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Those years we lived in Africa were happy, exciting ones. As I walked—or rode the bicycle—to the clinic each morning, my heart lifted in anticipation. What would happen today to set it apart from all other days? I learned that no two days were the same.

I find myself approaching the creative arts contest with a similar anticipation. No two are the same. One had more contributors, another more entries, another more first-time winners, etc. This year more states than ever before were represented — 25 — with entries from both Alaska and Hawaii.

Do we use the contest entries, someone asked? Oh my, yes! I'd hate to attempt this job without them. Last year we had 402 entries with 273 of them in the poetry category. About 2/3—162—were published in *Frosting on the Cake*, WNAC's 9th collection of poetry written by Free Will Baptist women. A good many of this year's 217 poems are in the new volume entitled *Gems in Diadems*.

Of the 36 plays/skits, five have already been used with two more included in the 4th play booklet, *Elected to Minister*. Three from this year's contest are included plus a Christmas skit from a previous contest.

We're limited in our use of articles, but 1/5th of them have been published. I wish we could use them all!

We still need 12 programs each year plus one on enlistment, emphasis, Easter and Thanksgiving. I regret we receive so few on missions. If there is a lack, it is here. When any "outside" ones are used, it is always on this theme.

When night time came, we sat around the table and rehashed the days highlights. I rehash the contest as I look through the folders. They are almost empty now. Don't wait until next year to begin filling them. Get them in now and spread my cheer throughout the year!

Lorene Miley



Up and Away with Love into Tomorrow

by Wanda Powell

In conjunction with our overall theme, "God's Wonders for Tomorrow," WNAC's Emphasis Program for 1987 is entitled "Up and Away With Love . . . Into Tomorrow." It likens the Woman's Auxiliary to a flight of a manned balloon filled with God's love and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

This program is designed to be presented before the entire church. Its purpose is three-fold:

- 1) To acquaint the church with the work of the Woman's Auxiliary,
- 2) To interest every woman in the church in becoming involved in its program,
- 3) To receive an offering for the support of the WNAC office.

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Balloons come in all sizes and shapes. (*Point to the balloons.*) Some are long and skinny, some are large and round, some are heart-shaped, while others are shaped like animals. They come in all colors: red, yellow, blue, green, and there are even black and clear ones. We're never too young or too old to enjoy them. Even as adults, we are drawn to them as if they're calling us back to some magical moment in our childhood.

Participants:

Two narrators, or may be given by five speakers
Musicians

Props:

Three posters illustrating 1) free-floating balloon, 2) balloon with attached basket, 3) captive balloon with cables.
Bouquets of balloons

Plan ahead:

1. Read the program carefully and ask for wisdom in presenting it to your church. Adapt as necessary.
2. Ask for an appointment with the pastor and set the date, preferably on a Sunday evening, or at a time convenient to all.
3. Assign speaking parts and those to give special music.
4. Order the necessary materials. Save postage and stock up from the auxiliary booth at the national convention in Birmingham, July 19-23.

Presentation

Responsive Reading 499 in *Free Will Baptist Hymnal*, "Brotherly Love"

Narrator 1: (*Taking a balloon from the bouquet*) Can you remember when you saw your first balloon? Was it at a county fair, a friend's birthday party, or was it held by a funny-looking clown in the circus Big-Top? Most of us can't remember where we saw our first balloon or even what color it was, but we do remember how happy we were to get it and how disappointed we were when it popped. (*Pop the balloon with a pin.*)

Narrator 2:

I always wanted a red balloon;
they only cost a dime;
But Ma said they were too risky,
They broke so quickly, and besides
she didn't have time;
And even if she had time,
She didn't think they were worth
a dime.
I only went to one circus and a fair,
And all the balloons I ever saw
were there:
There were green ones and blue
ones and yellow ones,
But the kind I like best was red,
And I didn't see why she didn't stop
And say that maybe I could have
one.
But she didn't.
I've got a lot of money now;
I've got a lot of time.
I've got no one to tell me how
Or where to spend my dime.
Plenty of balloons,
But somehow I don't want one—
Now.

—author unknown

Narrator 1: Today is the day of opportunity for Free Will Baptist women in Woman's Auxiliary. So let's up and away with love—into tomorrow!

Perhaps man's continued fascination with balloons is why the air balloon was invented. This large, airtight bag rises and floats above the earth when filled with hot air or a gas lighter than air, as helium or hydrogen. Most of us have never ridden in one of these, neither examined one close-up. So let's examine one of these fascinating creations. (*Display poster #1*)

The balloon's elegant globe or sausage shape and gaudy silky dress make the balloon the most feminine of man's creations. You find them in all colors of the rainbow. In fact, some even look like rainbows floating through the clouds. They all may be different, but they're all pretty.

Much thought, time and planning goes into the construction of a hot-air balloon. Women, too, are fearfully and wonderfully made, created in the image of God, according to Genesis 2:26 and Psalm 139:14. We may be of a different size, shape and color, but each of us is uniquely His creation.

While these balloons may look different, they are all created for one purpose—to rise from the surface of the ground and soar free and unencumbered in the air above. Paul tells us in Ephesians that Christians have the privilege of living with Christ in the heavenlies as we spend time with Him in prayer and in His word. As these balloons soundlessly and lightly as thistledown rise from the earth and are borne aloft, it reminds us of our experience with Christ in the heavenly places.

However, these balloons could never rise on their own power. Unless they are filled, they are only a pile of crumpled fabric. As the love of God is allowed to permeate every area of our lives, we are empowered to rise above the cares and distractions of this life and soar with Him as He intended. So let's up and away with love . . . into tomorrow!

Special Music: "Higher Ground" second stanza

Narrator 2: Perhaps you're wondering what all this has to do with the Woman's Auxiliary. In this program, let's liken one of these elegant globes in party-colored dress to the Woman's Auxiliary (*Display poster #2*) The woman's Auxiliary is a special creation sewed together by the women of our church. Much thought, time and planning goes into its construction. It may be different from other auxiliaries because it is composed of individual women, but it

has one purpose—to help each woman find her place in the Great Commission of our Lord when He commanded us to go into all the world and make disciples of every creature.

An important feature of our auxiliary balloon is the attached basket for carrying passengers. This basket, usually made of a light-weight framework, as wicker, is attached to the bag by a network of ropes. If our basket is empty, no one will see God's wonders among us. We need passengers! All ladies are invited to join us on this voyage. The admission is free. The only cost is a little of your time. *(Have women prepared to distribute invitations to ladies present.)*

Up and away in our beautiful balloon! What? We can't get off the ground? Even the most well-made and well-manned balloon can't move anywhere unless it is filled! Romans 15:13 tells us what we need: "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of God."

Prayer releases the power of God in our auxiliary in order to abound in good works. In Ephesians 3:19, we are challenged to "know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." Oh, to know the love of God!
Special Music: "The Love of God."

Narrator 1: Free-floating balloons are not a recent invention. As early as 1670, men began to explore the possibilities of soaring through space with only air for power. History records both their failures and successes.

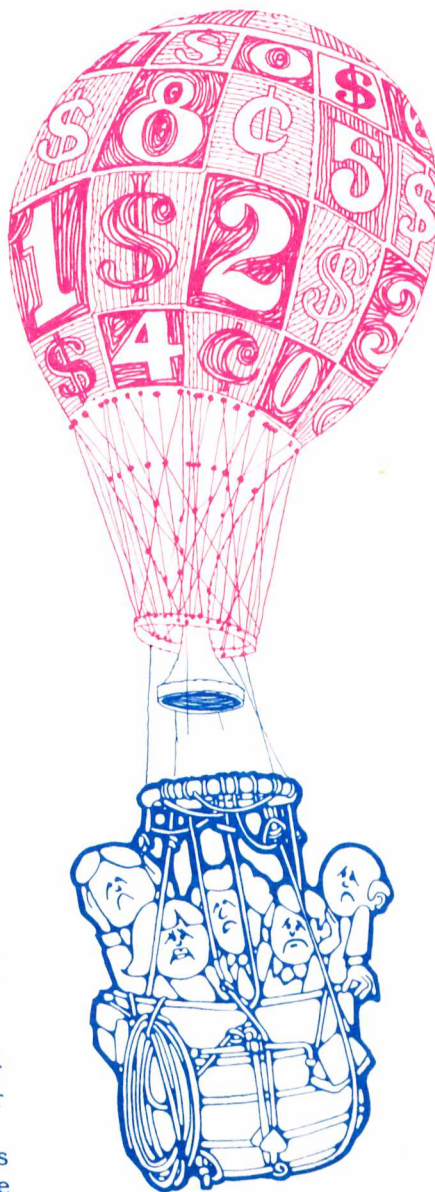
As we look back over WNAC's past 52 years, we sing with the hymnwriter:

"We've come this far by faith
Trusting in the Lord."

All balloons must have a ballast or some steering mechanism to keep it from floating off out of control. In the same way, the auxiliary must be steered. No matter how well organized it may be, it cannot fulfill its purpose unless someone keeps it on course. WNAC, or the

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, serves as a pilot by charting the course for the year. It acts as a coordinating center for all auxiliary activities. It reminds us constantly Who is our true Pilot:

*Chart and compass come from
Thee,
Jesus Savior, pilot me.*



We have a past to remember and a present in which to rejoice, but we must be up and away into tomorrow. In our 1986 convention, we voted to raise \$50,000 over the next five years to build churches abroad. We've never had such a large project! We've stepped out on faith! WNAC's publication, Co-

Laborer, has been expanded to a bi-monthly program and magazine format. Last year our women gave \$287,967.79 to missions and related projects. According to the records we have 10,295 women in 34 states. Truly we are laborers together with God.

The balloonist's prayer goes something like this:

May the wind welcome you with softness,
May the sun bless you with warm hands,
May you fly so high and so well
God joins you in laughter.
And may He set you gently back again
To the loving arms of Mother Earth.

*Special Music: "Higher Ground",
fourth stanza*

Narrator 2: The story is told of one balloon voyage when all went well except for the landing. The "ground-people" were not sure of their responsibility of catching the ground-line (*hold up a rope*), and the balloon was destroyed on impact. Because of their ignorance, they thought it some monster or a piece of the moon that had broken loose, so they stabbed it with their pitchforks until it was destroyed beyond repair.

(Display third poster) This third poster illustrates our missionaries who plunge into enemy territory. They are sent aloft although they are attached to the ground by means of ropes or cables.

Hot air balloons were used way back in the Civil War and were, in fact, our first air force. They sent men up in the balloons to scout out the enemy forces and plan the counter attacks. We must remember that Satan, our enemy, is at work throughout the world today.

