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"Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of thine heart" (Ps. 37:4).

Oh, he does! He really does.

When we left Africa some nine years ago, we left a part of us out there, not to mention our daughter, son-in-law and four grandchildren! Often a hunger gnawed within us to return to our adopted land.

Then, wonder of wonders, my husband was invited to come out and teach Pauline Epistles at the Ivory Coast Bible Institute during its fall term. He has taught this course at our own Bible College since our return. It didn't take a great deal of praying for me to decide this was exactly what God wanted us to do. My husband was a bit more cautious, so while he prayed, I packed.

Our "bosses" (FWBBC and WNAC) gave their blessing and finally the mission board approved it during their spring session. Although we won't leave until September, I feel we are on our way.

I'm humbled to be reminded that for the past 38 years we have been dependent on Free Will Baptists for our livelihood. First (and again later) at Free Will Baptist Bible College, then in Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions; and even now WNAC, our Free Will Baptist women are paying my salary.

Some of you have prayed for me all your lives. Would you do it again? Pray for good health, ability in the language, effectiveness in witnessing, and an overall contribution to the strengthening of the church in Ivory Coast.

CO-LABORER is a missionary publication. Pray that it will carry a deeper missionary thrust because of this brief sojourn among some of God's other sheep that He desires be brought into His fold.

Lorene Miley

The Sick and Elderly

By Maizie Sevits

The Bible tells us to be thankful in all things. Could that mean even when your husband is in the hospital following an emergency gallbladder operation? Yes it can.

While visiting my hubby each day, I visited with his critically ill roommate and his wife. After witnessing to them about asking Jesus into their hearts, they both said they were ready. Just as they prepared to pray the sinner's prayer, an emergency arose to divert their attention.

"Oh my," I thought. "Now they are distracted and Satan will harden their hearts." But no, when all was quiet again, they both received Christ. His obituary appeared in the newspaper a few months later.

One day I visited the room of a neighbor from my home town whom I figured to be a Christian because I had seen him in church as a child. He was having difficulties, so I asked if I could say a prayer for him. He nodded. As I prayed, I thanked God that He would cleanse our hearts and forgive our sins and prepare us for heaven. Suddenly he interrupted

my praying with, "Maizie, I've never done that."

So I helped him to receive Christ into his heart. He didn't live long either.

As I visited an older woman patient down the hall, she, too, received Christ—much to the chagrin of her Jehovah's Witness roommate. She, too, passed away soon afterward.

When my husband improved, I walked across the street to the nursing home to visit an old neighbor whose mind comes and goes. While there, I talked to him about asking Jesus into his heart. Yes, he would. And his mind remained clear as he prayed. I'm sure the Lord heard his prayer. He, too, has now passed away.

You see, having a sick hubby in the hospital to visit was a blessing. Not only to me, but to the ones who are now gathered around the throne of God.

Once our little grandson was hospitalized from dehydration following intestinal flu. Following my visit to him, I visited another neighbor from my hometown. As I presented the plan of salvation, she seemed to want to respond, but hesitated. She appeared to be getting quite nervous, so when another guest came to visit, I left.

The next day I called on her again, and before I could say a word, she began, "Maizie, I want to do what you said. My husband always said that he intended to." (He had died of a heart attack.) So she prayed. She went back to the nursing home, and on subsequent visits with her, she would remark about how glad she was to be saved. She was buried two weeks ago—a one-year old babe in Christ.

Once I got word that a distant cousin was on the verge of death. I knew he had lived a hard life, so I went to witness to him. He also made a profession and by morning he had gone to be with the Lord.

As I've been in the hospital at various times as a patient, I've had the opportunity to encourage other ill people to look to the Lord. Even if we are hospitalized, or have ill relatives there, or just go to visit, we can lead people to the Lord if we are faithful in witnessing to His saving power. Thus we can be thankful even in times of illness.

What better time to deal with someone than when he is ill or concerned about his soul? The sick and elderly—they, too, we must bring. ♦



Dear Missionary

Aim: To involve more Auxiliary women in writing letters to our missionaries.

Scripture: 1 Cor. 3:8-11

Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us"

CHARACTERS:

Reader #1 — An Auxiliary member trying to write a letter to a missionary.

Reader #2 — A missionary writing to her friend back home.
Leader

Introduction

READER #1: "Dear Missionary." Well, that's all I can think of to say. Whatever does one write about to a missionary? I certainly don't want to sound too spiritual, like I'm preaching to her. And she certainly wouldn't be interested in my boring day-to-day business. I just don't know anything to write about that would interest her. Besides, she's probably too busy to read a plain old letter from just me.

LEADER: We are too busy. We don't know what to say. We don't think our letters would mean much. Are those legitimate excuses for not writing missionaries?



Most missionaries have excellent mail service. In other places, the mail goes through although it may be censored. Some mail is only delivered three or four times annually. Others receive mail once a week.

Letters are vital to a missionary's healthy outlook. He's separated from home, loved ones, friends, neighbors, church, town and country. Telephones, if at all, are unreliable or expensive. Magazines are scarce. Radios broadcast in the foreign language.

Should we write to our missionaries? Could we? Let's look into some reasons why we should, along with some joys and rewards that come from our missionary letters.

Encouraging Letters

READER #2: (*Reading from one letter*) Thank you for your recent letters, cards, prayers and gifts. They have all been an encouragement during this time.

(*Picking up another letter*) What a thrill to get our account sheet from the mission board and note your generous gift. Thank you most of all for the love and prayers that prompted it.

(*or*) This was the best birthday I ever had. It must have been because of all the cards you sent.

LEADER: Christians are admonished to love and encourage each other (Heb. 13:1). Some are better encouragers than others, yet it is the duty of every Christian to support and build up her sisters in Christ. What better way to do this

than to write our missionaries? Birthday cards are a real pick-me-up to a missionary laboring far away from home and wondering if anyone back home still cares. Remember that missionaries like humorous, contemporary cards as well as those "God bless you in His service."

Whatever problems Auxiliary women experience at home are basically the same problems a missionary might face, plus some. Discouragement is a major issue that plagues missionaries. If their account dips too far in the red they are threatened to be recalled home to raise their support. Their children get sick, too. They worry about relatives back home. Problems loom on every hand—discipline problems in the church, political unrest in the government, misunderstandings among fellow missionaries.

P.S. The missionary will often encourage you right back with her words and letters, too. But even if she doesn't, you keep right on writing. Let's face it, some missionaries are not letter-writers. Some may not make it a priority on their busy schedule. But don't be discouraged. You may have lifted a load without being aware of it.

Sharing Letters

READER #2: I was glad to learn that a new Auxiliary had come into your district. I hope you have a good retreat, too. Those are always mountain-top experiences in a woman's spiritual life. Matter of fact, we're planning one for our own women here, too.

LEADER: The Bible admonishes Christians to share their burdens and concerns with one another in order to lighten the load (Gal. 6:2). It is easy to share with a sister at church each Sunday, but sharing in a letter helps the missionary feel that she, too, can share with someone.

Often the missionary has only her immediate family, or roommate, with whom to discuss her problems, joys and frustrations. Even though separated by distance, a closeness can develop in sharing.

When the missionary writes, "Our well went dry about a month ago . . . we have to conserve every way

we can," we understand a little of what she is going through. We voice our thanks to God for our own abundance of water and pray for our dear missionary family.

