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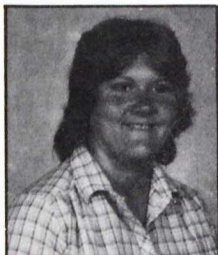
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Editorial

Taataa . . . taa . . . dah! Announcing something new in the poetry division of our creative arts contest.

For ten years we have received thousands of poems written by our Free Will Baptist women. The best of these have been compiled into ten separate collections of poetry. With the last of these, *Gems in Diadems*, published this year, WNAC completes these collections in the 8½' x 11' format.

Does that mean we will no longer publish the poetry? No. Yes, we will publish your poetry, but in a different method.

Continue to send your poetry entries to the contest as usual. We've already received several. However, the emphasis for the 1987-88 contest will be on poetry form, with the best one published on a special page in *Co-Laborer*.

What do I mean by poetry form? Most of the poems we receive are rhymes, usually couplets or four lines of alternating rhymes (aabb rhyme scheme, or abcb). We'd like to encourage our women to experiment with different forms, for example, in free verse. In addition, the booklet *Guide to Better Poetry* suggests other forms for you to try, as the limerick, haiku, sonnet, etc.

The message may be inspired, but not the form. God supplies the idea, the emotion, the experience, the urge (inspiration), but He can't write it down. That's our responsibility. Good poetry is not only written, it's rewritten, and very often it's plain hard work.

So begin now to put your special thoughts into a special form. The best poems for each category will be featured, as well as the usual ones. Please polish your poetry down to 21 lines or less.

The gold is His but the mold is ours. WNAC's new emphasis on poetry form gives you an opportunity to pour your liquid gold into an unique mold that you'll treasure a lifetime.

Rebecca Aycock



Years of living among the Brazilian people produced an image of a fantasy Christmas.

Christmas cards from the states reminded me of the special birthday we were celebrating. The scenery on the cards, such as a country church with its high steeple and surrounded with sparkling white snow, seemed only a dream. Oh, it would be wonderful to have snow just like the Americans do! So we covered dry limbs with cotton and added little colored balls . . . and, oh, I must not forget the Santa heads made from mango seeds.

As unrealistic as this wish for snow was, there was a warmth and love that I've never forgotten. Although presents were exchanged, the materialistic competition was not felt. Families longed to share of themselves.

One year especially was a difficult one financially, although we children were not aware of it until our father expressed his concern about not having gifts for us. Then a few days before Christmas a check arrived in the mail, which allowed us a small amount to share. I remember walking the main streets searching for a gift for so little money.

That Christmas morning I received one of my most sentimental gifts ever—a small set of crochet needles. They were as precious as gold. That year I learned the worth of sacrificial giving which served as a reminder of God's expectation from me. I must wholeheartedly give myself

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Laura Payne Stafford

The crisp, cool December air wafting through a bedroom window at dawn magnified the sounds of Doropo waking up. Roosters crowing, dogs barking, the voices of children as they draw water from wells, hungry babies crying for breakfast—all melted into one mixed chorus of sound. I listened to the distant sounds of iron pots placed on outdoor fires, followed by the rhythmic thud, thud, thud of mortar and pestle pounding food and mothers yelling commands to their children in a variety of languages.

The aroma of brewing coffee permeated the air in our house as Mom prepared breakfast. Our day progressed with a fairly typical American breakfast and one or two Scripture verses from the little red box on the table, a family practice at every meal. As the cool morning air evaporated, we shed our long-sleeved shirts and sweaters for cooler, loose-fitting clothing. The harmattan winds from the desert showered the countryside with a fine layer of dust and grit.

The tranquility of the morning vanished as the true purpose for our living in the Ivory Coast unfolded with punctual regularity. We lived in a land whose people knew little if anything of the Creator God who fashioned them and their world. They awakened daily to a world of tribal tradition and custom steeped in fear and appeasement. While our family enjoyed a peace and security in

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Vivian Hersey



Sixteen of my 24 Christmases were spent in Japan where I was born and raised and have always considered to be home. I have many happy memories of these Christmases.

Christmas in Japan is highly commercialized and I clearly remember seeing Santa Claus with all his reindeer in all the large department stores. Christmas trees decorated the stores, but this was about the only place you'd see them because few had them in their homes. The Japanese people had their parties and exchanged a few gifts, but New Years was their big holiday. Christmas only led into the main event.

Christmas was always special in our home, not only because of the festivities, but because we were able to share with the Japanese people the true meaning of Christmas. We decorated the house and always had a big tree in the living room.

Of all the decorations, there is one which is fondly remembered. One family tradition was to decorate the front door of our house with the Christmas cards we received. As each one came, we closely examined it to see which Woman's Auxiliary, church or friend sent it before hanging it to the door. We'd leave the cards on the door long after the other decorations had been taken down. Sometimes we'd leave them up for as long as the cards kept coming in, sometimes as late as February or early March.

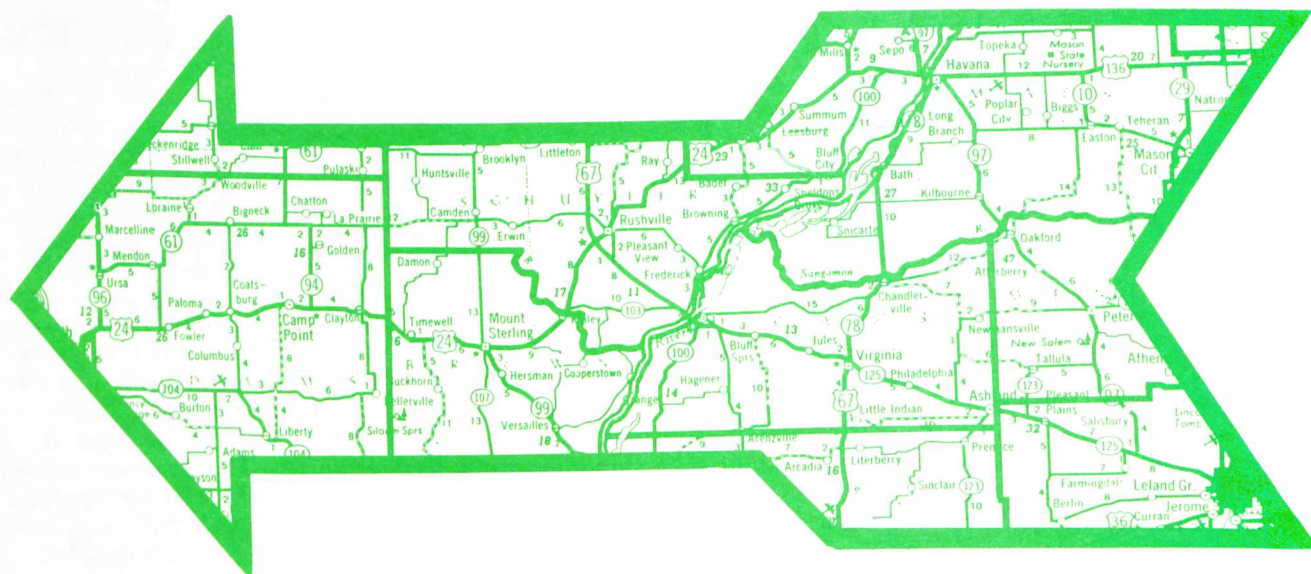
We entertained a lot in our home. Each year we had at least

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I Remember Christmas

Three MK's (missionary kids) who grew up on three different continents and now live in America share their remembrances of some Christmases past.

by Roy Thomas
Director of the National Home
Missions Department



Which Way, America?

Aim: To challenge women to invest their time, talents and treasures to winning souls and building churches.

Scripture: Joshua 13:1

Hymn: "Loyalty to Christ"

Introduction

The Free Will Baptist constituency has experienced an increased awareness in the need for planting Free Will Baptist churches in the cities of America. Great strides have been taken to do this in recent years and much has been accomplished. However, there remains much to be done before Free Will Baptists can minister to the masses of our continent. The 8 states of North Dakota, Nevada, Utah, Minnesota, Wisconsin, New York, Vermont, and Massachusetts have no Free Will Baptist churches, and 22 other states have less

than 8 churches each. Many of our major cities have no Free Will Baptist churches. In some large cities that have Free Will Baptist churches, people would have to drive in excess of 30 miles through town to reach the church. Only one missionary labors in Canada and only 3 Free Will Baptist American missionaries work in Mexico.

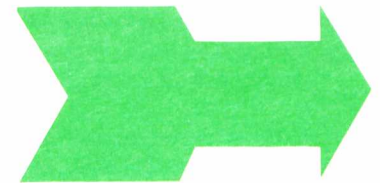
We need to hear the words of the Lord to Joshua, "And the Lord said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

THE REASON FOR HOME MISSIONS

The Lord

In Acts 1:8 are the last words of our Lord before his ascension. We find his final statement of the Great Commission. His instructions are: "You shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Jerusalem was their city, Judea was their state or province, Samaria was the next state or the rest of their country, and the uttermost part of the earth referred to adjoining countries and the rest of the world.

Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer Program for Home Missions



The Land

America began as a Christian nation, but is slipping into paganism. The reason for this is lack of evangelization. A generation has grown up and assumed leadership in America who knows nothing of true Christianity. America above all nations has the resources to evangelize the world. America needs to be re-evangelized and the nation turned back to God so she can continue to extend the glorious gospel of Christ to the other nations of the world.

The Lands Abroad

America has served as a channel to send the gospel to other lands. Think what could be done for the rest of the world if America were filled with Free Will Baptist churches. Think of the young people as prospective missionaries and money to send them that would come from those churches! Think of the millions the world over who would be in heaven!

The Laymen

The urbanization of our country has brought people from the country to the industrial centers. Most of these people have not found Free Will Baptist churches to attend in the cities where they have moved. Some have been instrumental in getting churches started, but the vast majority have been lost to cults or the world.

The Lost

Only 8% of the American population are in church on any given Sunday morning, and only 2% on Sunday night. Souls are perishing in America because most people do not have a church that is concerned about them. Some Christians use the religious telecasts to excuse us from our evangelistic responsibility. Thank God for everyone who is trying to reach people, but lost people will not be reached until someone gets

a burden for them, visits them, brings them to hear a pastor, and from a broken heart presents the gospel to them.

THE REMEDY

The Missionary

The cure for the problems described is to place a good soul winning church within the reach of every family in America. Home Missions has developed a program that is working well. Qualified missionaries are sent to needy cities. Their support is underwritten by Free Will Baptist churches and individuals.

The Mission Church

The mission church has a program of a month of intensive visitation and advertising to build a nucleus of people to begin services. The group begins Sunday School and organizes to evangelize its city. A building fund is started by the new group and funds accumulate for a down payment on property.

The Indigenous Church

The mission church begins immediately supporting the missionary's account. They add to this amount as they grow until they are able to assume the entire salary. This is an excellent program that will work well for the cause of Christ if all of our churches will get involved.

THE RESULTS

People are saved

What a joy it is to hear the reports of life changing decisions that are made because a preacher went to a needy city and began preaching the gospel.