Our missionaries are depending on us to hold the cables lest they drift aimlessly or crash helplessly to the earth. We are their lifeline. We hold the groundlines. The Woman's Auxiliary helps us to be faithful.

*Special Music: "Love Lifted Me,"
second stanza*



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date _____

time _____

Program Helps

1. **Balloon bouquets.** Blow up different colors and shapes of balloons, tie them on sticks, and arrange in a weighted-down flower pot. Add ribbons, etc. Place bunches of helium-filled balloons tied with curly ribbons on either side of the platform. Balloons imprinted "Up and Away with Love" are available from WNAC. (See order blank.)

2. **Posters.** The posters suggested in the program are available from many school supply stores. If

you have an artistic member in your auxiliary, she can make them from pictures or illustrations found in an encyclopedia.

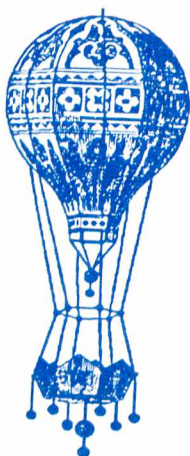
3. Make a **publicity poster** from the title page of this program. Or the cover of *Co-Laborer*.

4. Make **balloon invitations** from colored paper. Using the pattern given in *Co-Laborer*, make one for each woman expected. Fill in the information about your meeting and distribute during your program.

5. **Offering envelope.** Dollar size offering envelopes are available from WNAC. Request one for each woman.

6. **Bulletin inserts** or program covers may be made by reducing the title page of this program. Some copiers have this reduction feature.

7. **Erasers** in the shape of a balloon and imprinted "Up and Away with Love" may be used in your program. Order one for each person expected.



**EMPHASIS
SUPPLIES**

Our auxiliary would like to have a special Emphasis Program. Please send the following supplies:

Item	How Many	Price
Offering envelopes		Free
Order one for each woman		
Balloons		
Bouquet packet of 10 in assorted sizes and colors		\$1.00*
Erasers		.25*

*prices unconfirmed at time of printing

Send to: _____

Church _____

The Deity of Jesus Christ A Topical Study

Cultists are masters in deception. They twist the truth in such a manner that many are swept right into their net, or else they become so disillusioned they reject anything that smacks of Christianity.

This study is designed to arm us with weapons to face those who knock at our doors. It should also strengthen our belief that Jesus was not just a good man, not just the Son of God, not just the One who died on the cross for our sins. He was all that and more. He was God come in the flesh.

DIVINE PROPHECIES

1. His birth
(Gen. 3:15; Gal. 4:4) _____.
2. His life
(Isa. 53:5; John 1:11) _____.
3. In His betrayal and trial
(Ps. 4:9; Mark 14:10) _____.
4. In His death
(Isa. 53:12; Matt. 27:38) _____.
5. In His resurrection
(Ps. 16:10; Matt. 28:9) _____.
6. His future kingdom
(Dan. 2:44; Rev. 17:14) _____.

DIVINE NAMES

1. _____ (Isa. 9:6)
2. _____ (Matt. 1:23)
3. _____ (John 20:28)
4. _____ (John 10:36)
5. _____ (John 1:1)
6. _____ (Rev. 1:8)

Seven times in the Gospel of John, Jesus said of Himself, "I am." In so doing, Jesus equated Himself with God, the "I AM THAT I AM" of Exodus 3:14. Can you find the seven occasions in John's gospel when Jesus said, "I am?"

DIVINE CHARACTERISTICS

In the incarnation, Jesus gave God a face so that men and women might see Him. Today when we look into the life and teachings of Christ in His Word, we are seeing the face of God. God and Jesus Christ possess identical characteristics:

1. (1 Pet. 1:16) _____.
2. (John 8:59) _____.
3. (Matt. 28:18) _____.
4. (John 4:16-19) _____.
5. (Heb. 13:8) _____.
6. (Matt. 18:20) _____.

DIVINE OFFICE

Jesus reveals the nature of God. If He is not God, then the heart and soul of Christianity is gone, leaving nothing but lifeless husks and empty shells.

Programs

Bible
Study

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

Accepting Christ as God rescues men from sin and restores them to favor with God.

1. In Mark 2:1-12, a paralyzed man is brought to Jesus. Verse 5 tells us Jesus _____.

_____ . Luke 7:48 gives a confirmation.

2. He was with God in _____ (John 1:2).

3. He _____ upholds the world with the power of His Word (Heb. 1:3).

4. He did not speak as the prophets who said, "Thus saith the Lord;" rather He said, "_____ (John 7:17,18).

5. The Father has committed unto the Son the _____ (John 5:22).

CHRIST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Abraham saw His reflection in Melchizedek, king of Salem. **Jacob** called Him Shiloh. To **Moses**, He was the Passover Lamb and the Brazen Serpent in the desert. To **Joshua**, He was Captain of the Lord's Host, the captain of our salvation. **Ruth** saw Him as Kinsman-Redeemer. **Samuel** portrayed Him as Our King. **David** called Him Lion of Judah and the Good Shepherd. To **Solomon**, He was the Beloved whose banner over me is love.

Ezra and **Nehemiah** pictured Him as our Rebuilder, Restorer. To **Esther**, He was our Advocate. **Job** said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." **Isaiah** described Him as a suffering servant, Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Jeremiah** saw Him at the Potter's wheel. **Ezekiel** called Him the Son of Man. **Daniel** called Him the Prince, the Ancient of Days, and the Stone cut without hands, smiting the kingdoms of the world.

Hosea likened Him to a bridegroom redeeming an adulterous wife. To **Joel**, He was the Restorer of the years the locust had eaten. **Amos** saw Him as a Heavenly Husbandman. To **Obadiah**, He was the Deliverer on Mt. Zion. **Jonah** saw Him as Resurrection and Life. **Micah** called Him a Ruler in Israel whose going forth have been of old, from everlasting. To **Nahum**, He was a stronghold in the day of trouble. **Habakkuk** described Him as my Strength and the God of my Salvation. To **Zephaniah**, He was a Jealous Lord. **Haggai** said He was the Desire of All Nations. **Zechariah** called Him the Branch. **Malachi** declared Him the Sun of Righteousness.

And **John the Baptist** cried, "Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world." ✠

Lift Him Up

by Anita Haney

Introduction:

On every fourth of July, the United States has a gigantic birthday party complete with flags, firecrackers and picnics. Those famous words from the Declaration of Independence are revived and remembered: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal . . . with certain unalienable rights—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

This past year much attention was bestowed upon the proud lady who stands in New York harbor—the statue which symbolizes our liberty as a free country. The repairing and restoration of our Statue of Liberty has proven how important we think she is and how much we value our liberty.

Every Christian has also experienced liberty or freedom. Galatians 5:1 states, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty which Christ hath made us free . . ." While the Statue of Liberty symbolizes our freedom as a nation, our liberty as Christians has its own symbol—the cross! If we compare these two symbols, we see that there are some similarities. However, even though a free nation is one of the greatest privileges we enjoy on earth, without the cross, all else is bondage.

THE PICTURE

If you've ever had the privilege of seeing firsthand that majestic lady in New York harbor, then you have felt that lump lodge in your throat and your heart rate speed up as you looked upon her. There she stands! She is made of sheets of copper hammered over steel and is dressed in a loose robe which falls in graceful folds at the base of her pedestal. Her right arm holds a great torch raised high into the air while her left arm grasps a tablet bearing the date of the Declaration of Independence. A crown with huge spikes, like sun rays, rests on her head. At her feet lies a broken shackle which symbolizes a people winning their liberty.

But wait! Look at the Christian's statue of liberty—the cross. If you've had that wonderful privilege of truly "seeing" firsthand the Savior hanging there upon it, then you have felt the wondrous freedom, love and forgiveness which is found there.

There it stands! It is made of wood, hewn from a simple tree and formed into a cross on which to crucify the Son of God. Jesus has no robe, for it has been ripped from his shoulders and given to strangers who gambled for it. His arms are stretched outward on each side with huge spikes nailed through both His bleeding hands into the beams of the wooden cross. A crown with needle-sharp thorns has been planted on His head, with His own blood trickling from the piercing of each thorn. Above His head hangs a sign which reads, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." Both His feet are also held to the cross by spikes nailed into His flesh and bones. The blood flows and runs down His naked body and forms pools there on the ground at the base of that cross. It is that blood that breaks the shackles and barriers of sin and gives liberty, freedom and life to hopeless mankind.

Program for July

Objective: To appreciate true liberty and spiritual freedom.

Scripture: John 12:32;

Galatians 5:1

Hymns: "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross,"

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Special Music: "The Statue of Liberty."

When I survey the wondrous cross,
 On which the Prince of glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss,
 And pour contempt on all my pride.
 See from His hands, His head, His feet,
 Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

THE PURPOSE

On July 4, 1884, France presented the United States the Statue of Liberty as a gift symbolizing the friendship between the two nations. This moment represents the liberty and brotherhood that citizens of a country enjoy under a free form of government. At night the torch in the statue's right hand gleams with powerful fluorescent lights. This bright light stands for the liberty which and as a beacon for airplanes.

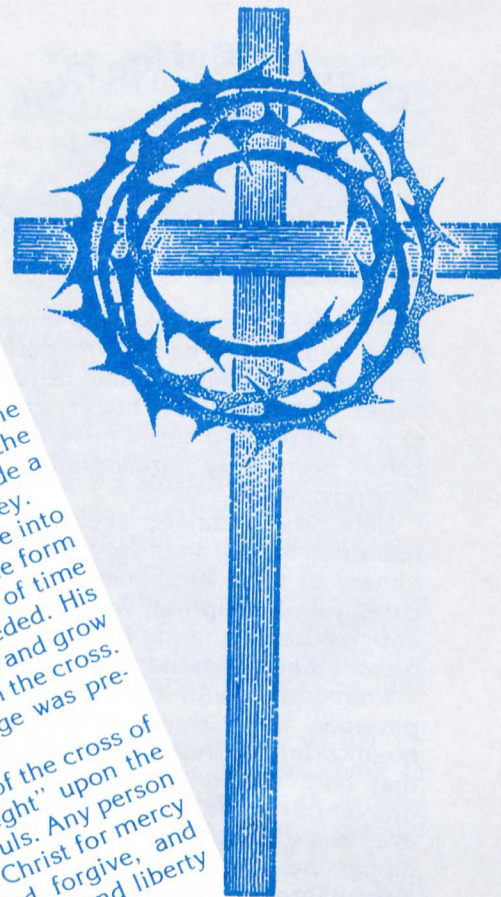
An elevator within the pedestal carries tourists up inside the foot of the statue. From here, they may climb as high as the crown by two winding stairways. Windows in her head provide a magnificent view of the harbor, the city and nearby New Jersey. Centuries before our nation's symbol of liberty ever came into existence, the solution for spiritual liberty was given in the form of a gift, as well. God saw man's sin from the beginning of time and realized that a provision for that sin would be needed. His Son was given in the form of a tiny baby who would live and grow up as a human intended to be the sacrifice for sin upon the cross. Thus, by the cross, our liberation from sin's bondage was pre-planned and at last, completed.