When we see the smiling faces on the "Joyeux Noel" Christmas card, we understand more about the people of whom the missionary speaks. Pictures bring their country to us, and our pictures give them a taste of home. Send pictures of yourself, your family, your outings and church affairs. Send cartoons or jokes, programs of special events, a choice poem, puzzle, riddle or word game. There is joy in sharing.

Learning Letters

READER #2: (*reading*) While you are having your cold winter temperatures, the dry season is upon us. The rainy season seems to bring on malaria attacks, but the dry season affects our sinuses. Through it all, we are learning to adjust.

LEADER: Writing to a missionary can be a learning experience. It is sad to learn of a country so steeped in idol worship and people so lost in the darkness of formal religion. We wince at the high prices charged for what we would consider everyday items. Or the total lack of some things we consider basic.

Many facts learned from missionary letters could be gleaned from a textbook, but hearing it first-hand from a missionary makes it so relevant that we aren't apt to forget it so soon.

It's easy to overlook the favorite American holidays when living on foreign soil. The missionary likes to be reminded that someone remembers on July 4, Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving, as well as other special days.

An added benefit of writing to missionaries is that our own children soak up valuable information that reinforces what they are learning in geography at school. They learn where our mission fields are in relation to where we live, their customs, religions, languages, native animals and fruits, time zone, methods of travel, climate, and political background.

Remember Hebrews 13:16.

Praying Letters

READER #2: Pray that God will open hearts to the gospel in spite of Satan's effort to tear down.

Pray on! I hope to start preaching soon in the tribal language. Pray for the ability to communicate.

Pray for strength and healing.

LEADER: Auxiliary women should be praying women (Phil. 4:6), as well as missions-minded women. The most asked-for item on any missionary's agenda is "Prayer." (The second is "Mail.") Don't disappoint him.

READER #2: We constantly struggle to maintain good quality family time.

Language study seems to be slow these days.

We've been without power for over two months now.

LEADER: What to pray for is never a problem. Letters from our missionaries provide an immediate hot line to God.

The missionary, too, is genuinely concerned about her sister back home. Your requests for prayer are important to her. Writing personal letters to a missionary and receiving her personal reply is one way of sharing prayer requests. We become familiar with the specific needs of a missionary and his field in order to lift them up to the All-Sufficient One.

Challenging Letters

READER #2: Our furlough is coming up soon. We really need some help here on the field. Who will take our place?

LEADER: We are challenged to pray more when we read missionary letters. As the Word of God challenges us in many areas (Heb. 10:24, for example), so missionary letters challenge our thinking in other areas. Can we personally go as missionaries? Can we pray and encourage someone from our local church to be a missionary? Can we send someone with our money?

Letter-writing is an activity which makes us dynamic participants in the missionary process. It brings to life textbook information. It con-

vinces us that being a missionary is a real possibility, if not for us, perhaps for our children and grandchildren. Are we willing to let them go? For His sake?

READER #2: Thank you for caring and for taking the time to express it.

LEADER: Sending cards on a missionary's special day is a good way to begin a relationship with a missionary sister. Personal notes take a little more time, but they help the missionary to know that someone does care enough to share and to pray.

Check through the directory and choose a missionary to whom you can relate—same age, name, birthplace, anniversary, children, or something in common. Then go to work to establish a relationship. Write as though you were having a face-to-face encounter with a personal friend, which, in fact, you are.

READER #1: Dear Missionary. Well, I guess this won't be so hard after all. I'll just tell her who I am and about some of my interests. You know, maybe she likes crossword puzzles, too! And she'd probably be interested in that singing group that came to our church last week. I wonder what kind of music the people listen to over there? I'll just ask her! Oh, please God, show her your love through me.

READER #2: We received your letter in the last mail and it was such a blessing. We especially appreciated your personal touch. May God bless you for this you have done in His name. ◇



Who's Under The Mask?



Aim: To show that God does not want us hiding under masks. He takes us just as we are and conforms us to the image of His Son.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:7

Hymn: "Search Me, O God"

Introduction

As Halloween approaches, stores are full of costumes. Your child can choose to become anything he wants to be and even his closest friend would not recognize him. But under the mask, he's still who he is.

There's something about the masks at Halloween that remind us of many Christians. They, too, wear masks. When I put on this mask (*cover your face with a full mask*) you can't tell whether I'm happy or sad, smiling or frowning.

Even though I take off the mask (*remove it*) I'm still wearing a mask. But it's one I can't take off because it's attached to my face. "Oh, but I recognize you," you may say. You recognize my face, but you can't tell how I really feel inside or the cares or concerns that I brought with me to Auxiliary. And Christians, especially, become professionals in masking their true feelings. Let's look at some of these masks we are inclined to put on.

The Mask of Inferiority

(Romans 8:10, 11)

In Paul's epistles, he reveals the mystery of "Christ in you the hope of glory." Yet many Christians seem oblivious to this indwelling presence and go around with an inferiority complex:

You're not good enough.

You can't manage money.

You're a nagging wife.

You're a poor mother.

You have an ugly personality.

You're ugly all over.

You can't do anything.

Face it, girl! You don't measure up.

One Christian of 17 years testifies this was exactly her experience. She even prayed to die. But God revealed he wasn't going to let her die; He was going to teach her to live—as she surrendered her stubborn will to Him.

God knew you before you were born. He conceived you. You are special to Him. Don't let Satan deceive you into believing you are inferior. Lift your head up high, rejoice! You're a child of the King!

The Mask of Fear (Isa. 41:10)

Many women wear the mask of fear even though they call themselves believers. They fear for their marriage, their children, job, their image. They live in bondage of fear lest someone discover the "real-me" and expose them for the fake they are. Satan has them deceived.

Fear has no place in the Christian's experience. "God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sound mind" (2 Tim. 1:7).

One driven by fear can no longer think clearly. Satan knows fear can produce emotional, physical and mental illness. That is why he tries so hard to make us fear. He's out to destroy our bodies, our minds and our personalities.

Perfect love casts out fear.

Mask of Self-Righteousness

(1 Sam. 16:7)

Jesus renounced the religious leaders of His day. They wore beautiful robes as they performed their special duties and instructed the people how to worship. They were very religious but hid behind a mask of self-righteousness. Jesus called them "whited sepulchres," beautiful to look at but inside full of bones.

One of these was Nicodemus. Jesus saw behind his mask of religious piety and said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). He also sees into our inner life and knows us better than we know ourselves.

All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. He wants to remove the mask and make us whole.

Put on the Costume of Love

(John 15:12, 17)

When we don the costume of love, we are able to love unconditionally. Love covers every relationship—with God, family members, church family, or employees/employers. We must allow God to remove the masks and develop us into the loving Christian He desires us to be (1 Pet. 4:8).

We begin by accepting others as they are. We cannot fit them into our mold. In our Auxiliary, we have some in all stages of maturity. Some are baby Christians. They're learning to walk and talk like a Christian. Help take care of them.

Some are adolescents. In this "me" stage, the whole world must revolve around them. Be patient and kind.

By Barbara Otwell

Some are in the teen-age years of their spiritual maturity. They want to rebel against everything. Nothing is right and they don't hesitate to let you know it. Be an example.

Some are in the "yuppie" age, controlled by materialism. Pray for them.

Some have reached middle-age. They've matured enough so problems that once gave them headaches are now insignificant. Help them find their place in God's family.

Thank God for the spiritual giants in our Auxiliaries. Value their experience and profit from them.