Churches Are Begun

The Great Commission requires the organizing of local churches.

Only the church can feed the souls won and develop them into mature saints. Everything in God's work is an outgrowth of the local church. Because a church is planted in a given place, the gospel is preached, the people gather and they have an organization that sends them forth to reach others.

Property Is Acquired

The people of the new church pay for the property. The denomination usually has very little invested. But that property certainly increases the worth of the denomination.

Workers Are Called

Almost every new church established has sent young people to our Bible colleges. Some of these students have been called into the ministry. Some have felt led to the foreign field. Some of the pastors of our churches, leaders in our various departments, teachers in our schools, and missionaries on our fields were once sinners in the cities of our country where missionaries came and won them to Christ.

Support Is Given

Missionaries are instructed to lead their churches to begin the very first Sunday to support the causes of the denomination with at least 10% of their offerings. Some churches started in this manner are now giving more to the cause of Christ outside their local church every year than the total investment made in sending a missionary to that city.

CONCLUSION

The answer to every problem we face is found in winning souls and building churches. The future of the cause of Christ depends on these two. May each of us invest our time, talents, and treasures to this end. ◇

Spiritual Reproduction

by Kathy Douglas

Program for November

Aim: To challenge women to reproduce themselves through soul-winning

Scripture:

John 3:1-21

Hymn: "Rescue the Perishing" or "My House Is Full"

Introduction

Physical reproduction is flourishing. With the world population topping the five billion mark, the human race is hardly in danger of extinction. But what about the Christian race?

While advocates of zero growth in physical population have succeeded in getting parents in the United States to only replace themselves (current statistics show the average family has 1.3 children), Christians have done even "better." We are told it takes 25 Christians 1½ years to win one soul to Christ. If this statement is true, why should it be so? Why don't Christians reproduce themselves? Why don't they witness? This program explores four reasons (excuses).

"I Don't Know How"

Perhaps this is the most valid reason/excuse, but even this is flimsy. You as a Christian have leaders, a pastor, a teacher, deacon, or qualified lay-person who would be thrilled to teach you the basics of soul-winning. But like any other skill, soul-winning can only be perfected by practice. Ignorance is not a valid excuse.

Feature: An effective tool for witnessing is a tract published by Campus Crusade for Christ and entitled, "Four Spiritual Laws." Distribute one copy to each woman and go through the four-step outline. Encourage them to buy copies of their own for distribution.

"That's the Pastor's Job"

Surrogate mothers may be relatively new to physical reproduction, but not at all new to Christian reproduction. For years Christians have thought that they were paying their pastor's salary so he would witness and produce new Christians. But is it really the pastor's job alone?

Most lay people feel inadequate in sharing the Gospel, when in reality the lay person has the most natural opportunity to witness. Studies show that more people are now reached for Christ through friends, neighbors and relatives

than through revivals or door-to-door visitation.

The pastor in his environment does not develop close relationships with unsaved people. Laymen (and women), however, in their work and community environments have daily contact with the unsaved. Doesn't it seem logical that these "everyday" folks will have more opportunity to witness and "give birth" than the paid professional?

"I Don't Have Time"

Supposing now that we are qualified to win souls and we see that it is our responsibility to do so, how much time would it take? How about the hour or two of visitation each week — would that do it? It would, if you accept the idea that the only thing to do for a meal is to eat. Planning, preparation and clean-up are vital to any meal. To be an effective soul-winner, we must study, pray, know what to do and then implement the plan.

For most people having a baby doesn't take too long. Conception occurs in a moment, development takes nine months, delivery is a matter of minutes or a few hours (usually), but the responsibilities of parenthood last a lifetime. Very few people actually have the time; they have to take it or make it. So it is with soul-winning. The Bible

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tells us to be wise and walk carefully, "redeeming the time because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15,16).

Feature: Prepare a poster of the GROWTH acrostic on page 14 of the Four Spiritual Laws.

"I Don't Know" i.e. "I Don't Care"

Perhaps those who say this really do care, but not enough to do something about it. Most Christians have a casual concern for the lost. They know souls should be saved and they know they should do something about it, but until this head knowledge becomes heart conviction, the job won't get done.

A Sunday school poster reads: "No Pain . . . No Gain." This principle applies to spiritual development as well. There are no USDA minimum daily requirements nor does the Vatican have the regimented formula. We are all priests, able to comprehend and practice the training ourselves. There are no short-cuts. The *Reader's Digest* may condense the Bible, but no one can condense the power of God's Word. Training hard daily — that's what it takes to add power to your punch.

Feature: Read John 3 and give some parallels of Spiritual and Physical Reproduction.



Conclusion

The secular world has reduced its reproduction rate by various means of birth control. The Christian world has reduced its reproduction rate by the most effective means of birth control ever — abstinence. Most Christians simply do not try to win souls. We cannot force anyone to be saved; that is not our obligation. But it is our obligation to make a concentrated effort to give them the chance to be saved.

Let's do what we can to take Christians off the endangered species list. "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

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our personal relationship to God, those around us had no such peace.

Daddy made preaching tours to outlying villages or performed jack-of-all-trade tasks around the mission compound. In addition to working as a nurse in the clinic, Mom served as teacher-at-large for her two daughters. My sister, Debbie, and I studied most mornings and spent the afternoons with hobbies or contact with the Africans.

With great joy we listened to the children singing Christian choruses around their night fires, or sat under the stars observing an African rendition of the Christmas story with Mary, Joseph, the wisemen, shepherds and baby Jesus. We delighted in blending our voices with theirs in singing Christmas songs in French and Lobi. An African life transformed by faith in Jesus Christ, freed from fear and superstition, living victoriously and standing for right in a world of wrong is a wondrous thing to behold.

As evening fell after a scorching, dusty day, farmers returned to their huts from their fields, walking or riding bicycles, with *machetes* (long knives) and *dabas* (short-handled hoes) slung over their shoulders. Women labored over evening fires, preparing the final meal of the day. Children played games or sang their songs by moonlight before entering their mud huts with thatched roofs to sleep on straw mats stretched over dirt floors.

Their sleep was not peaceful, however, for they do not know the Prince of Peace. They have no assurance of tomorrow or a blissful life after death. As our family ended the day with devotions and prayer, we realized afresh that our task had only begun.

As I remember Christmas in the Ivory Coast, I remember the warmth of our family. Yet I remember a people who have not the hope we have, a people yet searching for the Light to dispel their darkness.

Program for December

Allegria



Christmas Card Extravaganza

Introduction

From elaborate glitter-flecked and gold-embossed to the humble homemade paper ones with catalog cut-outs, there's a card for everyone. Tonight our program features living Christmas greetings from some of our mission fields. Almost without exception our missionaries reveal that what they miss most about Christmas on the mission field is being so far away from family and friends. Their Christmas greetings to us is one way of keeping in touch. Sit back and relax as we hear greetings from some of our favorite missionaries.

Introductory Music: A few chords from a missionary hymn, as "So Send I You."

Boas Festas, or Christmas greetings from your missionaries in Brazil and Uruguay. (Read these names from the Foreign Missions Directory.) Our thoughts turn homeward this time of the year to our family and friends, and especially to the women in our Woman's Auxiliaries. We greet you in the name of Jesus, the reason for the season.

Christmas comes during our summer on one of the longest, hottest, most humid days of the year. Today our temperature is in the 90's. Many people have bought new clothes for Christmas—sort of like your Easter—but, of course, this means summer dresses, sandals and short-sleeved shirts.

Our young people at church are busy practicing for a drama to be given the Sunday before Christmas. They also go caroling at the city bus station. Christmas offers an excellent opportunity for city wide witnessing.

We sometimes miss the snow, decorated tree, and the presence of our loved ones. But we missionaries all try to get together for food, fun and fellowship and reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas. May God's richest blessings be upon you all throughout this season and on through the new year.

Missionary Music: "To The Regions Beyond."

Bonnes Fetes (Bun Fet), or holiday greetings from your missionaries in France and Spain. (Read these names from the Foreign Missions Directory.) Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Savior, whose birthday we celebrate at this season of the year.

It has happened in our land as well as yours—commercialism has struck! Since the first of December, every store has been blanketed by a surprise avalanche of toys, decorations and chocolates. Some have already begun their special diets—not to lose weight, but to adapt their bodies to the rich food they'll be eating. In addition to the chocolates, there will be snails drenched in butter and garlic, fat goose liver, raw oysters, caviar, rich sauces, and the traditional yule log, a rich chocolate dessert.

Not so with the missionaries. The highlight of our Christmas is the celebration with our church family. We expect to have a playlet and songs by the children, a dramatic reading from the teenagers, songs from the choir, poems and a slide presentation, all with the aim of presenting the gospel through the Christmas story. Later we will fellowship around coffee and cakes.

We miss being with you at Christmas time. We miss hearing the traditional Christmas carols, whether it be in a church service, in a department store, or on a TV special. Yet we're grateful we can send these special greetings from Europe. May the new year be the happiest, most blessed one you've ever known.

Missionary Music: "We've a Story To Tell"

Joyeux Noel (Zwa-yuh no-el)! The missionaries in Ivory Coast bring you Christmas greetings. We greet you in the name of Jesus, the Christ of Christmas.

Christmas is a special time for missionaries in the Bondoukou Circle. Each of our homes reflect a

little bit of the Christmases we remember from America.

Christmas has always been special to the African Christians as well. As usual, the Christmas Eve service will be composed of a drama. The service is preceded by a march through the village to draw the people back to the church and the open air service which may last until near midnight. Early next morning the Christians return to the church to pray, sing and preach.

No holiday is complete without feasting. Christians from the outlying villages add to the festivities which include rice, yams, ground corn and sauces made from a freshly butchered goat.

Although our thoughts turn homeward this time of the year, we wouldn't trade places with you. We consider it a privilege to be able to witness for Christ in this dark land and to see His light penetrating the darkness. May the peace of Christ abide with you throughout this new year and give you joy in His service.

Missionary Music: "From Greenland's Icy Mountain"

Omedeto gozaimasu, or holiday greetings from your missionaries in Japan and India. We greet you in the name of Jesus.

The only resemblance we have to your American Christmas is the weather. Temperatures are hovering around the freezing mark and, like most of you, we are bundled up in our mufflers, boots, gloves and warm clothing.

Japan observes many holidays, but Christmas is not one of them. However, New Year's Day is celebrated. On this day the people visit the temple to cleanse themselves of their old sins before they begin the new year.

Christmas is important to our Christians, however, because it commemorates the birth of their Savior. We are planning a special program by the children with a fellowship dinner in the afternoon. It promises to be a festive occasion

as we exchange gifts and share testimonies.

We're glad to be in this land of God's appointment, but we do miss being with our families so far away. Perhaps that's why missionaries are drawn together for food and fellowship. Please pray that our witness will be effective and many come to know the Christ of Christmas. May His peace rest upon each of you.

Missionary Music: "Christ For The World"

Felices Fiestas, or holiday greetings from your missionaries south of the border—in Panama and Mexico. We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The greatest difference between our Christmas and yours is our year-round warm climate. Like your country, commercialization has hit our large cities. Since August major department stores began special television programs hawking available toys.