Forgiveness and clearance of sin is the purpose of the cross of Christ. The liberty in the cross sheds its own "light" upon the world, serving as a lighthouse, or guide, for all souls. Any person is welcome to come to the cross and simply ask Christ for mercy and forgiveness, believe that He will hear and forgive, and confess all sin to Him. The results will be freedom and liberty from Satan's grip, and the beginning of a Christian life. I am coming to the cross;
 I am poor and weak and blind;
 I am counting all but dross;
 I shall full salvation find.
 In the promises I trust;
 Now I feel the blood applied;
 I am prostrate in the dust;
 I with Christ am crucified.

THE PROCLAMATION

America has become home to many people from all nations. Each year hundreds of foreigners take a sacred oath which legally makes them American citizens. Our government has always welcomed these adopted ones with open arms. In 1908, "The New Colossus" by Emma Lazarus, was inscribed on a tablet in the pedestal of the statue. Its message peals forth to all people:
 . . . Give me your tired, your poor,
 Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
 The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
 Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
 I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

*"And I, if I be
 lifted up from the
 earth, will draw
 all men unto me"*
 (JOHN 12:32).



Over My Coffee Cup



Eunice Edwards

My maternal grandparents lived on a farm. They had no modern conveniences, but nothing tasted better than the milk, butter, cottage cheese, and buttermilk that came from my grandmother's "spring house."

Here, she arranged rocks and boards to form a shelf for the containers so as to keep them in the cold, running spring water. The anticipation of sharing it was a joy greater than one could imagine.

I remember, with a great deal of pleasure, those times of refreshment, drinking fresh buttermilk in that cool spring house with my grandmother. With a twinkle in her eye, she'd reach for the big tin dipper hanging just inside. She dipped into the churn and brought up a cup of buttermilk that to this day sets my mouth to watering. She delighted in our enjoyment as we drank.

As I read Isaiah 41 this morning, the image of Grandmother and the spring house leaped out at me. Verse 6 says, "They helped everyone his neighbor; and everyone said to his brother, Be of good courage."

Although His Word is considered "old" by the world, He vitalized it and its eternal truths never grow old or become obsolete. His message is fresh, ageless and dateless.

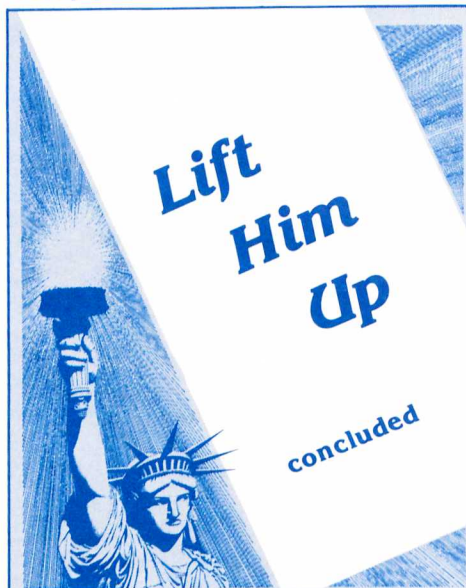
The quiet refreshing times with His Word makes us see our neighbors and a lost world in a new way. Dipping into His Word brings us into His presence. It births prayer. It brings such delights that mere words cannot describe it.

Verse 7 is priceless! "... The carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smoothed with the hammer him that smote the anvil saying, It is ready for the soldering; and he fastened it with nails that it should not be moved."

His word furnishes a stream of

living water flowing by our door. Try encouraging someone today with it. Draw that neighbor aside to God's spring house and share the refreshing, vitalizing, satisfying drink that will encourage and establish her faith.

A lack of courage abounds in our world today. People fear many things, both real and imagined. So share Isaiah's words with a neighbor, friend, or a loved one today and watch new courage and strength blossom forth. Drink deeply at His spring house today! ☘



And what a message rings forth from the cross, our symbol of liberty. Listen as men, women, boys and girls are invited and welcomed to come to that cross and find Jesus, salvation, satisfaction, and ... liberty. Skin color doesn't matter, language is no barrier, finances aren't even considered. There are no requirements except faith and repentance.

Listen and hear Jesus call, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" ... "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" ... "he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (Matt. 11:28; John 6:17; John 6:35).

Take a look at your spiritual freedom, bask in your liberty, but most of all lift up your Savior. He is the reason for all liberty and freedom. Lift Him up! ☘

Program for August

by Karen Cross

Excuses

Aim: To recognize some excuses women use for not committing themselves to God and His service.

Scripture: Luke 14:15-24;

John 21:15-17

Hymn: "I Want To Be A Worker"

Introduction

The purpose of a Woman's Auxiliary is to help our churches teach and support missions. As individuals, we reach out to others with the gospel of Christ, taking the saving knowledge of our Lord to those in our neighborhoods and communities. We minister to those in our churches who need us, as the sick, elderly, lonely or bereaved. We help send our missionaries to places where we cannot go.

This is God's will for Christian women. But how many of us are guilty of using lame excuses for not being obedient? Let's look at some Biblical examples of those who used lame excuses.

Lot's Wife: A Woman Without Time

(Gen. 19:26; Luke 17:28, 32)

Lot's wife was so busy worrying with worldly things that she didn't have time to follow God out of the wicked city of Sodom. Her precious belongings, friends, and home were more important. Too late did she realize that God's gift of life was more precious than all the riches of the world.

Let's not waste what little time

we have on trivia. Give of your time, effort, money and your heart to God and His service. Jesus tells us in Matthew 16:25, 26 to deny ourselves and follow Him. Let's do God's will before we turn into pillars of uselessness.

Moses: Too Shy To Speak (Ex. 4:10)

When God called Moses to lead the Israelites from Egypt, Moses refused because he was not eloquent enough. He was certain he would not say the right words or speak them properly.

Do we sometimes use the excuse that we can't speak in front of people when it comes our turn to give a part on the program or take a stand on an important issue? Look at what a leader Moses became with God's help. He can do the same for us. Next time someone asks you to take part in the auxiliary meeting, say YES!!! Then claim the promise in Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me."

Adam: Following the Wrong Example (Gen. 3:6)

When Eve ate of the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden, she went straightway to entice Adam. He did not have to eat of the fruit. It was his free choice to disobey.

When we fail to participate in the auxiliary because our friends won't or the pastor's wife doesn't, we are being led astray. Don't let anyone take away the special blessings you receive at auxiliary. Instead let's encourage our friends to come with us. Don't be like Adam who said, "I was only doing what Eve was doing."

Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet

God commissioned Jonah to go to Nineveh to preach against wickedness. Jonah *knew* he should obey, but he ran from the presence of the Lord. We know we should obey God, but we are unwilling to make the necessary sacrifices of time, money and love. When we think of the sacrifice Christ made for us, is it too much to ask that we give a little to get so much in return?

Ananias: He Held Some Back (Acts 5:1-10)

Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, sold a plot of land and connived to keep part of the money for themselves. They told Peter they sold it for less and they were giving the apostles *all* of the money. Immediately they both fell down dead. God did not punish them for keeping back their property, but for lying to the Holy Ghost.

What about us? Do we sometimes hold back our money, time, effort or love and then testify that we have given it all? Let's remember that God didn't hold back on us when He sent His Son to die for our sins.

Conclusion

When you say, "I just can't make it to auxiliary tonight, I've so many other things to do," think of Lot's wife. She thought she had a lot of things to worry about, too.

When someone asks you to take part in the auxiliary program, think of Moses. God helped him and He will also help you overcome your feelings of inadequacy.

When you say, "I don't go to auxiliary because so-and-so doesn't go," think of Adam and Eve. Sometimes friends can lead us astray.

If you are reluctant to get involved in God's service, think of Jonah. God gave him a second chance. Will you accept a second chance from God?

When we tell others, "I've given my all to the Lord," do we mean *all*? Or all . . . except that part we're keeping for ourselves? Remember what happened to Ananias and Sapphira.

If we strive to do our best, we can achieve greatness in our auxiliaries. We can reach many lost souls for the Lord and be a helping hand to the needy. Let's help and encourage one another to "do *all* for the glory of God." ♦

Conclude the program on "Excuses" with this application suggested by Willie Gage, Locust Grove, Oklahoma. Tombstones may be cut from construction paper.

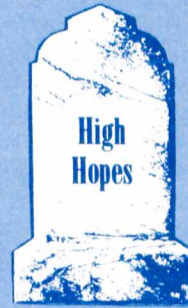
Interment of these fine people was by **Mr. Procrastination**, after persuading them to put off until **Later** the necessary deeds for accomplishing **God's Will**.

Flowers were furnished by the flower shop, **Excuses-A-Plenty**.

The sprays were adorned with ribbons of **Blaming Others** to match the flowers.

Friends intended to attend the funerals, but **Procrastination** had become their way of life.

Time had slipped away.



"Watch, therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come" (Matt. 24:42).

CROSSWINDS

How can I be concerned about the pagan in Africa when my world is falling apart around me? In other words, how can I find a balance between my place in the Great Commission and peace and harmony in my home?

This column addresses everyday problems that often bring defeat and discouragement in our walk with the Lord. This first problem addresses communication in a Christian family. Read it again the second time and look for the spiritual application as well.

Why Can't I Have A Child?

by Marilyn Jones

How long have you been married?" "When are you going to start your family?"

I cringed each time some asked those questions.

When I married Craig in 1975, he had one more year of college and two years of seminary left. I was glad to quit college and go to work. We knew a family would come later on, but for now we would concentrate on education.

That first year flew by and Craig made plans to attend seminary. After his graduation, I returned to college and worked hard to finish in the fall of 1980. We had already decided to start working on our family. Our friends were all having babies and teaching would be the ideal career when our children were in school. I was blessed with a kindergarten class in a nearby public school and loved it.

But as time passed, we began to get concerned. Craig had undergone surgery to correct an infertility problem, yet months went by and still no baby. Why can't we have one, I thought? We begged and pleaded with God. What had we done to deserve this? Were we being chastened for some reason?

Everywhere I looked I saw pregnant women, but me, I was empty inside. I felt incomplete. I needed a child. My friends were sympathetic, but how could they really understand the way I felt? They didn't know the hurt and feelings of isolation I experienced

in social gatherings. Baby showers were the hardest. I'd smile and try so hard to blink away the tears. "Please don't let them see. I don't want to be treated with kid gloves. I'm not fragile."

