

Focus on the Field

Ivory Coast, West Africa

Location: Just above the equator
between Liberia and Ghana

Population: 9 million

Capital: Abidjan, a city of 1,300,000 million

Religions: Muslim, Animist, and
Catholicism

Languages: French is the official
language with 60 different
dialects

Tribes: Free Will Baptists minister
to Lobis, Koulangos, and Agnis

Ministries: Medical, Bible Insti-
tute, Church Planting, Women
and Children's Classes, Reading
Rooms, Foyer and Translation



Missionaries:

Robert and Judy Bryan
Mike and Deleen Cousineau
Mark and Donna Daniel
Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton
Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson
David and Sharon Filkins
Neil and Sheila Gilliland
Ernest and Elaine Holland
Sherwood and Vada Lee
Clint and Lynette Morgan
Darrel and Lila Nichols
Eddie and Sandra Payne
Jerry and Carol Pinkerton
Norman and Bessie Richards
Alice Faye Smith
Robert and Pam West
Arilla Wode

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Missionaries supported by both Foreign and Home Missions depart-
ments are listed by their birthdates. Brighten their day with your
prayers and cards.

January

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

February

1 — Linda Reeves (Spain)
2 — Jim Cowart (Brazil)
5 — Judy Bailey (Japan)
*5 — Bill Reagan (Canada)
7 — Pam West (IC)
8 — Don McDonald (Japan)
10 — Sandra Payne (IC)
**11 — John Hollis (IL)
1 — Norman McFall (Brazil)
**12 — Gary Brunson (KS)
**13 — Billie Sexton (TN)
13 — Rejane Eagleton (IC)
17 — Barbara Gibbs (France)
21 — Judy Lytle (Panama)
24 — Glenda Leatherbury (IC)

* Home missionary or church extension pioneer

** Joint project worker or deputation missionary

Prayer Promise

“... before they call, I will
answer; and while they are
yet speaking, I will hear”

(Isa. 65:24)

Please pray:

- ☐ for Pansy Murray who suffers from chronic headaches and back pain.
- ☐ for students enrolled in various Bible Institutes and seminaries on our mission fields; for dedicated teachers; for discipleship of new converts.
- ☐ for the Home Missions traveling team as they head up evangelistic rallies across the U.S.
- ☐ for Rejane Eagleton's father (Brazil) who is blind and bedridden. He was recently saved.
- ☐ for church extension pioneers establishing churches in isolated areas, especially those in the northwest and the New England states.
- ☐ for MK's (missionary's kids) who attend college in the U.S. or those attending boarding school. For some, this is their first time away from family.
- ☐ for missionaries on deputation, their safety of travel and a Spirit-anointed ministry.
- ☐ for home missionaries, Bill and Glenda Fulcher, as they establish a strong Spanish church in the city of Houston, Texas.
- ☐ for development of strong national leadership to assume places of responsibility.

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Facts you won't see in the Pinkerton's official profile: Nicknames: "Sweetums" is Carol's name for Jerry. She responds without a call.

Hobbies: Jerry is a CB addict, fisherman, and enjoys westerns.

Carol gardens, specializes in raised donuts, and in caring for others. Pet Peeves: Slammed doors and dirty dishes irk Carol.

Car: After ten years of bouncing along in a truck, they now ride in style in a Peugeot station wagon.

Miscellaneous: They sleep on a water bed, avoid breakfast, and battle a weight problem.

Missionary Activity: Loving the people to the Lord.

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Laborers Together

I began working in GTA's in 1948, then YPA's and then on to the Woman's Auxiliary. It has been a vital part of my life since the very beginning. Our auxiliaries can be an extremely vital part in keeping missions alive in our churches.

Mary Alice Bridgman
Tulsa, OK

Busy Retirement

We never get too old to learn. I'm learning since we supposedly retired from Michigan and moved to Kentucky . . . on a five acre lot and working even more as a country dweller. Not necessarily traveling, visiting and relaxing as I expected retirement to be.

Evola Osborne, KY

Addresses of Contest Winners

. . . It would be nice if the winners' complete address could be printed in the magazine so we could send them cards of congratulation. I received one last year when my poem, "Time," was third and it really encouraged me.