Christmas decorations center around the nativity scene. Some families erect elaborate, life-sized figures which may cover much of the front porch or yard. Others may occupy only a corner of a room. The nativity scene is usually set up during the first week in December with Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men and an empty manger. Each night a figure is added, many of which are angels or animals. Then at midnight on Christmas Eve, the Christ Child is placed in the manger.

Children are usually put to bed early on Christmas to be awakened at midnight after the baby finds his place in the manger. The remainder of the night is spent in feasting on special holiday foods, as chicken and rice, potato salad, etc.

This spirit of festival is carried over into the Christian's celebration. We expect to participate in a special service and enjoy a feast on Christmas day. We thank God for every remembrance of you and trust you will have a blessed holiday season and a blessed new year.



Communicator



90% of the Christian Workers Minister to 6% of the world

Robert Bryan spoke with a broken heart about the millions of unreached sheep God wants to bring through His people. He vividly illustrated the need of a lost world when 6% of the audience stood and a group of ministers representing 90% of the Christian workers stood before that 6%. The other 94% of the audience represented the unreached fields where only 10% of the workers minister.

Introducing Them Also I Must Bring

The 52nd annual session of WNAC registered 962 women from 22 states, 2 districts, and 4 local Auxiliaries.

The session introduced the theme: "Them Also I Must Bring" from John 10:16.



Challenge to See and Reach Out As God Reaches

Verla Pettit, director of the Memphis Union Mission, challenged over 700 at the Fellowship Dinner to see as God sees and reach out accordingly.

"Being in the Orient helps you understand the New Testament phrase, 'Pick up thy bed and walk,'" Olena McLain said in her 9:00 a.m. devotional. Mrs. McLain challenged the women to minister in their places in the ordinary routines of life.



Contest Winners Receive Awards

Mrs. Lorene Miley, editor, and Maurine Lee recognized the contestants in the creative arts contest. One hundred twenty three women from 25 states and 2 foreign countries submitted 295 entries.



Missionary Women Share Their Methods

"We can't learn," the women of Ivory Coast said because they had always been told they could not. But Carol Pinkerton taught them to use the fingers of their right hands to learn 5 things about God. Soon they were able to add 5 more. Carol and 9 other missionary women shared methods they use to reach young people and women in the cultures where they work.

Alabama Entertained Royally

Pat Pless, Alabama state president, royally welcomed WNAC delegates and visitors to the state. The Alabama Auxiliaries presented special gifts to June Rolan, outgoing president; Mary R. Wisehart, and Mrs. Agnes Frazier, who had attended more national conventions than anyone else present, 51 of the 52.



Pre-Convention Seminar Features Reaching Out

At the pre-Convention seminar, Lorene Miley, Wanda Smith, and Glenda Fulcher challenged the women to reach out to prisoners, troubled teens, and strangers among us.



Alabama women decorated the tables at the Fellowship Dinner with aprons, bonnets, and a variety of articles typical of Alabama. Ticket takers at the dinner donned costumes matching the table decorations.



Delegates Pass Resolutions, Approve Budget, Elect Officers

June Rolan, 2-term president, presided at the business session with 305 delegates present. In addition to approving the 1989 theme, "Arise and Build," the delegates passed the following resolutions:

That we encourage state presidents and/or field workers to attend the Leadership Conference, November 30-December 1, 1987, in Nashville.

That we encourage each state convention to help with the expenses of their state president and/or field worker to the Leadership Conference.

The group also approved a \$185,132 budget for 1988.

The nominating committee with Odessa Ledlow as chairman presented the slate of officers elected by the delegates.

President, Mary Neal, IN; vice president, Maurine Lee, NC; secretary, Peggy Outland, IL; members-at-large: Nora McCarty, CA; Kay Hampton, VA; Lila Faye Morgan, OK.



Note: If possible, a review of the background information and the study of chapter 1 in the last issue will be helpful before doing this study. All scripture references are taken from the King James version.

Chapter 2

In 2:1, Peter begins with a "wherefore," meaning "for this reason . . ." or "because of this . . ." Because of what? Because we have been b_____ a_____ (2:23) by the word of God, because physical life is temporary, like g_____ (2:24), and because the word of the Lord e_____ f_____ (2:25), we have some pressing obligations. List the five things we are to lay aside: (1) m_____ (basic selfishness), (2) g_____ (deceit or manipulation of others for self-gain), (3) h_____ (being unreal, wearing a mask), (4) e_____ (the mental cancer of discontent), and (5) e_____ s_____ (malicious slander or gossip).

Look at verses 2 and 3. When new life begins, growth and development must follow. A mother knows the "fervor" her baby displayed when wanting milk! No amount of coddling or rocking would suffice a hungry baby. With this same intensity Christians should desire the s_____ (pure) m_____ of the word. No devotional guide or commentary, however good, should be allowed to take the place of the pure word. We g_____, spiritually, in direct proportion to our "intake." The main reason for the arrested development of modern Christians is found in their neglect of spiritual food. That first t_____ (2:3) is good, and we should long to drink more deeply.

In verses 4-7, Peter refers to Christ as the chief c_____ (2:6). We, as "living stones" are united (cemented) to Him and to other believers, becoming a glorious habitation for the indwelling of God by His Spirit. Compare Ephesians 2:19-22 where Paul says that believers are "build t_____, for an h_____ of God, through the S_____ (2:22). Each individual "stone" is important, but not one manifests its true value by standing alone.

In 2:8, unbelievers s_____ at the w_____. They cannot understand Christian principles and see no reason to obey them. Paul vividly describes this group in Romans 1:18-32.

Move down to verse 9. Because believers are c_____, r_____ and h_____ (2:9a), we are to show f_____. His p_____ (9b), increasingly bearing the image and likeness of our Father. To be chosen is an honor that carries great responsibility.

In verses 10-15, Peter begs us, as s_____ and p_____ (those who recognize the temporary nature of life and refuse to be possessed by possessions) to abstain from those lusts that w_____ against the soul (2:11). Be h_____, live a life of g_____ w_____ (2:12), s_____ (cheerfully, not grudgingly) to the o_____ of man, for the L_____ sake (2:13). "Well-doing" silences the ignorance of f_____ (2:15). Often our daily conduct and attitude speaks so loudly it drowns out our pious words.

As believers, we are f_____ (2:16)! However, our liberty should never dishonor God or harm others. We are "free" to be obedient and loyal s_____ of God.

Look for the "signs" of true servanthood in verses 17-19: h_____ all men (even unbelievers), love the b_____ (all believers and some "jest ain't so lovable"), be s_____ (in subjection to) all employers; the good and gentle (that's easy) and the f_____ (unreasonable, cruel, unjust) (that's hard).

Peter, the headstrong apostle, was often corrected by his Master (2:20). How would you rephrase the first part of this verse? But if you do well and s_____ for it (emotionally, physically or materially) and you take it p_____, this (only) is a_____ to God.

In 2:21-23, we see how unfounded accusations make us want to rise up in self-defense. Christ is our supreme e_____ (2:21) of the admonition of verse 20. He was r_____ (verbally abused with contempt), yet, reviled not. When He suffered, unjustly and painfully, he t_____ not (2:23). He left the judgment of all this wrong to the Judge.

Jesus' motivating purpose (2:24) in patiently enduring all of the unjust verbal and physical abuse was to die for our sins, to give us strength to live unto r_____. It is never easy, but a strong dependence on His strength will enable us to endure unjust verbal abuse, bringing glory to God. The early Christians suffered greatly, even to martyrdom.

Verse 25. Before Christ bore our sins to the cross, we were as s_____ going a_____, but are now returned to our Shepherd (guide and protector) and B_____ (overseer) of our souls. As "overseer," He helps us overcome unchristian attitudes and responses as well as gives us the inner strength to follow our Lord's example in patient suffering.

Watch for chapter 3 of 1 Peter in the next issue.

If you profited from this mini Bible study and wish to have additional studies for personal or group use, the following are now available in more detail: Bible Background, Bible Survey, Romans, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, James and Revelation. All are 3-hole punched with a set of review questions. Send \$1.25 for each set plus 70¢ postage to M.M. Daniel, Route 12, Washington Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

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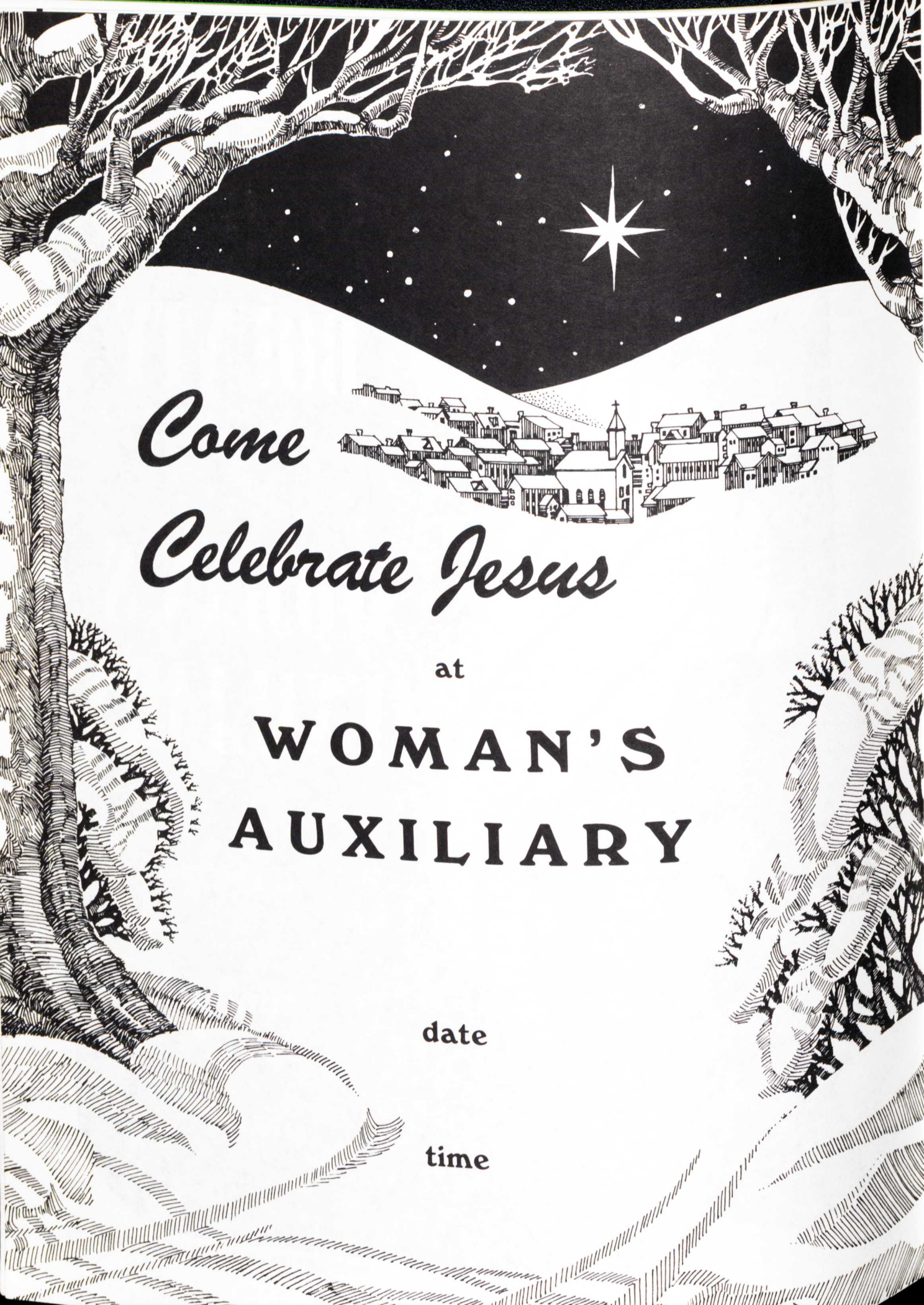
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Helps For Leaders

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Christmas Card Extravaganza

Arrange a work day/evening before your scheduled extravaganza. Encourage all officers to attend, plus as many others who could help. Ask each one to bring her used Christmas cards. Collect others from women in the church.