But I was, oh I was!

Finally, after literally years of agony, I realized what I had known all along. *God is in control.* As a teenager I had given myself to Him to use as He willed, and now was I trying to run things myself? Did I want to get us through this "crisis" on my own? NO WAY! I said I had given it to Him, but I guess I had kept my finger on it. Now I must let go. It was out of my hands. One thing I always knew—God's way is best.



A peace flooded my soul that I had not known since the beginning of our infertility. If God did not want us to have a biological child, then I didn't want it either. What a relief to know I no longer had to worry about what to do next. The Captain of my ship was at the helm. All I needed to do was try the doors and wait for Him to open them.

Shortly before Christmas, my physician suggested we get our names on an adoption list. I searched the Yellow Pages, but not one agency was taking applicants. Waiting lists were five to nine years long. Finally, after exhausting the names of every agency in our state, out of state, and a private lawyer, we found a small Christian agency in Oklahoma. We were ecstatic! We called the agency and an interview date was set.

Several months later, after an exhausting day of interviews and psychological testing, we headed home with renewed hopes and dreams. After approval, they told us, we could receive our baby any time from six months to two years. We began plans for our "expected arrival."

Two months later our tentative approval came and after six months it was finalized. Celebra-

tion! We were finally expecting! We completed the nursery and began to await the call.

The very next month we were delightfully surprised to discover we were going to give birth to our own baby! On November 19, 1984, after nine years of marriage, God gave us David Thomas. Our waiting was over and the "adoption process" was completed. We had worked as if everything depended on us and prayed as if everything depended on God. As a result, He honored our efforts.

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We learned valuable lessons through our infertility. God answers prayer in *His* way and *His* time and both *His* way and time are perfect. He may not always answer the way we want or as He answers others' prayers, but He promises His peace that passes all understanding.

I wouldn't trade those years of education for anything! David is a constant source of joy and an ever present reminder that God hears and answers prayer.

Finally, I would like to say that our infertility was not resolved when we were approved for adoption, neither was it resolved when I gave birth to David. Our infertility crisis was resolved in November, 1982, when I allowed God to choose my path. ♦

Craig and Marilyn Jones are members of Calvary Fellowship FWB Church, Fenton, MO, where both teach Sunday school classes.

Marilyn teaches piano lessons at home in order to be with her family. Her hobbies include needlework, particularly counted cross stitch.



EMPHASIS MONTH

August is emphasis month for WNAC. This emphasis gives the women a chance to present the aims and goals of the Woman's Auxiliary to the whole church.

Perhaps your pastor will agree to a Sunday evening or Wednesday evening program. Perhaps you can have a special meeting and invite the whole church.

The emphasis program also gives the whole church an opportunity to express appreciation to the Woman's Auxiliary with a special offering.

Emphasis offerings help WNAC to pay the rent, insurance, utilities, salaries, and other office expenses. WNAC looks forward to these offerings.

In 1986 Emphasis Month offerings amounted to \$10,939.71.

FORGIVE US OUR COMPUTER ERRORS

The new computer is a wonderful help to us in all the work which we do.

But the computer is really dumb. It makes no allowances for human error. If the human being operating it doesn't hit just the right keys and get in every jot and tittle, the computer messes up—operator's fault of course.

We've had to change our way of mailing and our subscription file several times. We do want you to get your magazines on time and in good shape.

Let us know how they arrive.

And please forgive our computer errors.

HELP US KEEP UP TO DATE

We want to keep the subscription list correct and up to date.

If you want changes made on your CO-LABORER subscriptions, remember the changes must be in our office as follows:

May 15 for the July-August issue
July 15 for the September-October issue
September 15 for the November-December issue
November 15 for the January-February issue
January 15 for the March-April issue
March 15 for the May-June issue
Later requests will have to be made for the next closest issue.

WATCH FOR EARLY BILLING

"Oh! I meant to change our subscription." That seems to be a common response when the CO-LABORER billing goes out in December. Then we are flooded with changes and adjustments on subscriptions and bills.

This year we want you to help us get those changes in early.

You will receive your subscription notice in October. That billing will show the number of subscriptions we have for your auxiliary for 1988. The total price on that bill is for all those subscriptions for the whole year of 1988.

Your payment will not be due until January 15, 1988, but early billing will give you time to get changes in to us before the January-February, 1988 issue is mailed November 15, 1987.

EUNICE EDWARDS LOAN FUND

If you read WNAC's page in the April issue of CONTACT magazine, you noticed this suggestion: Why not send a gift of \$75 to the Eunice Edwards Fund this year in honor of her 75 years? (She is 75 years old this year.) WNAC will be glad to let her know about the gift or you may let her know that you sent it. Her address is 606 S. Harry Jr., Desloge, MO 63601. DO NOT SEND GIFTS FOR THE FUND TO HER ADDRESS.

Do you subscribe to CONTACT magazine? Subscription rates are \$9 per year for an individual, \$7.50 church family plan and \$8 for the church bundle plan. Send request for subscriptions to CONTACT, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. Express your appreciation for the space given to WNAC. ♦

Helps For Leaders

July/August 1987

President/Vice President

President's Agenda

1. Check your state plan of work for your July emphasis.
2. Plan to attend the WNAC convention in Birmingham July 20, 21.
3. August is Emphasis Month. Get plans underway for your Emphasis program.

Enlistment Ideas

Party Line

Using the pattern, make miniature telephones, one for each absentee. Ask the secretary to write the name and telephone number of each one absent. String a telephone line (clothesline) across the room and pin these telephones to it. Ask each one to take a phone and call the names to tell them they were missed at the meeting.



Puzzle Piecing

Check out the puzzle section of your toy store. Purchase a large-piece puzzle with approximately the number of women you have (don't count the border; work the border and leave it as a form for the other pieces the women bring).

Write the date and time of your next auxiliary meeting on the back of each piece and distribute the Sunday before your meeting. Ask her to bring her piece to auxiliary.

At the meeting, place a small table in a prominent place near the entrance. As they arrive, ask them to place their piece in the proper place inside the puzzle. Dividing the puzzle into two groups may add to the interest.

Posters

For the month of July, display the firecracker poster. For August, turn the poster over to display the puzzle side.

Color in details with magic markers. Add a border of real firecrackers to the July poster.

Mission Study Chairman

Reader-Book Match

Select five (more or less) of your women to tell their favorite book and why. Ask them to loan you the book for the evening. Place the names of the readers on the blackboard. One by one display the book and tell why it is a favorite. The women will match the book with the reader. It may be done orally or written.

For example, hold up the book *Romantic Lovers* by David and Carol Hocking. "The reader of this book says she reads a lot of other beneficial stuff, but she selected this book because she's a romantic at heart. She also heard it recommended on 'Focus on the Family.' It tells about the much-misunderstood book by The Song of Solomon. She recommends it to all who want to deepen the sexual side of their marriage."

Then ask the women to match the book with one of the names on the board.

A variation of this match would be using all mission books. Or all books on prayer. Or books read in the past three months.

This form may help you get the information needed:

A book I have read recently _____

I chose it because (circle the correct answer)

book review? recommendation?

a gift? looked interesting?

church library? on sale?

How come? _____

Why are you glad you read the book?

Entertaining? Challenging? Instructive?

Why? _____

Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not? _____

Library Project

According to librarian Lorene Francen, the Welch Library of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, regularly subscribes to 340 journals and magazines. They order through a

Subscription prices have increased (like everything else) in the last few years. What they paid \$3000 for in 1980, now costs over \$7000.

Donors: 1. Write to the college library (FWBBC Library, P.O. Box 50017, Nashville, TN 37205) and request a list of their desired periodicals. Subscriptions range from \$3.50 up to \$110.

3. Tell them if the gift is for one year or a commitment to underwrite this subscription for a longer time.

2. A label will be placed on the storage container for that magazine identifying the donor.

3. They are extremely grateful for each donor.

Prayer reminders for July



The following is a list of some missionaries serving on our fields. To solve the puzzle, simply substitute the correct letter in the space above the "code" letter. For example, in this list all Code letters "G" are actually the letter "T". The correct answers will appear in the next issue.

1. $\frac{\text{X L D Z I G T}}{\text{X L D Z I G T}}$

2. $\frac{T}{G F I M Y L F T S}$

3. Y L D O R M T

4. U I Z M P H

5. $\frac{\quad}{S} \frac{\quad}{Z} \frac{\quad}{M} \frac{\quad}{M} \frac{\quad}{Z}$

6. X L F H R M V Z F

7. Y Z R O V B

8. $\frac{\quad}{K} \frac{\quad}{R} \frac{\quad}{M} \frac{\quad}{P} \frac{\quad}{V} \frac{\quad}{I} \frac{T}{G} \frac{\quad}{L} \frac{\quad}{M}$

9. $\frac{\quad}{I} \frac{\quad}{V} \frac{\quad}{V} \frac{\quad}{F} \frac{\quad}{V} \frac{\quad}{H}$

10. N X W L M Z O W

11.
E Z M S L L P

12. $\frac{\quad}{Y} \frac{\quad}{I} \frac{\quad}{B} \frac{\quad}{Z} \frac{\quad}{M}$

13. N X X F O O L F T S

14. $\frac{\quad}{\text{O}} \frac{\quad}{\text{B}} \frac{\text{T}}{\text{G}} \frac{\quad}{\text{O}} \frac{\quad}{\text{V}}$

Mission Action Chairman

White Unto Harvest

Nearly a million and a half Americans are in nursing homes this very minute—living, breathing, dying—and they are there 52 weeks each year. These people were our friends, neighbors and family. They are the teachers, nurses, pilots, physicans, carpenters, and merchants of yesterday. Some even sang in our choirs, taught Sunday school . . . were missionaries and, yes, they were pastors, too. Many of those who fill the corridors of our nursing homes are old, sick, lonely and frightened. They need the wonderful message of hope that is in Christ Jesus. Without this, they are without hope.

Those who are Christians need the fellowship of other believers and the comfort of the scriptures now more than ever. They are facing the ultimate test of their faith.

It is projected that about 50 million of those living in the U.S. and Canada today will breathe their last in a nursing home. Many will go to their graves wondering, "Does anyone care?"

Jesus cares and His church must care, too. If you have a concern and a desire to be a Christian ambassador in this needy field, you can help! A believer with a basic knowledge of God's word can bring a nursing home resident something the most highly trained and skilled unbelieving health care profes-

sional cannot—hope in Christ—here and hereafter.

Although we have heard that the heart grows colder as we grow older, this is not true of most nursing home residents. In a very short time many have had to reduce life accomplishments to two or three drawers. They are now aware of the difference between things temporal and things eternal. They are, indeed, "White unto Harvest."