More importantly, love them all—not for *what* they are but for *who* they are—God's children and our brothers and sisters in His family.

Conclusion

There is a trick or treat as a Christian. Either we live for God and receive the treat of heaven or we allow Satan to deceive us with his tricks and end up in hell. Which will it be—trick or treat?

Our Masks

Sometimes Christians put on a mask,
We each have at least one we wear;
But most of us have a whole wardrobe,
We wear them most everywhere.
There's a mask to hide fear and anger,
And one for anxiety and pride;
Oh yes, there's one for inferiority,
Our imperfections we try and hide.
Our masks cover our indifference;
So no one can detect the Real-Me.
But God knows because He created us,
All the deceitfulness, He can see.
Throw away the masks that Satan gives
Be the Real-You . . . that God intends;
There'll be no need then for hiding
For your scarred, ugly life,
He'll mend.

— Barbara Otwell

The POET'S CORNER



Two-hundred and forty-eight poems were entered in the 1987-88 creative arts contest. In the last issue, CO-LABORER featured the

four winning entries. Here are some that made it to the top 10. Watch for others in the next issue.

Stumblingblock

Who ME?
Couldn't happen.
Never!
Am I so sure,
Maybe . . .
But How?
By . . .
Criticizing a sister?
Belittling a brother?
Failing to encourage?
Spreading gossip?
Fearing witnessing?
Stumblingblock?
Who me?

Yes, ME!
As I,
Find fault with
the sermon
And Preacher,
State objections
to new programs,
Question the sincerity
of a neighbor
Or friend,
Doubt the guidance
of the Master.
Stumblingblock?
Even me.

But am I alone?
Surely, I am
For no one else
Could be entrapped
by the web
Of self-righteousness.
Couldn't happen.
Never!
Or could it?
Perhaps!
Only you know.
Will it?

— Vicki Hidde
Grubbs, AR

Lord Over All

I struggled neath a heavy load
With the dawning of each day;
I couldn't seem to understand
The things that came my way.
I prayed for strength and courage
And prayed for grace to know
Just what was happening to me,
Why my head was hanging low.
The devil came to tempt me
With things I'd never dreamed;
The lies were told to hurt me;
It was all too much, it seemed.
I couldn't feel Your love, Lord,
I must be standing alone;
Where are You in all of this?
My heart has lost its song.
Amidst this turmoil came a thought—
Who is strongest of them all—
Lord Jesus or the devil?
On whose name do you call?
I knew right then the devil had
Me where he wanted me to be—
Cast down, defeated, doubting, too,
And unable the right way to see.
So I said, "Get behind me, devil,
I'll not let you with me abide;
I've served the Lord so long now,
He's always been by my side.
And He's blessed and always loved
me
And He sees me through every-
day."
His sweet peace filled my being,
And we'll walk side by side all
the way.

— Effie Gene Stapleton
Danville, AR

BIBLE STUDY

by Mildred Daniel

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

NOTE: Lessons 1-6 dealt with the first 4 chapters of I Peter. Peter's main reason for writing this epistle was to encourage scattered believers who, about 36 years after Jesus' resurrection, were suffering dispersion and persecution. This final chapter adds practical insights and guidelines which are still applicable to the church today. Satan's tactics have been modernized, but he still seeks to destroy the effectiveness of the believer as well as preventing others from making a commitment to Christ.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: Assign sections individually, or have members complete this study at home, with one person conducting a discussion time (see suggested discussion questions at the close).

CHURCH LEADERSHIP/RESPONSIBILITY (5:1-5)

5:1—If Peter was the "first pope," he never knew it. Though one of Jesus' 12 disciples who had seen the risen Lord and witnessed His ascension, Peter refers to himself as "also an _____." Times of trial bring special responsibilities to church leaders. An elder (or bishop) was ordained to exercise spiritual oversight over the local flock.

5:2—The duties of an elder are: (1) In a serving attitude, "_____ the flock of God." Note that the "flock" belongs to God rather than the under-shepherd or pastor, thereby increasing the responsibility. (2) The elder is to take "the _____", and do it _____, not by constraint (duty), but with a _____ mind (willingly serving beyond the call of duty and not merely as a paid employee, though the servant is worthy of his hire.)

5:3—Church leaders are cautioned: (1) Not to act as "_____ (dictators) over God's heritage. (2) They are to be _____ to the flock. Sheep must be led and cannot be driven as cattle.

5:4—A reward is promised, "when the Chief _____ shall appear." This reward is not temporal, but "_____ and fadeth not away."

5:5—Younger "elders" are to have a submissive (respectful) spirit towards older "elders." This spirit will be easy to get along with, rather than displaying an offensive air of superiority or dictatorship. This warning now branches out to include "_____ of you, being submissive (subject) one to another and "_____ with humility." For, "God _____ (is against) the proud and giveth _____ to the _____."

HOW TO EMERGE A WINNER (5:6-9)

5:6—"_____ yourselves" is a direct command. Dr. Ironside says "Pride is a barrier to all spiritual progress." Humbling ourselves "under the _____ hand of God" means we accept with grace whatever He sends. "In _____ time" (His timing), He

will _____ you (lift you up).

5:7—Write this verse slowly and carefully: _____

_____. Does He really mean it? Can He actually cure our "anxiety attacks?" "Casting" is a continual-action word rather than a one-time event. The strain of work and worry are too heavy to bear. F. B. Meyer says that allowing our cares to turn into complaints reflects on the care and keeping of our Father, and that we are either "libels" (detracting) or Bibles (attracting) concerning the grace of God.

He further states that "fret, worry, anxiety, anticipating the worst, crossing bridges before we reach them, dwelling on fears of the future, etc." should be, like sins, confessed and handed over daily to Jesus, one by one, as they occur.

5:8—All Christians have a common "_____ who is the _____". He is as dangerous as a "_____ continually on the prowl, seeking to "_____ or do whatever damage possible to the flock. Peter may have here called to mind the time he let down his guard, denying his Lord, by using this graphic figure of speech. Satan is given a clear path if we become self-sufficient, self-centered, critical, bitter, proud, discouraged or gloomy.

5:9—"Resist _____ (daily and actively) in the _____." Other believers have faced similar situations, overcoming through faith.

LISTEN TO THE CALL (5:10, 11)

5:10—"God . . . hath _____ us unto His _____ glory." This greatest of all honors is bestowed "after ye have _____ awhile." These times, though never enjoyable, are limited and produce four notable Christian qualities:

(1) "Perfecting us" puts us in good spiritual shape and condition.

(2) "Stablishing us" makes us stable, firmly anchored to the Rock.

(3) "Strengthening us" makes us strong-hearted, able to resist sinful lures.

(4) "Settling us" weans us from self-sufficiency to a dependence on Him.

5:11—All "_____ (praise or credit for accomplishments) belongs to Him.

AND IN CONCLUSION (12-14)

5:12-14—Peter, sending this letter from Babylon by Silvanus (Silas) expresses sincere Christian love and greetings, both from him and from Marcus (Mark) his "son in the faith." His final words to these "elect" believers are "_____ be with you all." God's flock should reflect peace, joy and excitement, rather than worry, apathy and boredom. One will draw like a magnet while the other leaves a bad taste and is spiritually terminal.

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Leave it to Us



One day all the Auxiliary leaves decided to have a work day at the church. What fun it was as they began to make their plans.