Round up the necessary supplies, as scissors, rubber cement, hole punch, split rings, adhesive tape, assorted Christmas seals and wrapping paper (to supplement the cards).

Set up tables and assign women to each table.



Christmas Cards and the Program Committee

The program for your extravaganza features Christmas card greetings from some of our mission fields. If the program is to be given in the church, focus on one particular doorway for your presentation and decorate it as a Christmas card. Place a potted poinsettia on either side of the doorway. As the program is given, a woman (or child) dressed in appropriate costume will stand in the doorway. As the "card" — door — is opened, she gives the greetings. Or perhaps the messages could be taped. You may prefer to use current missionary letters if you have them.



Christmas Cards and Publicity (with the vice-president directing)

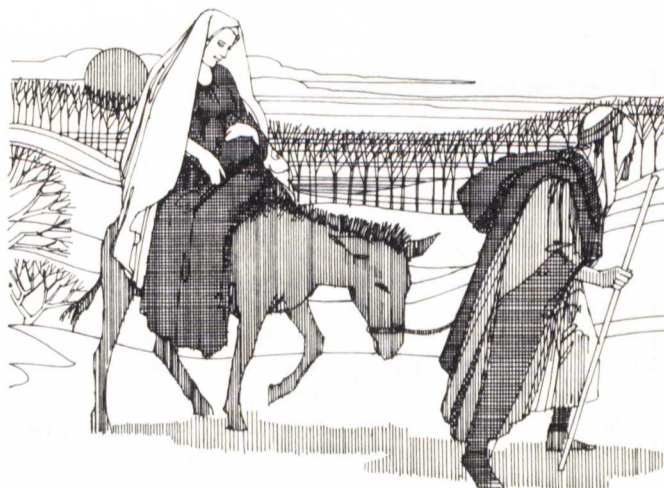
1. **Make a poster.** Cut fat letters from Christmas cards and arrange on a large sheet of poster board. Outline the letters in red. Make smaller posters (along with the one given in this issue) for the women's rest rooms, Sunday school classrooms, etc.

2. **Invitations.** Write invitations on the back of used cards. Or prepare the information on a copier, cut in symbolic shapes, as bells, stars, etc., and paste on a used card.

3. **Table decorations**—if your extravaganza is a sit-down meal. Make candle holders from used cards, four to a holder. Arrange a base from a sturdy material, as corrugated board, styrofoam, or wood. Cut these bases in a 4" square and wrap with metallic Christmas wrapping. Tape together four Christmas cards of identical width and secure to the base with tape, staples, or a hot glue gun. Place a jumbo candle in the center of each. Scatter Christmas greenery around the base.

4. **Place Mats.** Cut poster board (either white, green, red, or metallic) into place-mat-size rectangles. Make a collage of the cards on each one. Cover with clear contact paper. These may be given as gifts to some families in the church at the completion of your program. Or auctioned off.

5. **Place card/nut cups.** From the scraps of your poster board, cut strips about 1" x 9". Fold in thirds and tape the ends together. Glue on an attractive card cut-out to the front. Place a nut cup inside the triangle.



Split Ring Table Favors with Reports

You'll need a split ring for each woman expected. It will contain at least three cut-outs with reports from the mission chairmen. Add others as program, menu, the personality puzzle, etc.

Christmas Cards and Mission Prayer

The mission prayer chairman and her committee will make prayer reminders, punch them with a hole punch and insert on the split ring. These should be cut from the cards in circle shapes, about 3½" in diameter. Leave a ¾" square at the top of the circle for the punched hole. Past a picture of a missionary on each. Pictures may be taken from a missionary map or profile sheet.

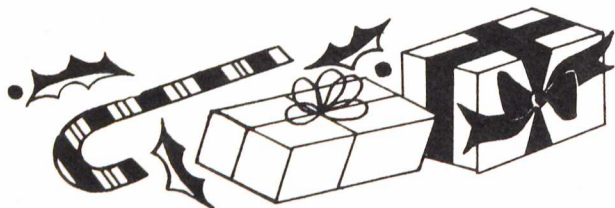


Christmas Cards and Mission Study

On the back of 3½" circles cut from sturdy cards, print a message as: GIVE A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS. Then list some suggestions. Refer to Genny Waddell's column, *Book Highlights*, in this issue for some book ideas.

Punch a hole and insert it with the prayer reminders.

If you would like to give a book as an award, place a tiny identifying marker, perhaps a Bible seal, somewhere on one of the circles.



Christmas Cards and Mission Action

On your card circles, write your Christmas project. For example: "The Auxiliary wants to get your cards to our church family. Bring them to church on Sunday with 10¢ per card."

Or "Christmas Project: Grocery shower for the Hunters. Bring your food to the church by Wednesday the 14th."

Or: "Christmas Project: Get Glenda Leatherbury and Jalayn Martens to the Ivory Coast. Give your contribution to Helen."

Insert these circles on the split ring with the others.



Christmas Card Personality

Prepare a puzzle the women can work sometime during the meeting. Cut cards in 3½" circles and print the acrostic across the back. In letters up and down and leaving room for the women to write, print the letters C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S. Ask the women to write in the names or titles attributed to Jesus. Some may be more than one word, as Rose of Sharon; some may begin with an article or pronoun, as He that comes in the name of the Lord. For names, consult a book of Bible Helps, ask your pastor, or write to WNAC for some suggested names/titles. ♦

I Remember Christmas, *cont. from p. 3*

three or four parties which were a lot of fun as well as a lot of work, especially for Mom who spent hours in the kitchen preparing the food. When the guests arrived, we'd eat, enjoy the decorations, play games, sing Christmas songs, then best of all, share the Christmas story. For many of our guests, this was the first time they had ever heard the true meaning of Christmas. It always left me with a warm feeling in my heart to know I had shared the message of Christmas with someone who had never heard before.

We always had a "Family Christmas" celebration at church on Christmas Eve. The entire church family invited their families and friends who did not normally attend church. We'd eat a meal together, enjoy some sort of a skit, a short message and a time of fellowship. Everyone would bring a gift and we'd draw numbers to see which gift we'd take home with us.

When the church-related festivities were over, we'd have our family celebration at home. We'd gather in the living room around the Christmas tree at around 11:30 or midnight. First my dad would read the Christmas story from the Bible. We did this every year but it never got old. We'd have a time of prayer, sing some songs, and finally open our presents. My four brothers and I always had such fun opening the presents.

As I remember Christmas, my best memories took place in Japan. Sometimes I wonder what it would have been like to have spent these Christmases in the United States with relatives, but I wouldn't change a thing. I feel very fortunate to have had a part in sharing the wonderful meaning of Christmas with my friends in Japan. ♦

Gifts For Our Children's Homes

FWB Home for Children, Route 10, Box 327, Greeneville, TN 37743, sends a list of items your auxiliary could donate at Christmas, or any time: paper products, as towels, Kleenex, paper plates, napkins, toilet tissue; twin size sheet sets; boys' socks, and girls' panty hose. For gifts, they suggest, "send gifts of your choice, label them either for boy or girl, then we could use where needed for Christmas or a child's birthday."

FWB Children's Home, P. O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554, suggests the following items for donation: tents and camping equipment, sleeping bags, large ice chests, pantyhose and deodorant (stick or roll-on).

FWB Children's Home, P. O. Box 245, Turbeville, SC 29162, requests school supplies and tennis shoes, all sizes. Also fitted bottom sheets (twin size) and small black and white TV sets.

Two other families working in isolated Home Missions fields are the Tom Hunt family in the Tri-Cities area of the state of Washington, and the Pete Minor family serving in our smallest state, Rhode Island.

TUESDAY

Pray for workers in isolated Home Missions fields such as the Mike Criswell family starting a new church in Eugene, Oregon, and the Mike Mutchler family beginning a new work in Portland, Oregon.

MONDAY

Emphasis: NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

for
Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer
November 16-20, 1987

MY PRAYER GUIDE



(Please send offerings through WNAC channels, designated for Home Missions or for particular Home Missionaries.)

Home Missions Department
National Association of
Free Will Baptists
Post Office Box 1088
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

Thanksgiving

WEEK OF PRAYER

Prayer Booklet
(Home Missions Emphasis)

November 16-20, 1987

Pray for James and Mitzi Munsey, missionary coordinators for Mexico. Also pray for the work of 22 Mexican national workers employed by the Home Missions Department. Pray for Bill & Glenda Fulcher of the Spanish American work.

FRIDAY

Pray for Home Missionaries working in countries outside the United States. Pray for the Fred Jones family serving at the Institute in Altamira, Tamps., Mexico, and the John McClure family serving as Associate Missionaries in Saltillo, Coah., Mexico, and Bill & Lois Reagan in Canada.

THURSDAY

Pray for the huge metropolitan area of Phoenix, Arizona, which has been selected as a "Target City" for Free Will Baptists. Pray for the Paul Thompsons, the Howard Gwathneys, and the Alvis Paul families there.

WEDNESDAY

Mission Action Chairman



Gifts From Your Kitchen

Breads

Miniature loaf pans are available from speciality shops. Wrap baked loaves in colored cellophane, nest in a small lace doily and tie with a ribbon.

Date Nut Bread

Prepare date mixture: Add 1½ c. boiling water to 1½ c. chopped dates. Stir and cool.

Heat oven to 350°. Grease bottoms of miniature loaf pans. Beat the following ingredients in large mixer bowl on low speed until blended, then on medium speed until well mixed:

2½ c. self-rising flour
date mixture
½ c. each of granulated sugar and brown sugar
¼ c. shortening
2 eggs
¼ t. baking soda
1 c. chopped nuts

Pour into pans and bake for 30 minutes or until wooden pick inserted comes out clean. Immediately remove from pans. Cool on wire rack.



Spiced Tea

Mix and place in half pint jelly jars. Cross-stitch a decorative lid top for the cover.