The Sonshine Society of Lynnwood, WA, is offering a free step-by-step guide to help train and equip concerned lay Christians for a nursing home ministry. "Power Packet" which includes the training guide, samples of large print and informational material is free upon request. Write: The Sonshine Society, Box 327, Lynnwood, WA 98046-0327. Or phone (206) 353-4732.

Hold My Hand

Hold my hand as I "pass over"
Over to be with my Lord—
I'm all alone, my life fading,
You're one of the few who seem to care . . .
Hold my hand.
I know my Lord is waiting,
Waiting to take me in,
But until then,
I need a caring someone,
Encouraging me on my way.
You've brought hope to me
In these last weary years,
You and your Sonshine Friends,
And now as the time draws near,
Hold my hand as I pass over
And my journey ends.

— Trish Haakenson

Microwaved Flowers



Preserve the beauty of flowers from your garden by drying them in the microwave.

Brightly colored flowers work best. They should be cool and dry, half-opened, firm and thin-petaled. Yellow retains color well, white may become dull and dark petals usually turn darker.

Supplies Needed: scissors, a delicate brush, tweezers, and flat cardboard boxes or glass dishes.

From a florist or craft store, you need a bag of silica gel, floral tape and wire, and plastic spray. (When silica gel turns pink, heat in oven until the blue returns.)

Here's how: Place 2" of silica gel in containers and place the flowers on top. Leave 1-2" of stem on each flower and $\frac{3}{4}$ " space between each flower. Completely cover the flowers by sifting the gel over them.

Place the uncovered containers in the oven and leave the specified time.

Remove containers and let set, at least an half an hour, or overnight.

To mount, brush off any remaining gel, insert wire stem in heaviest part at base of flower, wind with florist's tape, and spray with plastic spray.

Suggested Drying Times and Positions:

- Aster — 2½ minutes face down
- Carnations — 1 minute face up
- Clematis — 3 minutes face up
- Chrysanthemum — 3 minutes either up or down
- Dahlia — 5 to 7 minutes face up. Cool overnight
- Daisy — 3 minutes face down
- Dogwood — 2½ minutes face up; cool 5 minutes only; remove immediately and lay flat
- Iris — 5 to 6 minutes face up.
- Marigold — 3 minutes up or down
- Rose — 3 minutes face up; dry a few compound leaves and arrange with the roses
- Tulip — 3 minutes face up, let stand in gel overnight then stand upright until completely dry
- Violet — 2½ to 3 minutes face down; remove and place face down until dry
- Zinna — 4 to 5 minutes face down; petals often shrink



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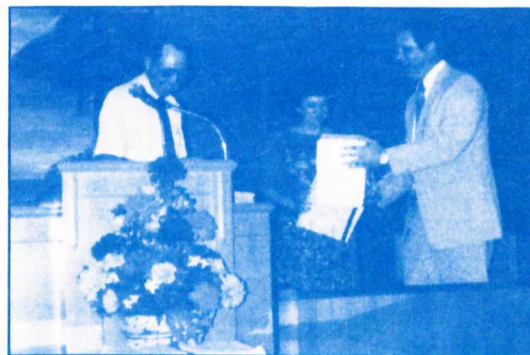
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Women in Action



Co-laborers in the newly organized auxiliary at Fellowship FWB Church, Dunn, NC.



Pastor and Mrs. Bobby Shepherd, First Church, Batesville, Arkansas, is honored on Pastor Appreciation Day. The Children's church, Master's Men and Woman's Auxiliary flooded them with cards and gifts which included a set of pictorial encyclopedias, desk lamp, and a sweater and jewelry for Mrs. Shepherd.



Vice-President / President-elect Joyce Gibson of the Vernon district (AL) welcomes the 113 guests to their 4th annual Missions Banquet.

Banquet chairman, Barbara Smith, (above) is pictured with guest missionaries Eddie Payne, Ivory Coast, and Louie and Donna Nix, the Hawaiian Islands.



State Retreat Flashback

"Spice for Living" was the theme of the Northwest District convention/retreat at Lake Retreat Baptist Camp. **Betty Plunkett**, Kent, WA, was elected to replace **Phyllis Hartle**, Salem, OR, as president and **Joan Warren**, Yakima, WA, becomes retreat director.

Arkansas women planned their retreat around the theme "Fountain of Joy." **Laura McFall**, appointee to Brazil, was featured as missionary speaker with **Linda Hollis**, **Charlotte Crafton** and **Debra Roach**.

Rudene Kennedy developed the theme "Walking in the Spirit" at West Virginia's retreat at Camp Virgil Tate. **Pam McCormick**, **Shelia Williams**, and Ivory Coast missionary **Alice Smith** led in timely seminars.

Debbie Lynn directed the Talent Time at Georgia's retreat at the Norman



Merri Hunt holds a doll and wears a cap received from the Provision Closet. Merri is the 5-year-old daughter of Tom and Lynda Hunt, missionaries to the Tri-cities (Richland, Kennewick and Pasco) of Washington state.

Park Baptist Assembly. **Jan Arnoldi**, featured ventriloquist with Chester and Rainbow, provided much fun as well as spiritual insights.

Oklahoma women thronged to Oklahoma City for a foretaste of WNAC's fellowship dinner in Birmingham in July. **Verla Pettit** of the Memphis Union Mission addressed this retreat presided over by president **Marguerite Kern**.

Here and There

South Carolina approved a \$10,000 missions project to be divided among her seven missionaries — Aldridges, Cowarts, Hannas, Lees, Pooles, Moores and Gainer. **Mary Wisheart**, WNAC, addressed the convention represented by more than 200 women, almost a third of their 693 enrollment.

A Faithful Steward With the Lord

Last February, Lura Gebhart went home to be with her Lord whom she had loved for 71 years. Mrs. Gebhart was featured as a "Woman God Has Used" in the 4th quarter issue of *Co-Laborer*, 1982.



WNAC and our missionaries have never had a more loving and loyal supporter than Mrs. Gebhart. Arilla Wode, Ivory Coast, represented all missionaries as she gave a tribute to this dear lady during her memorial service. Arilla used an outline on missions which was written in the margin of Mrs. Gebhart's Bible beside Matthew 28:16-20.

We thank God for the influence for good she has wielded in Trinity Temple, her home church, the Tulsa district, Oklahoma state, and around the world.



Auxiliaries from five Memphis, TN churches retreat to Chickasaw Park. Speakers include Sandra Payne, missionary to the Ivory Coast, along with Rebecca Pugh, Liberty, and Loretta Watkins, Randall Memorial. A highlight of the retreat was an auction of baked goods and crafts which netted \$332.25 for missionary appointees to the Ivory Coast, Glenna Leatherbury and Jalayn Martens.

South Union, Bakersfield, hosted California's state convention with **Mary Ruth Wischart**, Nashville, as guest speaker. The 165 delegates reelected **June Rolan** as president.



Marsha McDaniel (*above*) ministers in song at the Vernon (AL) district meeting held at the Springfield church.

Treasurer Jean Dubose (*below*) presents a check for \$200 to Norman and Laura McFall, missionary appointees to Brazil, as outgoing president, Elwanda Oakes, looks on.



The poet's CORNER



Come with us to the Truth FWB Church in New Oxford, Pennsylvania and meet Sharon George, a transplant from Ohio.

Sharon claims to have wasted 23 years of her life before she came to Jesus more than ten years ago. Her godly parents tenaciously claimed Proverbs 22:6 and never once gave up on their erring child. Today they are her very best friends.

Sharon can never get over the wonder of her salvation. She has witnessed many miracles, she says, but this is the greatest. Her poems often overflow with love to her Savior.

Sharon's love for God is manifested in service. She plans programs in her auxiliary, directs the cradle roll and assists in Junior church. In addition, she is actively involved in a tract dis-

tribution program, as well as homebound and elderly visitation.

"I'm a full-time homemaker and very proud of it," claims Sharon, who is married to Ron, co-owner of Petroleum Equipment Co. They have three children: Sara Beth, 6; Michael, 3; and Christina, 1. Sharon enjoys art, cooking (Lebanese dishes and her own version of chocolate chip cookies), sign language and exercise. In her spare time, she writes poetry, puppet skits and songs.

"I'm often taken by surprise when someone compliments my poems," says Sharon. "How do I respond? Should I say, 'You're welcome?' Or look up and say, 'Yes, Lord, thank You?' I hope I never fail to give my Lord all the honor and praise and glory."

Transformation

My love for Christ just
Somehow seems to soar. I
Want to serve Him daily,
Then serve Him more.
I want a stranger to be able
To see immediately that
There's a change in me.
I pray to You, God,
Please let my love so shine
That the world will ever know
That Christ is mine.



Pastor and Mrs. George Ritter, Leighton, Alabama, with pastor and Glen Bobo, Huntsville, whose church recently organized a Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Ritter is president of the Progressive district and maintains close contact with the local auxiliaries. She writes, "I feel the pastor should be informed of the various auxiliary projects. This maintains a blessed relationship and much more can be accomplished for missions."

Each year our church elects a nominating committee who submits a slate of officers. They want to include the auxiliary officers along with the Sunday school, CTS, etc. Some of us prefer to elect our own officers. Should the church elect the auxiliary officers?

If the church prefers to elect the entire slate of officers, including the auxiliary, co-operate. After all, we are an auxiliary to the church.

However, no one knows who can best serve the auxiliary than auxiliary women. Could you request that the auxiliary be allowed to have a sub-committee to present a suggested slate of officers to the nominating committee? Many churches do this and it works out very well.

Why is it that most auxiliary meetings begin and end the same way—page number so-and-so from the hymnbook, etc.? Should women be encouraged to sing choruses? Can you suggest some ways to add variety to an auxiliary meeting?

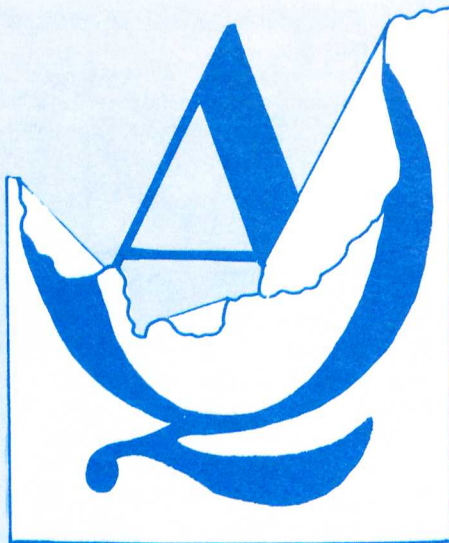
You mean, a variety other than that found in the program? In your next executive committee meeting, ask each officer to suggest an idea for a different approach.