Fannie Ruth Henderson
Greeneville, TN

Doubled Membership

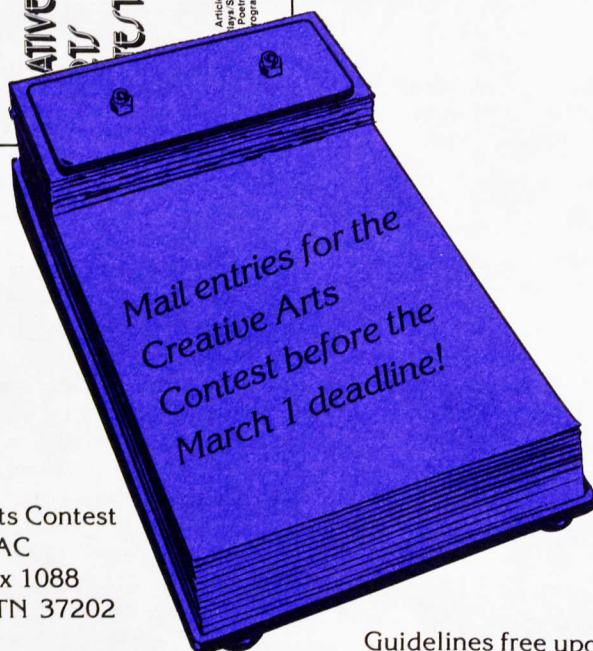
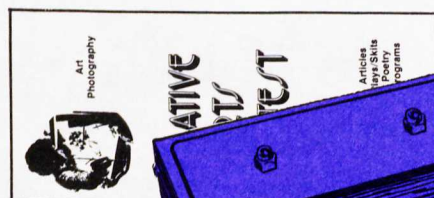
We started our new auxiliary with six members and now have 13. We are certainly enjoying our Co-Laborer magazine.

Phyllis Shipman
San Jose, CA

Mission Action in Action

Summers in the Ozarks (possibly everywhere) are so hectic that everyone is committed to be three places at once. Throw in gardens and hay crops, the swimming hole and ball games, add a few germs and accidents, not to mention out-of-state company, then try not be too discouraged when only three show up for a work day of rolling bandages.

Lois Smallwood
Cabool, MO



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Retreat at Ridgecrest

This retreat was especially good. The seminars were well done. I enjoyed Chester and Rainbow and the missionaries. The Lord touched me in a special way and I pray I can pass along this fire to other women in our church.

*Mary Bebout
Huber Springs, OH*

How can I sum up five days of pure enjoyment? The Holy Spirit moved with wonder as we rejoiced with joy at our fourth national auxiliary retreat.

*Jewell Spurgeon
Mountain Grive, MO*

Missionaries Write

Since our daughter Lynne (student at Free Will Baptist Bible College) is not Brazilian born, she cannot be out of the country for more than two years at a time or she will lose her permanent status. Now we plan for her to come during the school holidays and we will all go back together for furlough.

*Jim and Vicky Sturgill,
Brazil*

For a quarter of a century we have been serving in this country and the future looks brighter than ever before. Why? Because the Lord has called out some very capable young people brought up in the church and now enrolled in our Bible Institute.

*Dub and Marcie Ellison,
Uruguay*

There were 440—they don't count the children—at the yearly conference. We cried when we saw the many women and young girls. A few years back, the young men had to lead a girl to the Lord in order to have a Christian wife.

*Archie and Sarah Mayhew,
Ivory Coast*

Proving that language is not really so hard, Andrew, 6, and Amanda, 4, attended a French preschool while we went to school just to learn French. On the basis of their accomplishment they now feel free to correct at will, especially our pronunciation! Andrew served as interpreter for his grandpa when Sharon's folks visited us recently.

*Dave and Sharon Filkins,
France*

Words For Women

Mary R. Wischart



"Is it tomorrow yet?" How many times have you heard a child ask this question after being told, "Wait until tomorrow"?

With our theme "God's Wonders for Tomorrow" we have claimed God's promise, and already tomorrow is here.

Today is the tomorrow we awaited yesterday.

Every minute of every day is in God's hands. What He longs to do for us, He wants to do now. Still, whatever wonders He does will be limited by our expectations, our readiness, and our faith.

When God promised the people wonders, He established a condition: "Sanctify yourselves." Then they were expected to act in faith.