2 c. Tang
1½ c. instant tea
1 large pkg. sweetened lemonade mix
½ c. sugar
1 t. each of cinnamon and cloves

Instructions: Put 2-3 t. mix in a cup. Fill with boiling water, apple or cranberry juice.

Christmas Tree Yeast Bread

Prepare a box of hot roll mix according to directions. Work in 1½ c. chopped candied fruit. Shape into 17 1" balls. Form tree shape with the balls in rows of 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Roll remaining two balls together for trunk. Cover and let rise 1 hr. Bake at 375° for 20 minutes. Remove from sheet and cool.

Decorate with powdered sugar frosting and red green cherry halves.

For gift giving, cover a new cookie sheet with metallic foil. Place the bread tree in the center and cover with plastic wrap. Tie a ribbon around the pan, forming a bow at the top of the tree.

Caramel Corn

Divide 12 c. popped corn and 1½ c. nuts between 2 ungreased baking pans, 13×9×2. Heat 1 c. brown sugar, ½ c. margarine, ¼ c. corn syrup, and ½ t. salt to simmering and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 min. Remove from heat.

Stir in ½ t. baking soda. Pour over popped corn, stirring until well coated. Bake 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes.

Place in decorated cans. Cover shortening or coffee cans with metallic paper. Glue a Christmas decoration to the plastic lid.

Christmas Cookie Swap

Your mission action cookie swap requires only three things — auxiliary women, invitations and a quantity of your prized homemade cookies.

Plan the swap early in December. Phone or send invitations with the "as is" or "let's dress up" instructions. Admission fee is 6 dozen homemade cookies with the recipe.

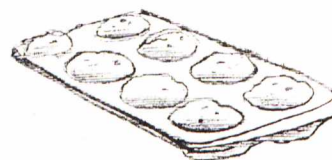
Allow plenty of space to exhibit the cookies (with the recipe). Give a dozen blank index cards and a pencil to each as she enters. Participants may copy any recipes she wants on her cards. Women unable to attend could still participate by sending her cookies and picking up her assortment later on.



Bags for gift giving:

Wrap a box of facial tissue with foil or gift wrap paper, leaving one end open. Slip out the box and you've made a bag! Cut out a design on one side

of the bag and back the cut out with plastic wrap. Fold down the ends like a lunch bag and punch the corners. Tie a spaghetti bow on each corner.



No-Bake Apricot Cookies

Combine: 3 6 oz. pkgs. dried apricots, chopped
1 14 oz. pkg. flaked coconut

1 c. chopped nuts
1 14 oz. can condensed milk

Shape into 1" balls and roll in powdered sugar. Makes 9 dozen.

Spicy Room Fragrance

(not a beverage)

Mix 1 pkg. each of pickling spice, whole cloves and stick cinnamon. Divide into smaller portions and package in ziplock bags. Insert a copy of the instructions: Empty a large jar of apple juice in a crock pot with a quart of water. Add the spices and bring to a boil. Simmer. To reuse, strain spices and later add fresh juice and water.

Spiced Nuts

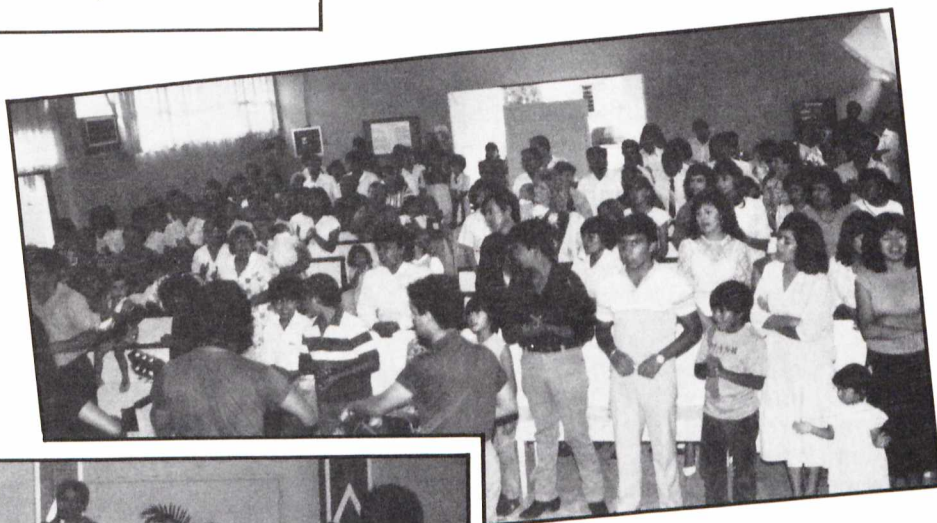
Beat until foamy: 2 egg whites, 2 t. cold water and 1 t. salt.

In another bowl, mix 2 c. sugar, 3 t. pumpkin pie spice, and 1 T. cinnamon. Dip ½ lb. pecan halves, or nuts, in the egg whites, then coat with the sugar. Bake in slow oven (300°) for 30 minutes, turning frequently.



Gail Fender, president of Shady Grove auxiliary, Whitesburg, TN, presents Lorene Miley with a quilt for the missionary provision closet. The auxiliary women quilted and donated two quilts to our missionaries.

Women in Action



Approximately 160 attend the 25th anniversary of the Buenos Aires Woman's Auxiliary in Monterrey, Mexico with Mitzi Munsey, Weslaco, guest speaker. All the past presidents and founding members were honored with gifts of appreciation.



Colorado's Rocky Mountain district prayer retreat with Eleanor Diehl, Barbara Myer, president, and Nadine Hood, vice president.



Mary Ruth Wisheart, Nashville, TN, addresses guests at the Alabama state banquet.

Women in Action

(continued)

Rose Mertz was elected president of the Missouri state auxiliary convention during their recent meeting at Carthage. They adopted a \$8000 mission project to be divided between Ron and Linda Moore (Ivory Coast) and Nathan and Judy Ruble (Fourth church in St. Louis).

Barbara Haas, former missionary to France, addressed the Kentucky state auxiliary convention which met with the Grayson Church. They adopted a \$15,000 project to be divided among their state missionaries.

Beaver Creek district hosted South Carolina's state convention which met at Inman with **Frances Poston** presiding. Missionary **Geneva Poole**, Brazil, installed the new officers.

Arkansas' Antioch district retreat awarded gifts to the man who stayed home babysitting with the most children and the man who stayed home with the youngest child. **Eunice Edwards**, Desloge, MO, guest speaker, spoke on the theme "Filled to Overflowing."

Charlene Gall, Friendship, and **Teresa Johnson**, Old Fashion, both in the Detroit, MI area, directed the second annual Actionette retreat with 25 girls attending. The theme "Trust, Time and Talent" allowed plenty of time for seminars, fun, and challenge.

I Remember Christmas, cont. from page 3

to Jesus, though my worth may seem insignificant in my eyes.

Fond are my memories of those rainy Christmas days spent in Brazil. Most of all, I treasure the love shared with my special aunts, uncles and cousins (missionary family), but especially that of my own family—my father, mother, sister and brother.

MAY FOR THE MOORES

(Ron and Linda Moore, missionary appointees to the Ivory Coast)
Sponsored by the Wesconnett auxiliary, Jacksonville, Florida



Pastor's wife, Phyllis Bass, headed up the project, coordinated the musical and made most of the posters.



Sadie VanHouton directed the flower project on Mother's Day.



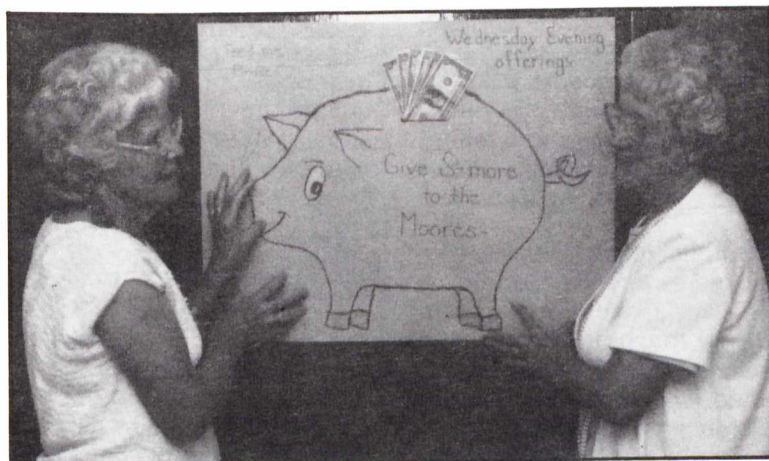
Faith auxiliary, Knoxville, TN, welcomes the Gibbs family home from France with a homecoming shower and a money tree.

Jean Church, in charge of the mop-a-thon.

Joyce Steele promotes the project.



Pat Capera and Joyce Steele take care of the funds — \$525.



WNAC's executive secretary-treasurers past and present.

Over My Coffee Cup



Eunice Edwards

When a heart is filled to overflowing with thankfulness to God for His blessings, it is easy to identify with the Psalmist as he says, "O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation."

The Psalmist's invitation is my only excuse for opening my mouth. I do not have a singing voice, but there are times when His goodness overwhelms me and I spontaneously lift my heart to Him in praise.

He is the virgin-born Son of God. He lives a sinless life. Why should His greatness not be extolled?

He is my strength. He is the creator of all good things. He has the power to move every mountain in my life. Why should His power not be praised?

When I "go" in obedience to His command, He goes before me and with me to the ends of the earth. Why should I not thank Him for His care for me?

And—we are not only workers, but worshippers. The Psalmist invites us to: "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker." It is our holy privilege to worship and adore the Chosen One of God. Why shouldn't we? Kneeling at God's altar is one of the highest privileges given to man. For God to accept our worship is the most humbling victory God gives to His children.

"For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand." The extent of His graciousness cannot be understood; it can only be accepted. His pastures are lush with fresh, green grass, watered by the purest streams. He truly is the Good Shepherd and I love Him and thank Him for His guiding, loving hand upon me.

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.

I'll Never Let Go Of Your Hand

By an anonymous Co-Laborer

I placed the phone in the cradle and dropped to the chair as a fresh wave of terror washed over me. The school psychologist had just called to inform me that our 11 year old Randy had threatened to commit suicide. My whole world seemed to crumble about me.

Where had I gone wrong? What kind of mother was I that my child saw death as the only way out? I blamed myself as I reviewed things I had said and done, or failed to say and do. Not only had I failed my child, it seemed I had failed God, too.

Like most parents, we had only wanted the best for Randy. He had invited Christ into his life at a young age and we saw so much potential in him. We saw what he could be and we tried to form him into that image. What we failed to see was the pressure we were heaping on those small shoulders.

Where had I gone wrong, I asked myself again. I had to admit that the lines of communication had been shut down between us since spring when we had stopped listening to Randy. A crisis at my husband's work had seemed to pose more pressing problems until Randy's seemed trivial and unimportant by comparison.