Reverse the order—business first, program last, or vice-versa, or in the middle.

Vary your room arrangement. Sit at tables in a T shape with the officers sitting across the top of the T. Arrange the chairs in a circle. Or in two lines with partners facing each other.

Meet in different rooms. Meet in the sanctuary. Meet in a home. In an office conference room or a restaurant's banquet room.

Form a bridge between program and business by singing choruses. These are especially good for worship or seasonal. Sing praise choruses interspersed with testimonies.



Your questions answered on:

Woman's Auxiliary

**June Rolén, Fresno, CA
WNAC President**

We have some teenage girls who attend our auxiliary. Can they be regular members?

If they want to attend, you should feel very privileged. Give them every opportunity to learn—place them on committees, enlist them in group projects, let them sing special music and use them on the program. Some of our most faithful auxiliary members today are those who began in their teenage years.

Have you considered the Actionettes program sponsored by the WNAC? This is a youth program for girls (and possibly, boys) from ages 12-16. Yearbooks of Programs and Leaders Packets are available.

If your girls are older and you have enough, encourage them to have a group of their own as a part of the Woman's Auxiliary.

May our auxiliary belong to the district if our church refuses to be a part of the quarterly?

Certainly! Your women need the support and fellowship the convention offers.

Since my husband retired, we travel a lot and I don't get to attend auxiliary as faithfully as I once did. Is it true that I must attend at least four regular meetings each year in order to maintain my membership?

At one period in our history when we used the Standard of Achievement Chart, this attendance requirement was attached to our membership. For this reason, auxiliaries kept an active and an inactive list. However, the current *Manual* omits this membership requirement, so each local is free to set her own stipulations.

I see no reason why you can't be considered a member if you keep in contact with the auxiliary, pay your dues, support the projects, and participate in the scheduled prayer times.

You can be an asset to your auxiliary. In your travels, make every effort to attend the auxiliary and report back to your auxiliary with new ideas and suggestions.

Our Women's Fellowship would like to join the district convention but don't want to change our name. Is this possible? Is name all that important?

My name is June. I'm also called Grandma, Mother, and Mrs. Rolén, but I'm still June. By whatever name you are called, you would still be a Woman's Auxiliary. That's our name.

The Minister's Wife

Compiled by Cleo Pursell

Slowly, as I hung up the phone on that hot July afternoon, I was glad that I was alone in the tiny parsonage kitchen. Something was stirring deep within me that I couldn't quite put my finger on. "What are you trying to tell me, Lord?" I asked silently. "Are we going to be leaving here? Do you have another ministry for us?" The words the caller had just spoken were having a disturbing effect upon my emotions, although in no way did they relate to the thoughts which had leaped unbidden into my mind.

Checking the kitchen clock, I was relieved to see that I had a few more minutes before picking up fifteen year old Andy from his summer job at Hardee's. Phil and the three younger children were enjoying the treasures of a Missouri summer day. Looking out the kitchen windows, I smiled at their playful fun, so grateful for the big grassy yard and adjoining fields with magnificent old oaks and dignified hickory trees, all of which seemed to continually beckon a child to play. Glancing across the driveway I saw, as I did every day, the Columbia Free Will Baptist Church, and for some reason, at that moment, I thought it had never looked more beautiful! "Eight years is a long time, Lord," I whispered. "Sometimes it seemed as though this church would never get built. But You are always faithful to keep your promises. Thank You for bringing us to this Home Mission ministry. Thank You for all the wonderful, caring people that you have brought into our lives, and for all their sacrifices in helping this church to become a reality. You know that starting churches isn't easy, Lord, but you have taught us all so much."

Pulling myself from that reverie, and waving a quick goodbye to the children, I knew that

Andy would be waiting. Driving home along tree-lined Rock Quarry Road I said, "Andy, if the Lord should be calling your father to another ministry, I hope that you children won't throw any blocks in the road." (Where had these words come from? Mark and I were happy here. He had not even mentioned leaving, much less discussed it.) Looking very thoughtful, Andy replied, "I won't, Mother. I never have. But if the Lord does send us somewhere else, I hope it's Arizona."

Caught up in the busy preparations of dinner, Andy's words and my strange inner thoughts and emotions were almost forgotten. Family excitement was increasing because Mark was due to arrive home that night. He had been attending the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Even though attending as a family had long since become a financial impossibility, the children and I enjoyed having him share with us. Part of his sharing always included a small gift for each of the children and for me. "But sharing tonight will have to wait until tomorrow," I told the children, as the hour grew late, and we reluctantly went to bed.

"Honey, I know it's late, and you're probably tired, but I've just got to tell you something." Mark's voice was low and urgent. Suddenly I was wide awake.

The Adventure of the Open Door

by
Louise Vandivort

"It must be urgent," I thought, "because we never use our bedroom for a conference center." And I, who normally would have asked three questions in one breath, remained silent.

"Last night," Mark continued, "at the close of the missionary service, I went to the altar and told the Lord that we would go to Flagstaff, Arizona and start a new mission church."

At this point I wish I could say that I responded with something noble and beautiful. My tearful response, however, was to blurt out, "Well, don't expect me to get excited! All I can see are mountains." (And I wasn't referring to the beautiful San Francisco Peaks of Flagstaff, either!) Mark, being the man of God that he is, was not discouraged by my sharp retort. He had already anticipated that the children and I would need much prayer because he had just made a decision that we had had no part in. Every pastor needs the loving and loyal support of his wife and children. In Mark's own words, "After prayer at the altar that Wednesday night, I told two friends of my decision and asked them to lay hands on me and pray for God to call my family."

In the days that followed, God lovingly helped me through each emotional crisis of leaving a pastorate and people that I had loved so much to go to a city where I had never been, a place where I knew no one.

I pray that in sharing with you some of the lessons that God has taught me, "moving" will be made easier for you, whether you are the minister's wife, or one of the many laywomen who will be packing up and moving in the future.

1. *Trust God and your husband to make the right decision.* In all other major decisions, prior to this, Mark and I had always

It would have taken a big bottle for all my tears, but tears are a language that God understands.

prayed individually and together for the answer. Although I knew with my head that Mark had made this decision in God's will, I needed some heart answers, and God graciously supplied them. Gently, He reminded me that the prayers of those three men were beginning to be answered that day in the kitchen when I had an inner prompting that we would be leaving; also, through Andy specifically stating Arizona as another place to serve. The "mountains" which had loomed so starkly before me that night were largely financial mountains. I didn't know how we could move a family of seven across country, but God did. I didn't even have to drive the family station wagon. A brother in the church made the trip at his own expense and drove the U-Haul.

2. *God's call to the pastor is also a call to his family.* After Mark and I had time to pray together about the new direction our lives would be taking, we called a family conference in which Mark shared his call. Each child was encouraged to share. We emphasized how important each of them was to us and to the ministry. We prayed and committed each of them to the Lord. I'm sure each child could have given many reasons for not wanting to leave, but after that time of prayer, each of them, and I, pledged our support to Mark, and gave testimony that we were willing to move to Flagstaff, Arizona to start a new church.

3. *It's all right to cry.* Psalm 56:8 says, "... put thou my tears into thy bottle: ..." It would have taken a big bottle for all my tears, but tears are a language that God understands. Through them we can experience God's inner healing, and tender filling of that awful emptiness from leaving

home, friends, church, sometimes grown children and grandchildren, and in our case, parents, brothers and sisters and all close relatives. Realize that your pastor-husband is experiencing these same emotions, and that he needs your comfort and encouragement as much as you need his.

4. *Learn all about your new place of ministry.* Since we had a few weeks prior to moving, we began subscribing to Flagstaff's daily newspaper. Involve your children. Each paper brought us fascinating bits of information. Summer temperatures sounded perfect! Mountain climbing and skiing could become new sports. What would it be like to go to school with Indians and Mexicans? When you move, make recipes that are common to your new area. After several times of having our children disappointedly bring back food from school potlucks that only the teacher had politely sampled, I went to a neighbor for help in learning to cook Mexican foods.

5. *Remove negative ideas from your thinking.* If a move is looming on your horizon, remove such words as never, can't, and won't before they become a part of your vocabulary. I never

thought that we could rear children on a crowded city street, or that God would even want us to, but we could and He did.

6. *Pray the prayer of relinquishment.* To relinquish means to "let go." I dearly loved our church family. Each woman was special to me, and the children were truly my joy. Letting go was most difficult, and it did not come in one dose. But when I did relinquish them into God's care, accepting the fact that they would soon be under the loving concern of another pastor's wife, I became free to love again, to reach out with Christ's love, not having to be afraid to love for fear that I'd be hurt when God moved us again.

7. *Remember that God is a God of new beginnings.* When He moves us from one place of service to another, don't be afraid to walk through that open door of Revelation 3:8. "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it..." There are a lot of adventures in walking through that open door with God, and it always involves moving from "there" to "here". It's hardly ever easy, and almost always hurts, but seeing the change that Christ brings into lives makes the difference.

Our "door" of ministry is still open in Flagstaff. And what about those mountains? They're still here. I live at the base of one. As for those other "mountains"—I no longer see them as problems, but as challenges to help me grow in my faith.



Louise Vandivort teaches pre-schoolers at their mission church and conducts a weekly good news club in their home. Their five children are highly supportive of the work. Both Andy and Phil are engineers; Steve, a math major at Tucson University; Bethany, a FWBBC sophomore; and Debbie, a junior in high school.

Moving Day at the Parsonage

by Odessa Ledlow

Fourth Place Winner in WNAC's Creative Arts Contest

It was moving day at the parsonage. Our missionary conference was only two days away and we were making room for six missionaries who would be our guests. This conference was a first for all the churches participating in our area and we were thrilled with the interest and possibilities.

In great excitement, we transferred our clothes and personal belongings from the three bedrooms to our big walk-in closet (garage), where my husband had set up two garment racks. The small closet in the den stored the clothes we would need for the conference. For the next few days, we would be living out of a suitcase, just like our missionaries.

For several months we had shopped for some badly needed den furniture. Prior to the conference, I thought how nice it would be if we could buy the furniture now, and if it were a hide-a-bed, we could keep six missionaries! With this mind-set, we attempted another shopping adventure.

I prayed—we shopped. I prayed—God answered. He led us to a very special couch and chair at the right place, at the right time, and at a price we could afford. Would you believe? The couch was a hide-a-bed, and queen-size, too! God is so good! He knows the desires of our heart.

We worked most of the day and the house was in order. I was so proud of our accomplishments and my husband shared my excitement. Since our clothes and other belongings were already in the den, what else could we do but sleep on our new hide-a-bed that night? It was just like staying in a motel without room service.