"Will the meeting please come to order?" asked PALM LEAF, as she pounded the gavel for order. She was elected chairman of the work committee because the palm leaf is a symbol of authority and someone needed to be in authority to get the leaves organized. "Let's open our meeting asking God's blessings," said PALM LEAF as she offered thanks with palms together and committed all to the One who holds everything in the "palm of His hand." Now they were ready for business.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by HOLLY LEAF, who was elected in December to be secretary for the new year.

Under "old business" PALM LEAF asked for reports. WEEPING WILLOW stood up and announced that her committee had extended their sympathy to a family that had lost a loved one and had served the funeral dinner.

There was much new business to take care of for the work day, so PALM LEAF asked for volunteers. "Which committee will help move the piano and all the heavy furniture?"

"Leave it to us," said OAK LEAF. "The oak is strong, you know, so we're well equipped for that."

"Next, we'll need someone to head the committee for washing windows, dishes, and cleaning the cupboards," said PALM LEAF.

"Leave it to us," said SPRUCE LEAF. "My committee just loves to 'spruce up' the church."

"Then the furniture needs polishing," announced PALM LEAF. "Who will polish it?"

"Leave that to us," said MAPLE LEAF, "since most of the furniture is made of maple wood."

"Then who will take care of the grounds, such as planting new bulbs, so that our church grounds will look colorful and beautiful?" asked PALM LEAF.

"You can leave that to us," said TULIP LEAF. "I think tulips around the base of our tulip tree would really look pretty."

Next, PALM LEAF wanted volunteers to make coffee and tea for the lunch break during work day. "Leave that to us," said SASSAFRAS LEAF, as she volunteered her committee for refreshments, working along with HICKORY LEAF who said that nuts would be a nice "pick me up" to have around that day when they'd need lots of energy to do their work.

The last item to clean was the carpet. "Leave that to my committee," said PINE NEEDLE. "We know how to cover the forest floor, so I guess we'd know best how to work with the thick carpet of the church."

So the meeting was adjourned, with each leaf doing what he could do best and cooperating with all the other leaves in the church for the good of every one. Isn't that just what Jesus wants us to be like? When He wants a job done, can He count on you to say, "Leave it to me?"

— Adapted from *Sacred Literature Ministries*

Suggestion for Presentation. Prepare 10 flash cards representing the leaves mentioned. The cards could be displayed as the story is given. Or ten women could each hold a card and flash hers as it is mentioned in the story.

A Shepherd and His Flock

By Maizie Sevits

As we install our new officers this year, we will be thinking about a shepherd caring for his sheep. Certainly Jesus Christ is the great shepherd of the flock, but He uses undershepherds. _____, you have been chosen as president, the undershepherd of the Auxiliary flock for this term. As you have oversight of the flock, may you tenderly watch over us and lead us in the right paths of devotion to our Lord. May you sense the accountability as does the shepherd who tends his flock. May you ever lead us onward and upward. *(Give her the robe and headgear; or put the shepherd on the flannelboard.)*

Just as the shepherd's staff helps care for the flock, the vice-president is represented by this staff. _____, you will help the president. The staff is useful in keeping the sheep in line or bringing back the straying. May you bring in new members and help our president keep us on the right paths of service. *(Give her the staff or place on the board.)*

A shepherd uses a rod to count noses as they jump over it. Since the secretary keeps records and a tally of those present, this rod will represent this part of the duties of the secretary-treasurer. A pouch contains many useful things a shepherd needs, as stones for his sling, a knife, his lunch, a whistle, etc. _____, may your pouch or money bag be fuller than ever this year as you inspire us to give of our means in regular and special offerings. *(Give her the pouch and rod.)*

PREPARATION: You will need a robe and headdress for the shepherd, a staff, rod, pouch, horn of anointing oil, sling, bow and arrow, silhouettes of two dogs, a bear, lion and several sheep. Also pictures of sheep feeding in a green pasture and another drinking by a quiet stream.

Flannelgraph figures may be used instead and the scene set up as the officers are installed.

SCRIPTURE: 23rd Psalm

The incoming officers should be on the platform or the front seat. They will come forward as called.

The shepherd faithfully leads the sheep along quiet streams for restorative drink and rest. _____, as mission prayer chairman, you are challenged to lead us beside still waters in prayer. May you lead us to a greater depth of prayer as we see the needs of the world, near and far. As we pray, may the anointing oil of His spirit restore us as we

are wounded in spirit. *(Give her the picture of the quiet stream and anointing oil; or add this to the flannelgraph scene.)*

Just as the sheep must have green pastures to sustain and strengthen them for the climb up and down the mountains, so Auxiliary women need stimulating studies which are food for the soul. _____, as mission study chairman, may you lead us in both Bible studies and mission studies. Give us a desire to partake of good food lest we be satisfied with reading only weeds or junk food. *(Give the picture of green pastures.)*

As the shepherd's sling and bow and arrows protect the sheep from bears and lions, may you _____, as missions action chairman, help us fight the bear of apathy and the lions of no dedication and carelessness. May you spur us into action to provide the material and spiritual needs of our missionaries. May you help us to use the weapons of prayer and Bible study to overcome the attacks of the enemies who would destroy our zeal. *(Give her the sling, bow and arrow, bear and lion.)*

(Turning to the women) These officers are charged with the responsibility of guarding the flock. Each of you is part of the flock. Let us follow our new officers to a satisfying year in our Lord's sheepfold. *(Give each one a sheep.)*

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us" or "The Lord is My Shepherd"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION





An Election Caucus

By Cindy Spears

(Read Psalm 32:8) Welcome to our election caucus. We're here to support our candidate. Now he has chosen certain ones of us to oversee this campaign. Our goal is to let everyone know what He stands for and what He has to offer. Let's unanimously elect Him as our leader and devote the rest of our lives in His service.

I would like to recognize each of our officers and present each one with a portfolio and materials to help in this endeavor.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER (President): A campaign manager handles all the details of our candidate's affairs in this particular caucus. The success or failure of the campaign rests upon you. May God help you to be faithful. The amazing thing is our candidate never asks you to do anything unless He provides all the necessary ingredients to do it.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Vice President): Your main task is to enlist more volunteers into the work. Signs and posters and invitations help. As you submit personal information on prospective volunteers, this is used to bring others into the service.

CAMPAIGN SECRETARY-TREASURER (Secretary-Treasurer): The secretary takes notes of all caucuses and keeps a permanent record of these meetings. You will also keep funds brought into the campaign and are to report accurate receipts and disbursements.

SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (Mission Study Chairman): You have a responsibility to keep us informed of the progress of our

PREPARATION: Prepare "portfolios" (colored folders) for each campaign worker (officer). Order the following materials from WNAC and insert in the folders:

President: *President-Vice President's Guide, Manual*, samples of free literature.

Vice-President: *President-Vice President's Guide and Enlistment Challenge*.

Secretary-Treasurer: *Secretary-Treasurer's Guide*, Secretary and Treasurer's Record books, coin wrappers.

Mission Study Chairman: a list of study books (from the order supplies leaflet) and the *Mission Study Chairman's Guide*.

Mission Action Chairman: *Mission Action Chairman's Guide* and project leaflets.