But they weren't minor to Randy. Because of the financial strain, he couldn't spend his vacation with his grandparents which had always been the highlight of his summers. Then Junior High was a total change from his previ-

ous school. Instead of one teacher, he now had five or six. Instead of one room, he moved from one room to another. Along with the increased homework, pages of rules and regulations dictated his conduct.

Since Randy could not readily adjust to the Junior High routine, the administration recommended he see the school psychologist who concluded Randy was having a nervous breakdown. He couldn't release the mounting pressure. The system screamed he was maturing, but his body and mind told him he wasn't. He was falling apart inside because of his inability to cope with problems on the outside.

To complicate matters, Randy had backed away from God. I guess he was afraid of disappointing God, or maybe he figured God had changed, too.

I waited for Randy to come home from school that day. We talked openly and lovingly about our feelings toward each other. We tried to talk through some solutions to his problems. And when his father came home, they had a long talk. We both told Randy how proud we were of him and assured him of our love. We talked about God's promises and how they related to his particular situation. In Isaiah 43:1-3, God promises to go with us through the hard times as well as the good.

Randy's recovery seemed slow as he continued his talks with the psychologist, as well as our

pastor. We strengthened the lines of communication between us. We knew we were on the right track when after a few weeks, Randy dedicated his life to the Lord during a revival. On the way home, he told us, "I'm going to be okay now." Coupled with God's patient love and mercy, we were certain he would.

Suicide has reached an alarming and epidemic level among our children today. You read it in newspapers and magazines and hear of it on radio and television, but you never think seriously about it until it touches close to home. Unlike so many families, we were spared the agony and heartache of a completed suicide. I'll always be grateful for our second chance.

I've learned many lessons through this experience. We must keep the lines of communication open between us and our children. We need to listen to them, not only to what they say but what they are not saying. Talk to them. Let them know how important they are and how much they are loved.

Finally, lead them to depend upon the indwelling, supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. If you don't, you may not get that second chance as we did. Your child could become that next statistic. As the song goes,

Even if you do it wrong
And miss the joy I've planned,
I'll never, never

Let go of your hand.
Praise God, He never does!

The Minister's Wife

Compiled by Cleo Pursell

I'm A Pastor's Wife

by Glenda Wilson

*A pastor's wife is many things
To the members of her church;
She must be ready at all times,
Even when she's at her worst.*

*She often has to do the jobs
That no one else will do;
She knows the pastor counts on her
To always carry through.*

*Now, true, she often has had days
When things don't go so well—
The car won't start, the kids are sick
But who does she have to tell?*

*When most folks have a problem
To their pastor they can go;*

*But what about the pastor's wife?
Her pastor is her husband, you
know.*

*Sometimes she feels so all alone
As the cares of her world press
down.*

*Thank God for the Heavenly Father
Who has time enough to go
around.*

*Yes, at times the duties of a church
Keep the pastor so very busy
That he's not always there on hand;
To do so much is never easy.*

*A pastor's wife can just reach out
And God will listen right then;
She doesn't have to wait until
He visits with some sick friend.*

*She never has to wait until
His studies and prayers are
through;
For God, you see, is always there,
Just waiting for me and you.*

*I know where I can find relief
When things get rough in this life;
You ask me how I know and I say,
"Because I'm a pastor's wife!"*

Glenda's husband, Billy, pastors the Belk FWB Church, Belk, Alabama. They have three teenage children.



Moonshine, U-Hauls and Grandma's Dish



by LaCrecia McFaddin

Pastors' wives share a special day. Some face it with excitement and others with dread. However happy or sad, we all share the excitement, the confusion, the loss and the gain of moving day.

We once owned a cat named Fluffy. Fluffy learned to hate U-Hauls. If we did not lock her in the bathroom, she would run away. On one of our moves, she

caught sight of the big orange truck and hastened to disappear. My oldest son and I stayed behind and called her for two hours, but all in vain.

Two weeks later we returned for our final service at this particular church. I went back to our vacated house where we lost our Fluffy on moving day. I called twice and she came running to

I will never forget the day my porch swing was heaved onto someone else's truck.

me. I picked her up and laid her on the front seat of the car. She did not move for 150 miles as she once again basked in the security of her family.

Some pastors' wives tend to have the U-Haul syndrome. Our security is challenged one more time and we would like to run away from all the trouble of moving.

A pastor's wife copes with all sorts of emotions on moving day. We leave deep-rooted friendships and parsonages we've called home the past years. Often I have found myself slipping back into the house and running my hand over a counter or looking out my favorite window for the last time. Sometimes the personal loss overwhelms me and I turn away.

I remember one particular move was one of great distance. I packed everything tight, using lots of newspaper to help cushion the ride. A crew of helpers greeted us to help unload. After 25-30 banana boxes were brought in, one gentleman, box in hand, exclaimed, "Whew! What's in all these boxes?" Then he dropped the box! As it hit the floor a crash rang through the room. After a moment of silence, he apologized. I reassured him everything was all right. Later that evening, I slowly removed the lid from the box and carefully unwrapped each piece. Grandma's dish that had belonged to her mother lay broken in its wrappings.

On the other hand, there are rewards only the pastor's wife can reap through moving. A host of friends line the path we have

traveled. Some of my most cherished possessions are those given me over the years by my friends. I have a doily crocheted 17 years ago by a 90 year-old dear saint of God. I treasure my keepsakes.

A pastor's wife also accumulates those funny experiences associated with moving. On one unforgettable move, my

Grandma's dish that had belonged to her mother lay broken in its wrappings.

husband drove the U-Haul and I followed in the car. We were pulled to the side of the road by two highway patrolmen. They led Herman from the cab and to the back of the truck and asked me to turn on my headlights. They explained they were looking for moonshine being transported by U-Hauls. Herman tried to explain he was a minister and we were on our way to our new pastorate, but only a look would satisfy them.



As one of the officers pulled the lever back and the door began to rise, all our hanging clothing fell flat across the patrolmen. I had a ball watching these fellas picking up clothing from the ditch and trying to arrange them back into the U-Haul!

The pastor's wife expects the usual. For instance, "We don't have room for that." I will never forget the day my porch swing was heaved onto someone else's truck.

And don't you just love the 10,000 square foot drawing your husband brings back of your new parsonage? And to your surprise, you discover that that spacious closet happens to be your bedroom. Or to question, "What is the color scheme?" While he runs through a spectrum of colors, frequently muttering, "... I think."

Moving Day. A good day and a not-so-good day. For the most part, I have enjoyed these bitter-sweet experiences, even though some were sad. Because I am a pastor's wife, there will most likely be another moving day in my future. But because I belong to the Lord, everything will be all right. ♦

LaCrecia McFaddin (Mrs. Herman), Kannapolis, NC, met her husband in Bible College and they have just celebrated 20 years of marriage. They have pastored churches in Alabama, Mississippi, Michigan, West Virginia, Kentucky and North Carolina. Their three teenage sons, Matthew, Luke and Joshua, are very supportive of their ministry. LaCrecia enjoys crafts, homemaking and promoting missions.

Why is the new *Co-Laborer* more expensive than the old one?

Co-Laborer is now bi-monthly which means you receive two more issues each year. It still has 32 pages, but these pages are now twice as large so it involves twice as much material as before.

This larger format allows for two monthly programs plus a special one thrown in, as enlistment, emphasis, foreign and home missions, installation, etc.

★ The WNAC Order Supplies leaflet is included in the first issue of the year. This means everyone has access to it instead of a select few.

★ Minister's Wife's newsletter and Communicator, both previously separate mailings, are now included in the new *Co-Laborer*.

★ Helps for Leaders in a handy centerfold section for easy detaching and filing.

★ A greater missionary emphasis.

★ Plus the old favorites: A Woman God Has Used, The Poet's Corner, Women in Action, Book Reviews, and much, much more.

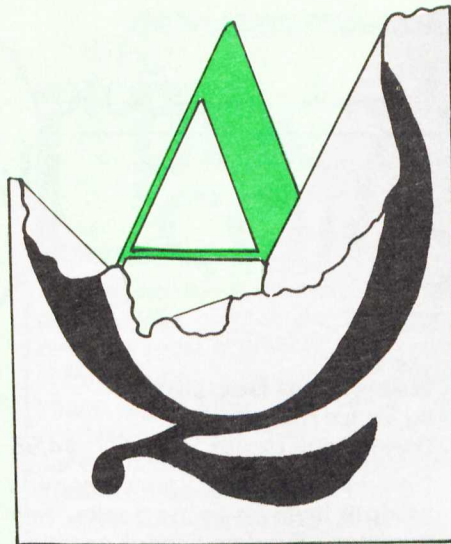
A professional critique observed, "We don't see how you can publish the magazine for this price." We feel good that we can have our own quality magazine at such a low price.

Our auxiliary is small. How can we get a nominating committee without using some of our officers?

The *Manual* only lists the officers with their duties. How the auxiliary elects those officers and which ones it chooses to have is left up to the local auxiliary.

The *Basic Principles of Parliamentary Law states*, "An elected nominating committee is preferred to an appointed one." Also, "The president should never be a member of the nominating committee." This infers that any other officer is free to serve.

Remember it only takes two to make a committee. Since your auxiliary is small, you may want



Your questions answered on:

Woman's Auxiliary

**by Mary Neal
WNAC President**

to just sit down and decide among yourselves who would be best suited for each office. Each of our talents is different, but when they are all put together in service, our auxiliary can be a blessing to each other and to the church.

Some of our younger women want to meet in the day time instead of at night. Would this be a separate auxiliary or a group?

Whether you are a group or a separate auxiliary would depend on your purpose. Some factors that encourage to a separate auxiliary are variations in age, travel distance, or the number of women involved (see page 19 of the *Manual*). In this case, a general director would co-

ordinate the activities of both the auxiliaries.

However, if you meet for a specific purpose, as prayer, Bible study, crafts, or another action project, you would be considered as one of the auxiliary groups (see pp. 21-23 of the *Manual*).

Some auxiliaries have two prayer groups meeting different days of the month at different times. This interests more women in auxiliary. If you have a prayer group, don't forget to call the Missions Hot Line 1-615-361-5005 for current mission prayer requests.

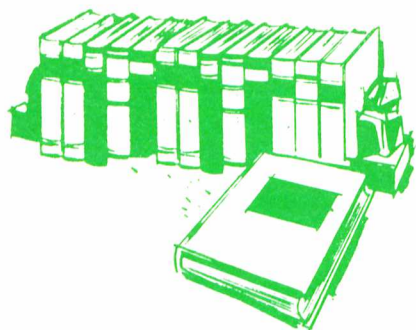
I'm a new treasurer. How often should I send the designated monies?

I would like to encourage all treasurers to send their offerings at least once a month. Local treasurers send their money to the district treasurer who will channel these funds on to the state treasurer. The state treasurer sends the money on to the national treasurer who in turn sends it on to its final destination.

If a treasurer somewhere along these channels holds up the funds, it may not reach its destination for several months, even a year!