As I lay in bed that night, I trembled with anticipation. Which missionary would be the first to arrive? What did the days ahead hold for us? Then I dropped off to sleep.

Morning came quickly. As the day passed, the missionaries began to arrive. Soon the walls seemed to burst with sounds of greetings and laughter. They shared praise items, family news, prayer requests, and just enjoyed being together. My husband and I joined in, too. Why, you couldn't tell us from the missionaries! I just made myself at home. What a time of fun and fellowship we had.

Our prayer times were special, usually around the breakfast table. Someone read the daily devotional, then we shared and prayed. We asked God to use His servants in the missionary services. We prayed for souls to be saved and hearts opened to the needs of the field. We ached for the conference to be a success.

We were like a family. There were eight of us, except on the last two nights there were nine when one of the missionaries brought his son along. My first thought when I saw him was, "Where in the world will I put

Paul?" The living room couch was the only place available, but he preferred a pallet on the living room floor. We had never met him, but he was a blessing to our home.

Cooking, eating and sleeping posed no problem, but with nine people and two bathrooms—you guessed it! Some had to stand in line.

Missionaries are ingenious folks and contrive various ways to raise money for missions. One of them decided to charge a fee for the use of the bathroom. She presented her quarter-folder to those standing in line!

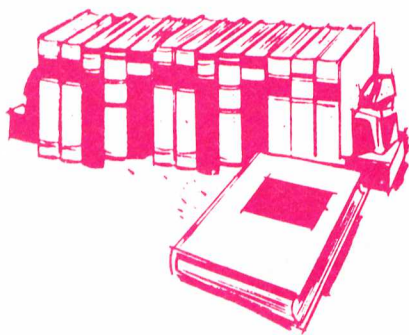
Even with the good times we shared, a bit of sadness pricked my heart. As the days slipped by, I realized our missionary conference would soon be history and our missionaries would be moving into another area of our state to continue the conference. "To really live like the missionary," I thought, "I would have to pack my suitcase and go along with them to the next conference, and the next, and the next, and start all over again." I could not do that, so I resolved to pray as they go and give of my means to help.

Let me tell you a secret. Did you know you do not have to entertain missionaries? They entertain themselves. If you are privileged to have one of them in your home, just treat them as one of the family. They like bologna sandwiches, peanut butter and crackers, roasted peanuts, or anything you eat. Let them kick off their shoes and be at home. You'll find them ordinary people. No frills, no thrills, just down-to-earth folks.

Invite them into your home. You'll never be the same. And you may get a new hide-a-bed out of it! ♦



This writer, musician, and songwriter is married to E.B., pastor at Unity in Sylacauga, Alabama. They have two married children and two grandchildren.



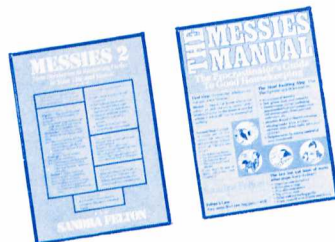
BOOK

Highlights

Genny Waddell

The Messies Manual

by Sandra Felton
(Fleming H. Revell Co.,
155 pp., \$5.95)



Are you a Messie or a Cleanie? If you are a Messie, or if your housekeeping skills cause you to live in a state of nervous alert about unexpected company, you need to read Sandra Felton's "procrastinator's guide to good housekeeping." The author says that this "book is not guaranteed to make you a professional housekeeper overnight," but it will be a "real beginning for overcoming procrastination."

In general Mrs. Felton offers sound, practical advice. The strongest point she makes is that

any person can become more organized. And she does not advocate perfection, but improvement. In her own case, she admits that since "my house has been organized, my mind has cleared up, too," meaning that she is not in a constant dither, trying to find a matching earring or, worse still, shoe. Such disorganization causes frustration and causes "things" to control us.

Felton says that learning good housekeeping skills will enable you to achieve six very important goals. You will:

Organize your activities.
Boost your energy.
Plan delicious meals.
Pay bills on time.
Relax without feeling guilty.
Enjoy yourself with friends and family.

With humor and with understanding of what it is like to be a Messie (and the daughter of a Cleanie), Mrs. Felton shares many of the trials she experienced on her way to forming Messies Anonymous in 1980. As a minister's wife, she also stresses the importance of redeeming your time, rather than spending all day "accomplishing nothing."

Each time I read one of Felton's books, I am reminded that many Christian women fail to practice scriptural hospitality because preparing the house for company is too big a job. Because Felton's manual is designed to teach you both how to organize your house and how to keep it clean, you will find that entertaining is enjoyable and easier.

The Messies Manual makes a good wedding present, or an ideal book for you to discuss with your husband and children! Singles would also welcome a manual, since housekeeping problems can plague anyone. But be forewarned that you will *hate* the manual even as you return to it repeatedly! Gradually, you will discover that some of the pages are so much part of your daily routine that you can picture mentally how to organize your closet or your child's treasures without opening the book. That is when you will find yourself smiling as you pass your gleaming mirrors on your way to let the unexpected visitor into your home! ❖

What's Your M.Q.? (Messies Quotient)

Sandra Felton carefully divides Messies from Cleanies. Then she puts Messies into nine categories. Here is her quick test so you can determine what kind (if any) of Messie you might be.

1. If all the spoons in your kitchen drawer are neatly nested while "all the pots sit in the sink and sulk," you're a Perfectionist Messie.
2. If your mother had a "thing" about emptying bathroom wastebaskets so yours is overflowing, you're a Rebellious Messie.
3. If you love to come home and read the evening paper although six other papers currently reside by your favorite chair, you're a Relaxed Messie.
4. If your teenager's baby teeth are still in the drawer of your bedside table, you're a Sentimental Messie.
5. If your ironing board hasn't been tossed out in years, you're a Spartan Messie.
6. If your dress hangs on the back of the kitchen door for an age after it comes back from the cleaners, you're a Clean Messie.
7. If you think that a gritty bathtub is less slippery than a sparkling one, you're a Safe Messie.
8. If you believe there is something sinful in serving children a supermarket pie, you're an Old-Fashioned Messie.
9. If you've figured out a simple solution to worldwide hunger while your six-year-old learned to make toast in self-defense, you're an Idealistic Messie.

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

Introducing . . . Miss Suzie



Who is Miss Suzie? Why, she is the grand old lady of the Woman's Auxiliary. She's of that indeterminate age, just as fresh today as she was 50 years ago. The youth relate to her just as comfortably as does the auxiliary pioneer.

You can spot her most anywhere. Look for her — she'll be wearing a lavender and white outfit, always in style. She'll have a twinkle in her eye, a lilt to her walk, with an aura of accomplishment. Our Miss

Suzie will be carrying a well-used Bible to which she frequently refers. This, she declares, helps her fulfill the Great Commission of her Lord.

Miss Suzie embodies the basic purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary:

Miss-Missions, first, last and always

S — Studying (Bible, Missions, and related) in order to know and grow.

U — Understanding our place in the Great Commission.

Z — Zeroing in on needs and responding through Mission Action, both giving and doing.

I — Interceding for needs around the world through Mission Prayer.

E — Enlisting every Free Will Baptist woman to serve her Lord through the Woman's Auxiliary.

In time of need, call on Miss Suzie. She's there to serve!

A Woman God Has Used

"Miss Dot," as she is affectionately known among Georgia Free Will Baptists, lives in the same house where she was born, January 17, 1896, the seventh of ten children born to Thomas and Valeda Harvey of Jakin.

Miss Dot now lives alone and seldom if ever leaves her home because of physical disabilities, but she is alert on current happenings in the state and over the denomination.

Miss Dot's childhood memories include attending the Home Mission Society with her mother. As she grew into adulthood and this society weakened and threatened disbandment, she helped organize the Jakin women into a Woman's Auxiliary which was part of the Midway district.

Later on, she was part of the

organizational meeting of the state auxiliary convention, serving as its fourth vice president promoting stewardship. She also served as president on two separate occasions.

While Miss Dot holds a teacher's certificate, poor health forced her to give up teaching. Her strong love for



children and young people compelled her to reach out to the children in her community. She organized them into "Straight Line Clubs," a program of morals and Biblical principles. These met in different homes on Saturday afternoon, but were later incorporated into the Free Will Baptist League.

A firm believer in trained ministry, Miss Dot has promoted and generously supported Free Will Baptist Bible College, advocating that children and youth are a denomination's most valuable asset. A loan fund in her honor assists worthy students to train for full-time Christian service.

Only the Lord Himself knows the wide outreach of Miss Dot's firm leadership in the state of Georgia and around the world.

Appointed to Pray

Be a Prayer Missionary

Guilty!

by Robert Bryan
Missionary to Ivory Coast

"Sure, you can take my picture for a new book cover," Francois responded. Francois runs the paper cutter in our printshop. He cuts the huge packages of paper into the size needed for the printing press, cuts the pages apart after they have been printed, and then trims the books after they have been folded, assembled and stapled.

"Well, the artist thinks you ought to read the manuscript of the book first," mentioned Jonathan, a young, short-term missionary from England.

"What's the name of the book?" asked Francois suspiciously.

"Guilty!" replied Jonathan.

"Guilty!—Wow—well, I don't know about that."

"That's why she thought you'd better read it first. Here's a copy of the first run from the computer. Read it and let me know what you think."

Francois put the copy on the side of his big cutting machine and thought about the title. He wasn't enthusiastic about having his picture on a book entitled *Guilty!* How embarrassing! Everyone would think *he* was guilty! What would his friends say? Well, he would read the story anyway. Maybe Jonathan would forget about taking his picture.

Several days later, he strolled Jonathan and asked about the picture. "Well, I'm not dressed up today," parried Francois. He had read the book and knew it was a good testimony of a young man who realized he was guilty before God and then found that Jesus Christ had paid the price for his

sin and pardoned him. But, would Francois' friends understand?

"You look just fine as you are," encouraged Jonathan, "and besides, we just want a close-up of your head and shoulders."

"Close-up will be worse!" thought Francois. But Jonathan was persuasive so he finally let him take a dozen pictures, in order to get a good one of him looking "guiltily" over his shoulder.

Jonathan chose the best one and used it on the cover of the new booklet. The book was printed.

Francois now saw 5000 copies of his guilty face stacking up around him. Handful by handful, he trimmed them in the cutter, making a nice, clean edge on three sides. He took one home and nervously showed it to a friend who read it and passed it around the courtyard. Everyone said it was great!

One friend said, "We know it is not a story about you, but it is a clear testimony and really will help many to find Christ and the pardon He gives. Let's get lots of copies and give them to our friends who don't know Christ yet!" That really made Francois feel better. If his "guilty" face helped people to want to read the book, and Christ would be honored because of it, it would be okay with him!