Mission Prayer Chairman: The *Mission Prayer Chairman's Guide*, missionary maps and directories, prayer cards.

campaign abroad. This will not be easy. It involves reading many books in order to select those to recommend to us.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CHAIRMAN (Mission Prayer Chairman): Your responsibility is almost as long as your title! You are to keep election headquarters informed of the spiritual needs, both at home and abroad, wherever our volunteers are working. Remind us often that without prayer nothing is accomplished.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE (Mission Action Chairman): You are to co-ordinate activities in order to involve every woman in some type of missionary outreach, according to her talent, personality, availability and interest. There are many needs in our own local church, community, nation and around the world. You must activate all the volunteers into service to help meet these needs.

(A messenger enters the room and interrupts with a telegram) Telegram (Across the front it reads: Western Union Telegram From Heaven. She opens it and reads:)

To all volunteers at large: I have chosen these women to run my candidacy stop however they cannot perform their tasks without you stop your help and encouragement will make their job easier stop and the number of volunteers will multiply tremendously stop I'm counting on you to be faithful. It is signed by our candidate, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ has no hands but our hands
To do His work today;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way.
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help
To bring them to his side.

What if our hands are busy
With other works than His.
What if our feet are walking
Where sin's allurements is;
What if our tongues are speaking
Of things His lips would spurn.
How can we hope to help Him
Unless from Him we learn.

— copied

Provision Closet Needs Missionaries

A missionary came through recently and said, "This is wonderful! I've never had such a good selection of items in the Closet." Then she added sadly, "But they will not do us any good if we cannot go back to the field."

Another missionary, when asked if she wanted to visit the Provision Closet, said, "I don't want to select anything until we're ready to go, and it looks as though we'll be staying here awhile. We need more support."

If your Auxiliary is planning a Provision Closet shower, why not turn it into a cash shower instead. Collect the funds you would spend on items for the Closet and send them to your district treasurer marked clearly FOR DEFICIT MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS. Ask her to send these funds to the state treasurer as quickly as possible.

State treasurers will send the funds in monthly.

In this way we can get a cash flow started to help get missionaries to the field and keep them at their place of ministry.

Check this column for Provision Closet needs later.

Support the Memorial Student Loan Fund

September is designated Memorial Student Loan Fund month, giving your Auxiliary and church an opportunity to contribute to the training of Free Will Baptist young people.

Students at Free Will Baptist Bible College, our national school for training ministers, missionaries, teachers and other Christian workers, have been able to borrow money from the WNAC fund.

The Fund, started in 1956, memorializes those women in the early 1900's who longed for a college to train Free Will Baptist young people. They worked and prayed and some lived to see their dream become a reality.

Money in the fund is available to students in their second year at the College at 7% interest.

Ode to the Pastor

By Saebra Pauley

CHARACTERS:

Goldie Good Seeker
Holy Helen

The play is upbeat and the conversation should be kept moving. Goldie speaks normally while Helen overemphasizes her words. Use your pastor's name in the blanks.

Goldie and Helen, carrying Bibles, are leaving the church and have stopped to chat.

GOLDIE: Helen, you knew that meeting was only for board members.

HELEN: Yes, I knew that! But if there's anyone here more bored than I am, I'd sure like to meet her. _____'s old dry sermons! Always preaching about loving one another and being a doer of the Word. I've told him he should be preaching about all those people who are disrupting our services. Like that Esther Cummings saying "Amen" all the time and Dan Duty shouting. Shouting in the church, can you imagine that? Why, I wonder what the Lord thinks about all that noise! A person can't hear a thing (*putting nose in the air and turning head slightly*). That is, if there was anything worth hearing.

GOLDIE: Now, Helen, you must admit _____ did a fine job preaching out of Psalm 8:2 last Sunday where it says "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength . . ."

HELEN: (*Interrupting*) Yeah, he finally did get something right! That was proven last Tuesday. See,

Susie—you know Susie, she's Jean's six-year-old daughter—well, she hadn't eaten much that day and her stomach started to hurt. Her mother told her that her stomach was empty because she hadn't eaten and she'd feel better when she had something in it. A couple of hours later _____ stopped by and complained of a headache. Susie—she's a smart girl, that one—piped up and told him it hurt because it was empty and he'd feel better if he had something in it. (*laughing*) "Out of the mouth of babes." He got that one right!

GOLDIE: Now, Helen, that's not true! He can talk for an hour on any subject.

HELEN: Ha! He can talk for an hour about nothing, too, and does it quite often. (*Pause*) Why, the other day he actually called me a hypocrite.

GOLDIE: (*Incredulously*) He didn't!

HELEN: Oh yes, he did. See, I was standing near him at our DVBS picnic and he was talking to a

mother who didn't come to church. He asked her why and she said because there were so many hypocrites there. And do you know what that Preacher said? (*narrowing her eyes*) And he was smiling and looking straight at me when he said it, too. He said, "Don't let that keep you away, there's always room for one more."

(*Self-righteously*) Imagine calling me a hypocrite! Why, how would he get along without me? After all, I'm the one who lets him know about all his flock who stray during the week. He doesn't realize all I sacrifice to stay on that phone hours each day glean- ing this information. It's abso- lutely exhausting!

GOLDIE: Oh, I'm sure it is. But come now, don't you think you may be exaggerating just a bit?

HELEN: Exaggerating? Me? (*pause*) He called me a liar, too. You re- member a few weeks ago when he told us he'd be preaching about liars and asked us to read the 17th chapter of Mark?

GOLDIE: Uh huh . . .

HELEN: Well, I did just what he said to do. When he asked all those who had read it to raise their hands, well, I did. Then he yelled out, "You're the people I want to talk to. There isn't any 17th chapter of Mark." (*indignant*) Called me a liar, he did! How dare he! Do you suppose I'd have raised my hand if I hadn't read it?

GOLDIE: Come now, it can't be that bad!

HELEN: It is! And yes, he's a slave driver, too.

GOLDIE: What do you mean?

HELEN: Let me put it this way. If cooking were a requirement to get into heaven, every woman in this church has got it made. How in the world does he expect me to keep up with all those poor hypocrites with him always saying, "And our ladies will furnish the meal" every time we turn around!

GOLDIE: Oh, well, sometimes we have to overlook each other's faults. _____ is only human. We should dwell on the good things about him instead of the bad.

HELEN: (*Loudly, rolling eyes back in head*) Name one!

GOLDIE: Well, you'll have to admit he does have a sense of humor. The other day I asked him if it was a sin of vanity for a per- son to look in the mirror and think she is beautiful? He asked me who did I have in mind. I said, "Well, let's just use me as an example." He told me that since I was the one we were talking about, then I shouldn't worry. I



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wasn't sinning. I was just "badly mistaken."

HELEN: Well, maybe I did come down on _____ pretty hard. At least, he is truthful! (*Gently shov- ing Goldie on the shoulder and laughing.*) You aren't vain, you just need glasses! (*Walking away laughing*) I can't wait to call Matilda and tell her what that preacher told you. Won't she get a kick out of that?

GOLDIE: (*Looking toward heaven*) Oh Lord, bless _____. If he can put up with her, he's got to be a saint.

The End

Over My Coffee Cup



By Eunice Edwards

Lawrence Kushner makes a fas- cinating statement: "Entrances to holiness are everywhere." The state- ment was a picture of a common cactus plant. On the top of the plant one of God's creatures had started to build a nest with the entrance leading into the heart of the cactus.

The whole thing intrigued me to the point that I began looking for some of those "entrances." I found so many I couldn't count them all. For example, in Jeremiah 31:31-34, God describes to Israel His new covenant He will make with them. No longer would the Scriptures be contained only in phylacteries, but in their hearts. He would be their God and they would be His peo- ple. Well! What a glorious entrance into intimacy with God.