Let me give you an example. A year ago a student missionary made her appeal to an auxiliary which responded generously. Within a month the treasurer sent the money to the district. By the time the district treasurer sent her check to the state, the missionary had already left for her assignment. When the check arrived in the hands of the state treasurer, she was accustomed to only sending an annual report, so held it until the next year. It finally arrived in the office of Foreign Missions a full year later.

Please send funds promptly. ◇



BOOK

Highlights

Genny Waddell

"Christmas is a-coming!" And no better gifts can be bought than books, books, BOOKS! I'm offering books which would be appropriate for various gift-giving situations.

Life and Light in Poetry

by Mae Fry

Ironwood Press, Inc.

Winona, Minnesota \$8.95

For years people have encouraged Mae Fry to publish some of her poetry. She finally has! Because of her love for her own Free Will Baptist women, this book of down-to-earth, inspirational poetry is ideal for a gift to anyone.

Moments of Decision

by Vance Havner

Baker Book House

\$4.95

Now with the Lord, Vance Havner's wisdom lives on in his books. Any minister, Sunday school teacher, or Bible student would be delighted to receive this book.

The Mommy Book

by Karen Hull

Zondervan Books

\$8.95

Karen Hull has collected "experiences of 49 mothers who are raising 115 children." Practical. Inspirational. Good church library gift!

If God Loves Me, Why Can't I Get My Locker Open

by Lorraine Peterson

Bethany House Publishers

\$4.95

Teen devotional book.

God Loves My

Kitchen Best

\$4.50

God Still Loves My

Kitchen Best

\$3.95

God Even Likes My

Pantry

\$3.95

by Mab Graff Hoover

Zondervan Books

Either of these perennial favorite devotional books would grace any woman's bookshelf.

A Woman God Has Used

Who can find a caring woman?
For her price is far above rubies.

The heart of her friends and
neighbors safely trusteth in her.

She will do them good and not
evil all the days of her life.

She seeketh needles, thread,
and yarn; and worketh willingly
with her hands.

She is quick to sit with the be-
reaved. She carrieth food to the
funeral home.

She riseth while it is night and
stayeth up 'til midnight every
night.

She considereth the field; pre-
pareth it, and with the fruit of her
hands she planteth a garden.

She worketh continuously and
diligently to retain the strength of
her youth.

She perceiveth that her
cooking is tasty, always eaten;
her stove is not turned off until
midnight.

She layeth her hands to the
crochet hook and her hands

holdeth the yarn.

She stretcheth out her hand to
the sick and bereaved, she
reacheth forth her hand to the
missionaries.

She is not afraid of the snow for
her household, just thunder,
lightning and spooks.

She maketh herself an afghan
covering, her clothing is modest
and appropriate.

Her sister is known in Cheat-
ham county, where she sitteth



among the lawyers and bankers.

She groweth fine vegetables,
cooketh some for church dinners,
then cans or freezes the rest for
the winter.

There is always plenty of food
on her table where many shall eat
and rejoice in time to come.

She taketh in singles who have
no families here and maketh
them to feel warm and welcome
in her home.

Her friends and family praise
her; her sister appreciates her.

She has had many daughters
"by adoption" and this is one who
admireth her greatly.

Favour is deceitful, and beauty
is vain; but a woman that feareth
the Lord, she shall be praised.

Give Mrs. Lois the best of your
wishes and let her works be
praised throughout Ashland City.

Written especially for Lois Davis
by Martha Hall
Mother's Day 1987

Christmas, Vol. 56
Augsburg Publishing House
Minneapolis, Minnesota
\$6.95

Are you an avid *Ideals* reader? Then you will devour this larger-than-*Ideals*-sized book. It is overwhelmingly beautiful. The book shares customs from other countries, including one of my favorites: the making of the blue Danish Christmas plate. Reserve a place on your coffee table for this book, in full view of everyone in and out of your home for years to come.

Love's Unfolding Dream

by Janette Oke

Bethany House Publishers \$5.95

This surprise sequel to *Love's Unending Legacy* is the long-awaited book 6 in the bestselling Love Comes Softly series.

You Know You're A Mother When . . .

by Melodie M. Davis \$4.95

This tongue-in-cheek book would be relished by a new mother or an expectant mother. Delightful reading!

Good Morning, Lord

by Don Mainprize

Baker Book House \$4.95

This book of brief meditations for teachers decides for you what to give your child's teacher.

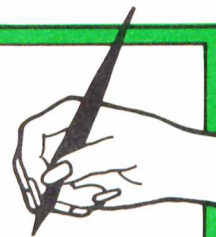
Religious and Inspirational Blank Books

Trinity Publishers

These books range in price from \$3.95 to \$6.98, according to the size and cover. Several are prayer journals. I think these are the most precious books available to give to new converts, newlyweds, new parents, children, or grandchildren. Actually, these books are designed for you to store precious memories in.

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

The POET'S CORNER



Lois Janes is a homesy type of person who creates poetry from even the most ordinary.

Mrs. Janes was widowed four years ago after 45 years of marriage. A year later a daughter succumbed to complications of diabetes. Her three other children live in the Berryville, Arkansas area where she has lived for the past 13 years. She was born in Radley, Kansas, raised in Kansas City, Missouri, and moved to Phoenix, Arizona when she was 16.

The Janes homestead is nestled in a cove at the base of Pension mountain. She sits on the porch and enjoys a panoramic view of God's handiwork, often enhanced by deer crossing the open pasture.

Mrs. Janes lists a slew of hobbies and interests. "I'm not as involved with horseback riding, swimming and baseball as I once was," she writes, "but I'm very active in bowling." She loves music best of all and plays a Baldwin microcomputer orchestra organ. "Sometimes I get so wrapped up in playing that I forget the time, even until numbitis and achematism tell me I've been at it too long!" she confesses. "There have been times I've found it to be one or two in the morning!"

Mrs. Janes loves to read and write stories, music and poetry.



Xmas

When Christmas time comes,
Near the end of the year,
And my heart is so full of
Love and good cheer;
It seems—at least once—
I come face to face
With a holiday word
That's an awful disgrace!

Someone put an X in Christmas;
Substituted it for His name—
Whoever puts an X in Christmas
Should hide his head in shame!

When Christmas time comes,
It's because Christ was born;
Do you think He will like it
If His name we scorn?
I'm sure you'll agree
That on this, His day,
We certainly shouldn't
Treat the word that way.

Let no one put an X in Christmas!
Let no one say it's all the same!
(Using Christ, instead of X,
in Christmas
Will glorify His name.

Eunice Edwards Loan Fund



5 year goal
\$50,000

Amount Received
\$4,069.64

Appointed to Pray

Be a Prayer Missionary

A Sunday Journey

by Diane Mitchell Thomas

The lace tablecloth made an elegant backdrop for the silver-trimmed white on white china. The linen napkins were starched to perfection and the candlelight reflected off the gleaming silver. It was a special Sunday at our house—a missionary family had come to dinner.

My family joined hands with our guests as the missionary prayed God's blessings on our meal and fellowship. And what a time it was! We were taken on the most exciting journey of our lives. Through the words of our missionaries we were at language school. We were given a first-hand account of the frustrations of learning a new language and culture, homesickness, and the

difficulties of a new land.

We laughed at the mistakes one makes when faced with cultural differences. He modeled his "purse," a very common practice for men in this faraway country. They taught us a foreign word and again we laughed at how it sounded with our southern accent.

We marveled at how the missionary girl seemed to take it all in stride. She would spend most of her teenage years in a remote land.

I pushed my plate aside as we continued our journey to the field God had chosen for them. Although thousands of miles away, on this Sunday afternoon we were there. The missionary wife described market day and

how some supplies must come from nearly 200 miles away.

We could almost see the unfinished house that awaited them at the compound where they would live. Their eyes danced as they anticipated their duties. We met the nationals and were introduced to their customs. We learned of the difficulties in reaching them for Christ.

This missionary family is so knowledgeable of their field, you'd think they must be veterans. Yet the remarkable thing is they have never been there. They have read widely and intensely questioned other missionaries. It seems this was the only means they had to satisfy the hunger they felt for this country to which God had called them.

They had learned the language. Most of their belongings waited for them in barrels in that unfinished house far away. The other missionaries begged for their arrival. The call of the field tugged at their hearts.

So why were they seated at my table on that Sunday afternoon and not at the table the missionary husband must build when he gets to that distant continent? They have sold their car and most of their possessions, even the heirloom bedroom suite that had been so dear to the missionary wife. They have given their all, so why then were they in our house, around our table?

The lack of money. Not enough of our people have taken the last words of Jesus seriously, "Go ye into all the world." Not enough of our people have a vision, and so the people continue to perish.

As the day came to its dusky close, I waved goodbye to the

next page

The Vera Family Puerto Rico



Miguel and Adela Vera, native Puerto Ricans, were both converted while Miguel served in the U.S. military in North Carolina. They gained experience in bus ministry and personal soul winning in Free Will Baptist churches in Virginia and North Carolina. In time, a deep burden developed to return to

their native Puerto Rico with the message of salvation through faith in Christ.

The Veras were approved as national home missionaries in the fall of 1981.

The Veras left for Puerto Rico where they began services in the San Juan area in November, 1982. From that small beginning, the work has grown to an average attendance of about 40, most of whom were saved



through the Veras' ministry. However, because of extremely high land and building costs, the congregation still worships in rented facilities. Pray that God will provide land and a building of their own.

Miguel and Adela are the parents of three school-age sons, Miguel, Jr., Ruben, and Josue.

Focus on the Field



area — 72,172 square miles
population — almost 3 million
capital — Montevideo
main religion — Roman Catholic
language — Spanish
literacy — 90%

Missionaries Serving in Uruguay

Paul and Amy Robinson, *Rivera*
Molly Barker, *Rivera*
Walter and Marcia Ellison, *Montevideo*
Rick and Linda Bowling, *Montevideo*

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.

November

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| 2 — Laura McFall (Brazil) | * 6 — Vergel Maness (NJ) |
| * 4 — Glenda Fulcher (AZ) | 9 — Debbie Griffin (Japan) |
| 14 — Marcia Ellison (Uruguay) | **10 — Pat Brunson (KS) |
| **16 — Delores Hester (MS) | *10 — Katy Minor (RI) |
| *18 — Sheila Haas (CT) | **10 — Irene Rollins (FL) |
| **20 — Gwyn Pugh (TN) | *11 — Fred Jones (Mexico) |
| **21 — John Hibbard (CA) | 14 — Lonnie Sparks (Spain) |
| *22 — Jim Nason (NH) | *14 — Rosa Lee Thomas (CO) |
| 27 — Bessie Richards (IC) | **16 — Tom Dooley (OH) |
| 28 — Bobby Poole (Brazil) | 18 — Tom Hughes (Brazil) |
| 28 — Mark Daniel (IC) | 19 — Molly Barker (Uruguay) |
| **28 — Albert Rollins (FL) | **20 — Rebecca Pugh (TN) |
| 30 — Dwain Crosby (Spain) | 22 — Tom McCullough (France) |
| | *22 — Pete Minor (RI) |
| | 24 — Louis Coscia (Brazil) |
| | **26 — Brenda Williams (CA) |
| | **27 — Patsy Gwartney (AZ) |
| | *29 — Melvin Haas (CT) |
| | **29 — Elmer Turnbough (FL) |
| | 30 — Arilla Wode (IC) |

December

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|---------------------------|
| 1 — Evelyn Teague (IC) |
| ** 1 — Rose Mertz (MO) |
| 3 — Pansy Murray (France) |

* Home missionary or church extension pioneer.
** Joint project worker or deputation missionary.