Francois shared this at our Friday morning prayer time. Won't you pray with Francois and the rest of us at CPE (Evangelical Publications Center), as this little book *Guilty!* is distributed in 17 French-speaking nations in Africa? As they read it, may lots and lots of people realize their need of Christ and His wonderful pardon which is available to them also. ♦

Focus on the Field Mexico

Religion: 97% Catholic; 1.7% Protestant

Area size: 3 times the size of Texas

Population: Spanish

Language: Spanish

Illiteracy: 30%

Form of government: Federal Democratic Republic of 30 states

National workers: 17 pastors and 3 Institute teachers supported by Home Missions plus 13 self-supporting churches with national pastors.

Missionaries:

Fred and Barbara Jones
John and Paula McClure
James and Mitzi Munsey



Personality Profile

Tommy and Nancy Hughes

Tommy and Nancy Hughes are extending their third furlough from Brazil as Tom completes some additional studies in missions and



counseling from Columbia Bible College.

Tommy, wiry and energetic, is always on the move. "I gotta go," is characteristic of his lifestyle of organization, perfectionism, and close attention to detail.

Nancy, although friendly and outgoing, is a more private person, following

the Scriptural admonition, "be ... keepers at home."

She's a second Mom to the young folks in their church, especially since their own two have flown the nest. Tommy Jr., married, and unmarried daughter, Lori, both live in North Carolina.

Hobbies: Both are craftsmen, he in

wood and she in needlework.

Favorite foods: "We usually have Italian foods, as spaghetti or pizza when we visit them," says a co-worker.

Missionary activity: Tom is a great church planter as he trains early and delegates responsibility. Nancy teaches teachers.

If missionary newsletters were graded on a scale of 1 to 10, the Hughes would nudge for a place close to 10.



Missionary Hot Line

615-361-5005

Missionary Prayer Calendar

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

July

1 — Ken Eagleton (Brazil)
 ** 6 — Vickie Hollis (IL)
 * 7 — Wanda McClary (NB)
 9 — Linda Bowling (Uruguay)
 ** 9 — Luther Burns (GA)
 ** 9 — Don Sexton (TN)
 ** 11 — Wanda Johns (CA)
 * 11 — Barbara Jones (Mexico)
 ** 19 — Norris Hawkins (SC)
 ** 20 — Paul Thompson (AZ)
 20 — Robert Bryan (IC)
 20 — Fred Hersey (Japan)
 ** 20 — Mark Vandivort (AZ)
 ** 22 — Roy Roach (OH)
 26 — Sharon Ferguson (IC)
 27 — Lynette Morgan (IC)
 27 — Eddie Payne (IC)
 27 — Ron Callaway (Spain)
 ** 29 — Larry Haggard (OK)
 29 — Dennis Teague (France)

August

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

* Home missionary or church extension pioneer.

** Joint project worker or deputation missionary.

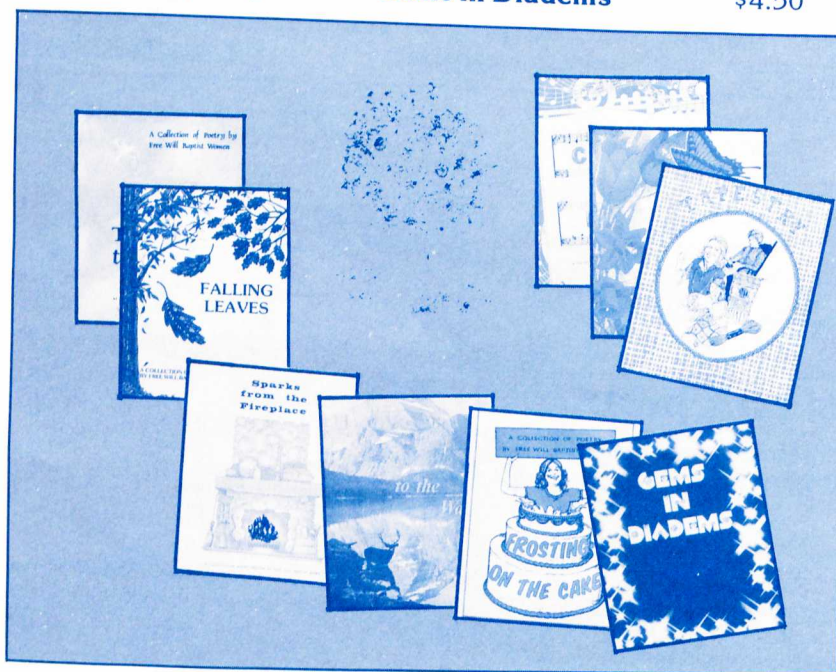
Please pray:

- ☐ for Jim and Evelyn Teague who replace the Gillilands as dorm parents at the Ivory Coast Academy.
- ☐ for the 20 national workers in Mexico.
- ☐ for the mission boards as they make important decisions. Rue Dell Smith chairs the home board and Bill Jones, the foreign.
- ☐ for the MK's (missionary's kids) as they determine which college to attend as they return to the states.
- ☐ for Paul and Rhoda Creech, short term missionaries, as they replace the McLains in Japan.
- ☐ for Gerald Mangham and his wife, Bertie, as they minister to those in the military in Germany.
- ☐ for Mike Cousineau and Clint Morgan as they finalize plans for the opening of the Bible Institute in Ivory Coast.
- ☐ for the Bill Campbells, a volunteer lay couple in Tulsa, OK, who raises funds for Home Missions.
- ☐ for the nine student missionaries returning from summer ministry in five fields.
- ☐ for the Ellisons as they return to the states for daughter Malinda's wedding.

Collections of Poetry

compiled from entries in WNAC's annual creative arts contest, these volumes are a treasure for every woman to own. Includes poems on Christian living, home and family, seasonal, devotional, service and missions. These collector items also make excellent gifts.

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Letters

From Our Missionaries

We recently bought some delicious-looking ice cream bars, only to discover that they were made with whole pinto beans! Yum, yum!

*Don and Ruth McDonald,
Japan*

The \$2,869.44 given by the different auxiliaries to our account is the largest single amount given to us in 1986.

*Ron and Linda Callaway,
Spain*

When we arrived in Nashville preparatory to our departure for Ivory Coast, we had virtually nothing to set up housekeeping. The provision closet met a real need. The supplies are a constant reminder for us to pray for the Woman's Auxiliary.

*Ron and Linda Moore,
Ivory Coast*

I believe WNAC is responsible for the majority of our support. Thank you for encouraging and training people to give to Missions.

*Stan and Brenda Bunch,
Panama*

The inauguration of the new Bible Institute was wonderful with about 250 people present, wall to wall and all the way down the hall. We hope to begin classes in March . . . Hopefully we will visit you after David graduates from here in August.

*Walter and Marcia Ellison,
Uruguay*

Brazil has just observed Mardi Gras, the pagan festival when apparently anything is permissible . . . During "Carnaval" we have services early in the afternoon in order to finish before the noise gets too loud and to return home before the multitudes make reaching home difficult and unpleasant.

*Dave and Pat Franks,
Brazil*

Mission/Auxiliary

We had five ladies present at our first auxiliary meeting at Lighthouse. Three others couldn't make it this month but do want to join and plan on attending the next meeting. I was encouraged by their enthusiasm and readiness to take part. We want to see a strong missions-minded auxiliary because we know how important the auxiliaries have been in our work.

*Paula Roach,
Zanesville, OH*

Contest Entries

I'm sending an account of a real and personal experience in my life. I give all the glory to God because without Him my story would not have had the happy ending it did.

*Shirley Castle,
Kingsport, TN*

The enclosed poem is an account of some troubled times in my life. Although it took five years to express what I felt then, it would take only a minute to praise my Lord and Savior for bringing me through and out of the depths of depression.

*Pamela Williams,
Van Lear, KY*

Thanks for another great year of *Co-Laborer* and a chance to share the poems that God has given.

*Linda Sligh,
Smithville, MS*

More Reaction to Co-Laborer

I enjoy reading the new *Co-Laborer*. I like the articles and stories of other women and also "The Minister's Wife." It helps me as a pastor's wife. . . . May I make one suggestion? We have a hard time figuring out which program is what. Would it be possible to have them marked by months?

*Darlene Wilson,
Clarksville, TN*

The format is great! I especially like having the leader's packet materials right in the book. It's easier to keep up with.

*Linda Wisener,
Tuttle, OK*

Words For Women

Mary R. Wischart



Funny Sheep

"Jesus has some extraordinarily funny sheep," wrote Oswald Chambers in one of his devotional thoughts, "some bedraggled, dirty sheep, some awkward, butting sheep, some sheep that have gone astray."

How true. My mother used to say, "It takes all kinds of people to make a world." And they are out there. All different from us. Really no better or no worse, just different, for the Bible says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) "There is none righteous no not one." (Romans 3:10) "All we like sheep have gone astray." (Isaiah 53:6)

Like sheep, we are needing a shepherd, someone who cares for us, knows our needs and wants to provide for us. God provided that Good Shepherd, that true shepherd in Jesus Christ.

The Good Shepherd says, "Other sheep I have . . . them also I must bring." He says to us, "Feed my sheep."

Dirty, awkward, straying—they are all the same to Him. He loved them so much that He gave His life for them. He loved them so much that He came to live among them. To us he says, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." (John 20:21)

So what are you doing about those other sheep? Perhaps we all need to look around us and see those sheep. The latchkey kids, the hateful teenager down the street, the alcoholic mother across town, the dirty, smelly bus child. They all find a special place in His heart.

What are we doing to reach them? Perhaps we all need to stir ourselves to new action and to new ways of reaching out to those about us.

How many women has your Auxiliary reached for Christ in the last year? Perhaps we all need to remind ourselves that missions begins at home—in Jerusalem.

Our theme for 1988 should be a daily reminder to us that we want to reach out to those Christ longs to reach. How long has it been since we have wept and prayed for one until she came to know Christ?

Is there a must in our hearts? Are we compelled to go for Christ by the compulsion Paul had? "For the love of Christ constraineth us." (II Corinthians 5:15)

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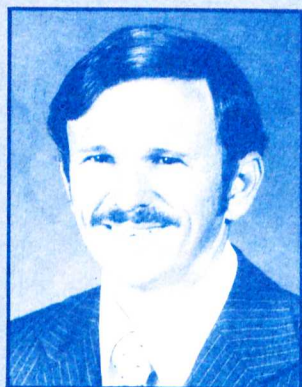
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Them Also I Must Bring

*"And other sheep I have,
that are not of this fold;
them also I must bring."
(John 10:16)*



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