Now consider Psalm 51:10-17 for an entrance into holy living follow- ing forgiveness of sins. Hear Dav- id's plea, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit." Forgiveness of sins through faith in Christ opens a vast highway waiting to be explored. There is at least one entrance on every inch of that road from earth to glory! With the joy of God's sal- vation singing in our hearts, our tongues will "show forth His praises." No whining, grumbling grippers on that highway! Only praisers!

One more passage regarding an entrance before we stop—please? The passage in John 12:20-33 trans- cends all earthly reasons for living. He simply invites us (v. 24) to die with Him. Plainly, He tells us that if we really want to count in His king- dom, the entrance into the death- life with Christ brings the richest, most rewarding returns for us.

Do you remember the lesson of the seed corn? Verse 24 enlarges the lesson and teaches the solemn fact that the way up is through death to everything but Him. What an entrance to holiness!

Ladies, look for your own en- trances to holiness. For as Mr. Kushner said, they are everywhere.



Creative Arts Contest 1987-88

129 women from 25 states and 3 foreign countries submitted 361 entries.

Articles



"Working Mother"
Jane Atchison
Nashville, TN



"A Song for Martha"
Diane Mitchell Thomas
Grifton, NC



"The Worth of a Smile"
Odessa Ledlow
Sylacauga, AL



"Little Child—Lost"
Shelby Fortner
Inman, SC

Plays/Skits



"The Easter Basket"
Ruth Bivens
Pryor, OK



"Hats Style Show"
Carolyn Lane
Nashville, TN



"No Room"
Rubenia Dobbs
New Bern, NC



"R—U—OK?"
Linda Coffman
River Rouge, MI



Joy Price
River Rouge, MI

Programs



"Cleaning Out the Toy Box"
Lee Ann Wilfong
Desloge, MO



"M-I-S-S-I-O-N-S"
Betty Reeves
Farmington, MO



"I Have Decided"
Judy Puckett
Moore, OK



"Dear Missionary"
Cheryl Akers
Jacksonville, FL

Poetry



"What is a Tear?"
Fannie Ruth Henderson
Greenville, TN



"Successful in Stewardship"
Linda Sligh
Smithville, MI



"The Greatest Gift"
Dorothy Hamilton
Waltonville, IL



"These Antique Hands"
Mable Riley
Sedalia, MO

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Ideas to Stimulate Your Imagination

President/Vice President

Mission Study

Agenda for September

Things you should know:

*The 5th National Auxiliary Retreat is September 8-10 at Ridgecrest, NC. (See program in the last issue of CO-LABORER.)

*September is Student Loan Fund Month on the Auxiliary calendar. This fund assists worthy student at FWBBC.

*September is also Pastor Appreciation Month. Invite your pastor (with his wife) to attend this special meeting.

Prepare a special elaborately decorated chair for him/them. Engage as many people as possible to share poems, songs, or riddles written especially for the pastor. Present the humorous skit in this issue. Conclude on a serious note with testimonies of how the pastor has been a blessing, followed with a special prayer.

Show the pastor with cards, perhaps with money gifts enclosed.

*September is also the beginning of the Auxiliary year in many churches, so arrange a study of the *Manual*. Two installations are given in this issue for an installation of officers.

Publicity: Purchase a packet of miniature note cards and write the invitations on these. Give one to each the Sunday preceding your meeting.

Business Session

If your pastor is visiting, eliminate as much business as possible. Concentrate on a challenging program.

Mission Prayer: If the Mission Action Chairman is distributing addressed airmail folders to write our missionaries, insert a prayer reminder inside each. Write the Foreign Missions Office, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202 for a set of prayer cards and profile sheets. This information will better help them with their letters. You may want to select only specific missionaries and request only their prayer cards and profile sheets instead of complete sets. Lead in a special missionary prayer.

Mission Action: Purchase airmail folders, one for each woman. Address with names from the current missions directory. (Write to Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202 and request the 1988-89 edition.) Distribute these folders and ask the women to write a missionary this month. The Mission Prayer Chairman could insert a prayer card and profile sheet and they can double as prayer reminders.

Or you may prefer to send only one letter.



WHAT? Plan with the president for a study on the *Manual*. **WHY?** Most new officers assume their responsibilities this month and need instruction.

Most old officers have become sluggish and need refreshing.

A *Manual Study* is a good way to get a new Auxiliary year under way.

HOW? *Time for Everything*, a guide to the *Manual* has been revised and updated. Twelve visuals are included in the price (\$1.50). These may be used as flash cards, transparency masters, or enlarged and used as posters. (Order from WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. Include 55 cents for postage and handling.)

Program: "Dear Missionary"

Bring an aerogramme (available at the Post Office) to the meeting. Decide ahead of time on a missionary to write. At the meeting, appoint one to do the writing as the others suggest what to write. All sign the letter. Mail immediately.

Agenda for October

Things You Should Know:

*Check your state plan of work for your emphasis this month. It varies by state.

*October is Master's Men Month. Think of ways you can assist them.

Publicity: Decorate the room with a fall decor—cornstalks, pumpkins and fall produce.

Poster: Attach an assortment of real masks on a bulletin board with this caption: **Who's Under the Mask?**

A week before your meeting, distribute trick or treat invitations (see pattern). Or you may write on paper masks.

As the women arrive, let them redeem their trick or treat card by dipping into a trick or treat bag filled with assorted candies.

Warm-Up

Write the following Scripture references on slips of paper and give to various women as they enter. Ask the questions and see if they can answer before the reference is read.

1. In the Old Testament what did God say should be done to witches? (Ex. 22:18)
2. God said certain kinds of people should not be found among the children of Israel. Name one. (Deut. 18:10, 11)
3. Which king of Israel consulted a witch? (1 Sam. 28:7)
4. What person did the king want the witch to contact? (1 Sam. 28:11)
5. Which prophet saw a vision of bones which came to life? (Ezek. 37:1)
6. When did Jesus' disciples think they saw a ghost? (Matt. 14:26)
7. When did the disciples think Peter was a spirit or angel? (Acts 12:15)
8. Which sin does the Bible compare to witchcraft? (1 Sam. 15:23)

Program: "Who's Under the Mask?"

Business

Old and New
Officers' Reports

Mission Study: Plan to conclude the study of MISSIONS USA before the busy holiday season.

Mission Prayer: Distribute trick or treat bag prayer reminders and lead in prayer for missionary requests.

Mission Action: Reach out to the sick and elderly in your community. Distribute materials from the Sonshine Society (see page 18) and promote—or begin—a nursing home ministry.



Mission Study Chairman



MISSIONS USA by Earl Parvin

Lesson 5

Geographic Ministries

Aim: To explore the geographic areas open to the gospel.

Reproduce the map on pp. 250, 251, showing the unchurched populations in the United States.

I. Rural Areas

1. What do we mean by "rural areas?"
2. List reasons why the rural/mountain areas are unreached?
3. How many different missions are reaching out to these areas? How many missionaries?

II. Urban Evangelism

1. Define the urban church.
2. A central city includes the slum areas, high rise or apartment complexes, the middle class and affluent neighborhoods. Discuss methods of evangelism among these various groups.
3. About 75% of the population live in cities. How many missions are involved with the segment? How does this compare with those reaching the rural areas?