Please pray:

In addition to the requests listed in the Home Missions prayer folder, (page 17) please remember:

- ☐ The Leadership Conference which meets in Nashville, TN, November 30-December 1. All boards, including home missions, foreign missions, and WNAC, will be meeting. Pray for divine wisdom in all decisions.
- ☐ For the appointment of student summer missionaries. Pray that students will be matched with the field and missionary of His choosing.
- ☐ For the political unrest in Panama.
- ☐ The Bible Institute in Ivory Coast closes its first trimester with the second beginning in January. Pray for directors Mike Cousineau and Clint Morgan and the ten students.
- ☐ Tommy and Nancy Hughes return to Brazil and the Bryans and Pinkertons to Ivory Coast. Pray for a smooth adjustment.

missionary family and watched until they disappeared from sight. Back in the kitchen as I began clearing the remains of my sumptuous feast, I realized how few of our people are co-laborers. I reached for the crumpled napkin the missionary girl had used, buried my face into it and cried. ♦



Missionary Hot Line

615-361-5005

Auxiliary Supplies

Woman's Auxiliary Manual.

Picirilli & Wisheart—The official guide book for organizing and operating a local Woman's Auxiliary. 32pp \$1.00

Time For Everything.

Mary Ruth Wisheart—A Leader's Guide to the auxiliary manual. Makes learning enjoyable in a classroom atmosphere. Includes twelve 8½ x 11 visuals which may be used as posters, transparency masters, or as a flip chart. 12 visuals with 29 page guide \$1.50

Associational Manual.

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

Enlistment Challenge.

Cleo Pursell—Basic helps to enlist and keep every woman involved in a Woman's Auxiliary. 75¢

Enlistment Leaflet.

This two-color leaflet briefly states the aims and purposes of the Woman's Auxiliary. 12/75¢

Invitation Cards.

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

Secretary's Record and Report Book—Space for membership roll and auxiliary minutes. Includes annual report blank in duplicate. \$1.00
Secretary's annual report blanks 12/\$1.00

Treasurer's Record and Report Book—Provides space to record receipts and disbursements for a year. Includes annual report blank in duplicate. \$1.00
Treasurer's annual report blanks 12/\$1.00

Officer's Plan Book—Each officer needs one as plans are charted in the officer's planning meeting. 35¢

Membership Cards—These billfold-size cards identify members of a Woman's Auxiliary. 12/70¢

The President and Vice-President's Guide (New) 20pp/\$1.00

The Mission Prayer Chairman's Guide (New) 20pp/\$1.00

The Mission Action Chairman's Guide (New) 20pp/\$1.00

The Mission Study Chairman's Guide (New) 20pp/\$1.00

The Secretary-Treasurer's Guide 24-28pp/75¢
Field Worker's Packet—Gives ideas on organizing and promoting auxiliary work in the district and state. 75¢



From Our Missionaries

During our stay in Nashville we faced a difficult dilemma . . . having packed away all our possessions in one state and then setting up housekeeping in another. But God provided for our needs through the missionary provision closet. God is ministering to missionary families through the women of our denomination.

The Dwain Crosbys, Japan

This has been the toughest term yet for us: the hectic schedule of a city of more than 2 million people, the daily pressure of deadlines to meet, money to raise and of solving the problems that crop up when 22 people of six nationalities work together, coupled with sickness and attacks on our ministry from former friends, have made these some of the most difficult years of our ministry. And we haven't always come through smiling . . . sometimes it was in tears.

The Robert Bryans, Ivory Coast

More Co-Laborer Reaction

We are enjoying our *Co-Laborer* so very much. There is so much to read and learn other than just our lessons.

Juanita McCleren, Mt. Vernon, IL

Our ladies can hardly wait for each new magazine as we are really excited about the new format.

Jewel K. Roark, Kansas City, KS

Why did you change the
CO-LABORER book,
Just to try to give it a new look?
It's big and clumsy and don't fit
on a shelf,
It slips out of my hands all by itself.
It's hard to carry it, with Bible
and purse,
It slips out of hand to land on
the earth;
You sure didn't improve the
CO-LABORER book,
You sure didn't improve *any*, its look.

Order from: WNAC, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tn 37202
Add 35¢ for the first dollar and 20¢ for each additional dollar. NC residents add 5% sales tax.



Outgoing WNAC Officers



New WNAC Officers

I wish you would put it back, as before;
We in our Auxiliary would enjoy it
more.
Please change it back to its former
look,
For we all would welcome back the
little book.

Fay Sattler, Cocoa, Florida

Response

Way back in the year of '44
Women with a dream got on the floor,
Passing a resolution that WNAC
Publish a woman's magazine monthly.
The executive committee approved the
scheme,
But because of war, voted to delay the
dream.
The delay continued until the year
of '61.
When a quarterly magazine was begun.
The Convention again in the year of '85
Caused the idea of a monthly to revive,
Proposing a newsletter, desiring very
much
That Free Will Baptist women keep in
closer touch.
Considering the expense of a monthly
newsletter,
The executive committee thought it
would be better
To combine in one several
publications,
Expand the CO-LABORER and make
some alterations.
Now in the CO-LABORER magazine
you will see
Helps for officers, formerly
Leader's Packet, mailed separately;
Supplies Leaflet, convenient as can be,
Once a catalog, mailed annually;
The Minister's Wife column regularly,
Once a newsletter mailed quarterly.
The Emphasis and Enlistment
programs, you see,
Can also be included conveniently.
By eliminating five separate printings
and mailings,
Although the bimonthly CO-LABORER
may have failings,
We've spared some expense and
moved closer, actually,
To that dream of a monthly Free Will
Baptist woman's magazine.
I hope you are not offended by my
verse,
Although I admit it's considerably
worse
Than most any I can call to mind,
I wanted to answer you in kind.

Words For Women

Mary R. Wisehart



Unique You

Snow, falling softly, silently, and fast. And not a single flake alike, so they tell us. Of course no one has ever examined all the snowflakes to see if two alike could be found.

Neither has anyone ever been able to observe all the human beings of all the ages to see if any two are exactly alike. But they tell us that the chances of any two people ever being born alike are practically nil.

No. There's no one exactly like you. You are unique. No one like you ever lived in the past, and no one exactly like you lives today and no one will live in the future. A product of your heredity, your environment and the spirit of life God breathed into you, you are one of a kind. A rare thing indeed.

You are not lost in the billions of creatures who lived since the beginning of time. You are personally known to God.

Notice some of the expressions He uses about His attention to you.

Zechariah 2:8: "He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye."

John 10:3: "He calleth his own sheep by name."

Luke 12:7: "Ye are of more value than many sparrows."

Isaiah 43:1: "Fear not: for I have . . . called thee by thy name; thou art mine."

He knows you in the uniqueness of your personality and to the depths of your personhood.

One day when you are finally redeemed and in the showcase of God's jewels, He will give to you the white stone with the new name that only you and He know (Rev. 2:17).

Snowflakes still fall. Our God is capable of enjoying the delicate beauty of each one. And He is aware of you as an individual, one of a kind and precious in His sight.

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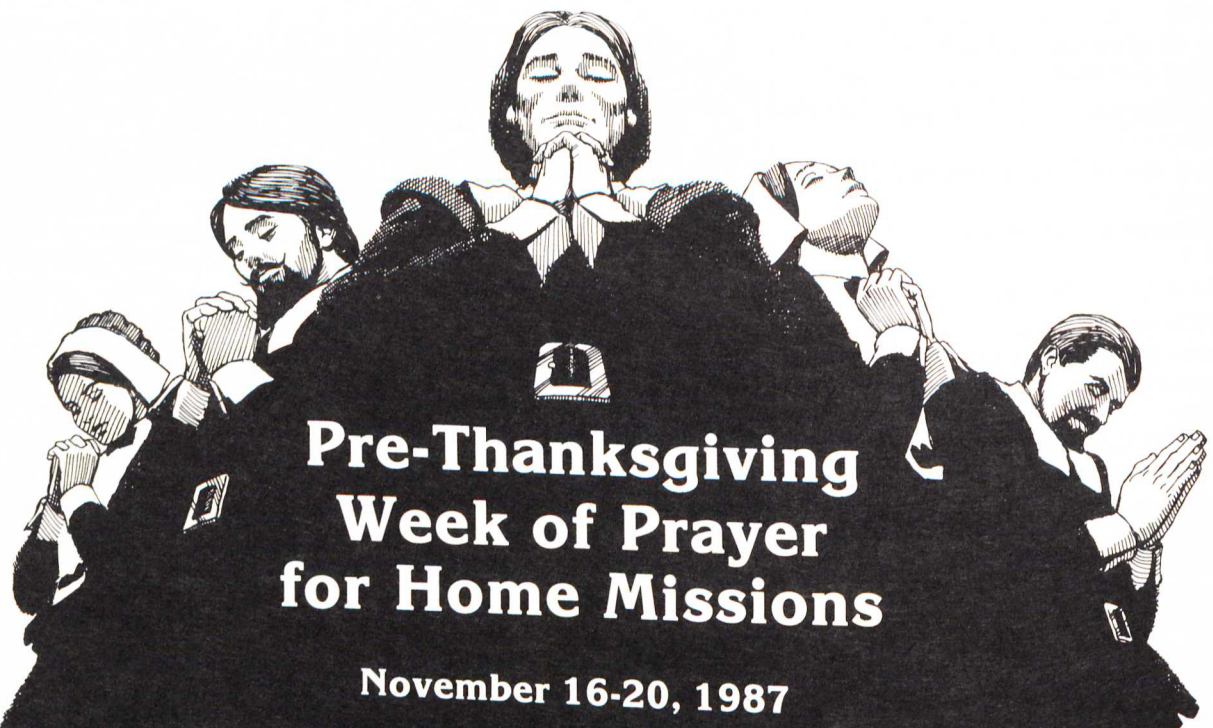
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Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer for Home Missions

November 16-20, 1987

PLAN EARLY! Order necessary Home Missions materials, schedule missionary speakers, publicize, include dates and activities of the Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer on your church calendar, and involve the entire church in as many of the Week of Prayer activities as possible.

ORDER MATERIALS! Home Missions materials are available to help you sponsor an effective Week of Prayer: maps, prayer cards, directories, bulletin inserts, Home Missions Information Booklets, prayer booklets, quarter saver folders, and "30 pieces of silver" coin bags. All are free from: National Home Missions Department, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

SET A GOAL FOR YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERING TO HOME MISSIONS. Contact the Home Missions department for a list of deficit missionary accounts. Send offerings through the WNAC channels designated for Home Missions.