Only when the priests bearing the ark stepped into the water did God perform the wonder. When their feet were "in the brink of the water," then the waters from above stopped coming down, and the people walked over on dry ground.

Women, we have approached the brink of the water with the decisions to enlarge the magazine and begin a national project.

We need more women subscribing to and reading CO-LABORER. Let's trust God to give us more and work to make it so.

We agreed to raise \$50,000 in the next five years for the Eunice Edwards fund for Churches Abroad. We've never had such a large project. Yet as we step out in faith, the money will come in.

We have, according to our records, 10,295 women paying dues as members of our organization. We want to reach more women, win them and enlist them in the work. Surely God will give us more, but we must reach out to them.

All these things are possible through God's grace. But of course we are responsible to act.

Let's step into the water, expecting God to do all that He promises. Today is ours. Let's lay hold on the wonders God has for us.

"Tomorrow God will do wonders among you." Is it tomorrow yet? Yes, today is the tomorrow God has given us.

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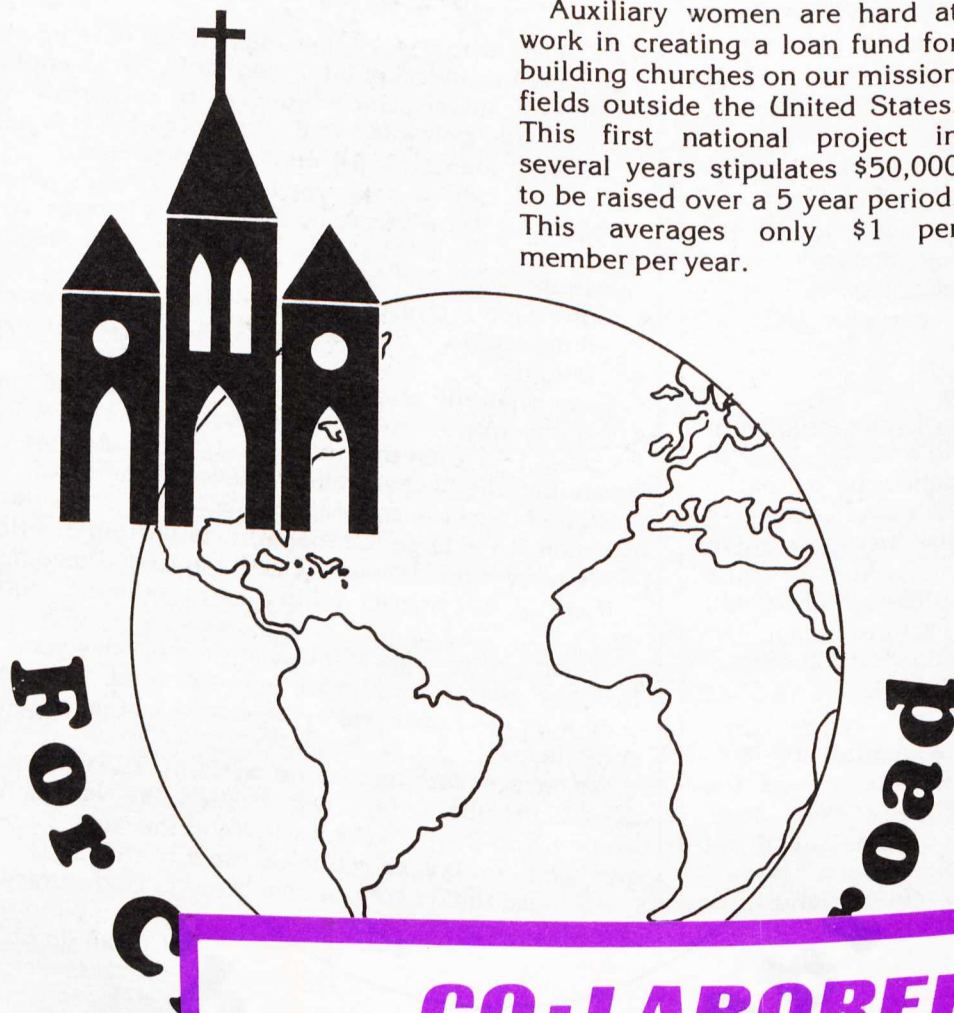
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