III. Alaska

Purchase a map of Alaska or reproduce the one on p. 289.

1. Locate Alaska and give a brief description of her geography, climate and people.
2. It has been estimated that 90% of Alaska's 400,000 are unsaved. List some of the obstacles to evangelism.
3. How many missions are working in Alaska? Do Free Will Baptists now—or have ever—worked in Alaska?

IV. Hawaii

Locate Hawaii on a map and show its relation to where you live. Oahu, where our only Free Will Baptist church is located, has been called "one of the most complex and difficult home mission fields." Relate the ten reasons given in the book why this is so.

V. Mobile Americans

Write these five groups of Mobile Americans on a flip chart. Describe mission activities among them as you flip the pages.

Mission Prayer Chairman

Prayer Reminders for September

Insert a prayer card and profile sheet inside an addressed aerogramme.

Prayer Reminders for October

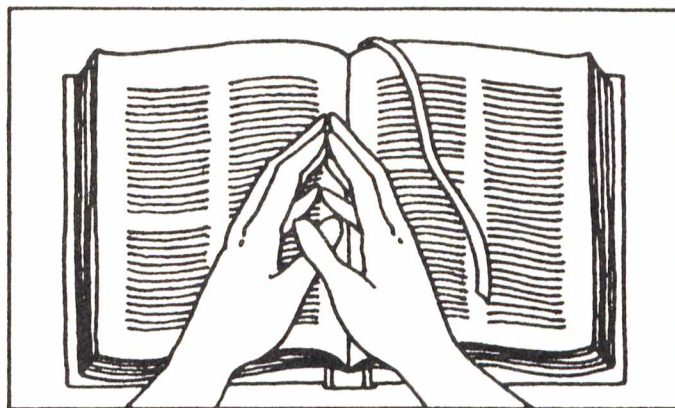
Make trick or treat bags for each one expected. For each bag you will need $\frac{1}{2}$ sheet of $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ paper. Use orange if you can find it.

1. Center the message: Don't Trick our Missionaries.
2. Bring both ends toward the middle, overlap and tape together.
3. For the sides, crease both ends. Then fold the creased edge over about $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Open. You now have 3 creased marks on each side. Fold the middle one to the inside.
4. For the bottom, make a $\frac{1}{2}$ " slit up the four corners on the bottom. Fold toward the inside and tape down.
5. You can leave the top "as is", or reinforce it and attach handles. Fold $\frac{1}{2}$ " toward the inside. Mark 1" across the center of each side. Thread a 3" length of heavy cord inside the fold and up on each side to form handles. Glue down the creased top with the ends of the cord inside.
6. Place a piece of candy inside each bag with this note attached:

Treat them with your prayers.

You may be able to purchase small bags ready made.

An alternate way to use these bags is to write across the front: **It's in the Bag** and inside insert a prayer card or missionary prayer request.



Missionary Prayer Activity

Listed below are eight special needs of our missionaries. Write them on eight slips of paper and place in a box on a table. Select four or five missionaries to pray for. Call a name and ask someone to draw a slip of paper from the box and pray that request for that particular missionary. Call another name and ask for another person to come and pray another request. Return the requests to the box and use them again at another prayer session. This activity encourages the women to pray for specific needs.

1. Pray for victory over temptations, discouragement and depression.
2. Pray for physical strength and good health.
3. Pray that financial needs would be met.
4. Pray for safety in travel and protection in the midst of danger.
5. Pray for spiritual power and wisdom to do the work assigned.
6. Pray for an effective testimony to both Christians and non-Christians on his mission field.
7. Pray for the spiritual growth and education of the missionaries' children.
8. Pray for fruit in the person's ministry.

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For Discussion

1. Why didn't Peter assign a nobler title to himself than simply "also an elder?"
2. How can the flock assist the under-shepherd in the local church?
3. Verse 4 refers to a future reward. Are there any rewards for faithful service experienced while here on earth? If so, name some of them.
4. How and when does Satan attack you? Your church?
5. Repeat 5:7. Is this practiced by most believers?
6. How does suffering result in the acquisition of the four Christian qualities of 5:10?

Mission Action Chairman



Missionary to the Shut-Ins

Some of you are already using materials from the Sonshine Society. If you aren't, you should. In addition to their bimonthly publication *Bits of Sonshine* and a training manual for Christian nursing home volunteers, three additional helps are hot off the press:

SONSHINE SONGS & SCRIPTURES: prepared in giant print (words only). This beautiful book contains over 100 well-loved hymns and choruses. It also contains 38 pages of well-chosen Scriptures that will be especially meaningful to nursing home residents.

A **PIANO & LEADER COPY** accompanies this song book, plus hints for leaders of group worship.

HELP FOR HEAVEN & HOPE FOR HERE & NOW. This resource book for the lay Christian volunteer contains many lessons and devotionals geared to nursing home residents. It also contains poems, anecdotes, and even a bit of humor.

Materials are distributed on a freewill basis; however, you are encouraged to pay a cost-replacement fee. For information and a free sample packet, write:

Sonshine Society
Box 327
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Make Auxiliary Yearbooks

Pages should include items such as 1) names of Auxiliary officers with telephone numbers, 2) information on special events as Christmas dinner, mother-daughter banquet, Bible conference, officers' planning sessions, etc., 3) special Auxiliary events on the district, state and national levels, 4) prayer chains, 5) projects, 6) missionaries supported, and other interests.

Make covers from 1) lavender construction paper to which an Auxiliary seal is affixed. Cover with contact paper. Or 2) lavender tag board, 3) or white heavy paper to which a dried lavender flower is glued. Cover with clear contact paper. 4) a more elaborate cover can be cross-stitched. Cross-stitch the Auxiliary logo (see *CO-LABORER* September-October, 1987 issue). From an identical sheet, cut out a diamond to match the logo and glue to the first board, forming a window or matting for the logo.

Staple the pages together, tie with lavender ribbon, or fasten together with split plastic rings. These white $\frac{3}{4}$ " rings are available from WNAC for 1 cent each. Add 30 cents for postage and handling.

The Woman's Auxiliary in Beckley, WV, distributes a yearbook each year among their women. Here are some of the activities the women anticipate:

May: Mother-Daughter luncheon

June: Salad Bar with each one bringing a salad

July: Husband and Wife outing

August: Following the Auxiliary meeting, lunch at Hardees, then a People Hunt

September: Picnic at the lake with a paper bag lunch exchange

October: Mystery tour with the Auxiliary meeting during the tour. Eat? Guess where?

November: Thanksgiving Brunch

December: Covered dish, widow's lunch, and Christmas party

If you have any questions about any of these activities and would like more information, write: Glenna Murphy, 122 Traveler's Lane, Beckley, WV 25801.

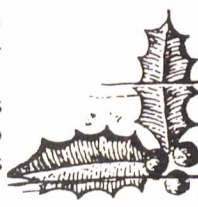


Christine Ganey, Cove City, NC, serves as mission action chairman of the Coastal Association composed of 12 Auxiliaries. Last fall she prepared address lists of our missionaries and gave a list to each Auxiliary with the suggestion they send Christmas cards.

Another project she proposed was sending each missionary family a cassette tape of good music. "Our

Auxiliary sent two, one of our church choir and another of John Gibbs, Bobby Jackson and our revival music," writes Mrs. Ganey. Information on sending tapes can be obtained from the local postmaster.

Mrs. Ganey's newest project is sending children's cassette tapes to missionary children up to 10 years old.



Woman's Auxiliary

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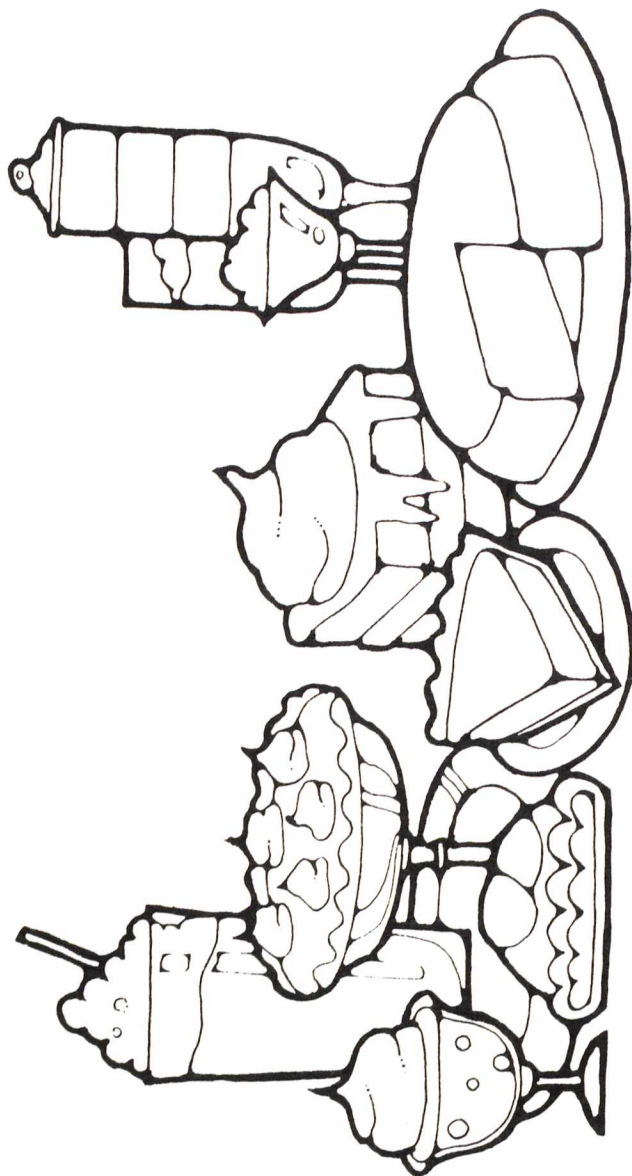
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A Treat Awaits You

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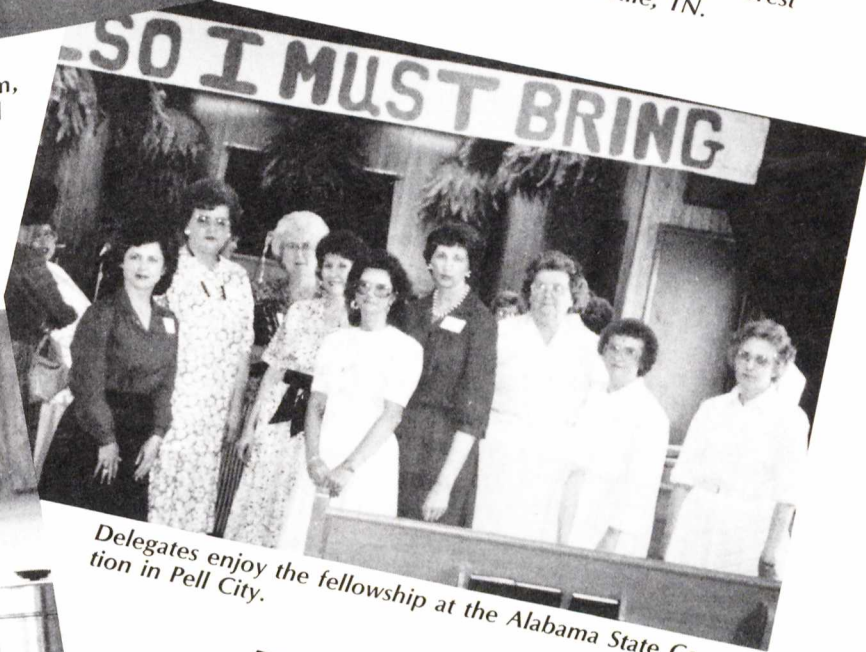
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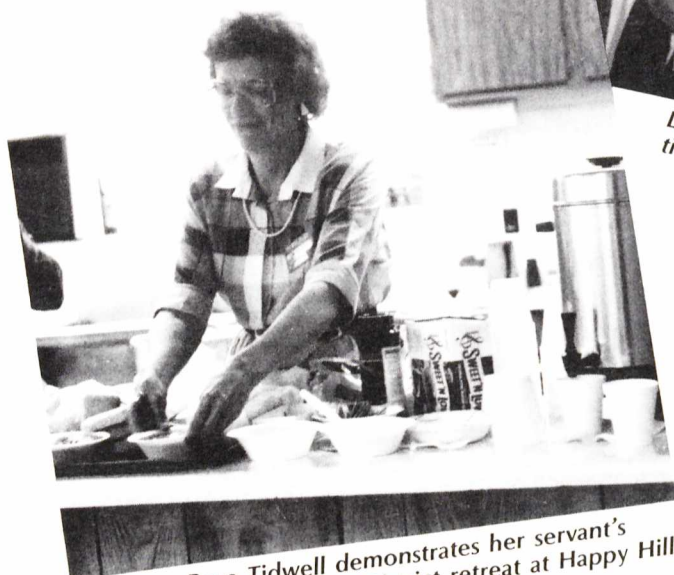
New Home (Ozark, AL) stamp trimmers: Vera Jones and Myrtle Peters, sitting; Mary Windham, Annie Stevens, Joyce Long, Lydia Ammons and Rachel Barber.



Anita Haney and Denise Clark sing at the installation of officers at the Forest Grove Auxiliary, Knoxville, TN.



Delegates enjoy the fellowship at the Alabama State Convention in Pell City.



President Rose Tidwell demonstrates her servant's heart at the Cumberland District retreat at Happy Hill Acres.



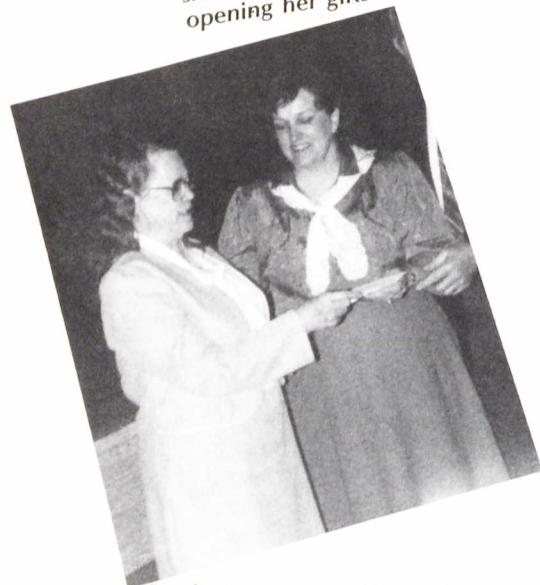
Outgoing president Bobby Webb, Forest Grove, Knoxville, TN presents a check for \$1,154 to missionary Barbara Gibbs. The money is to purchase a key-board for their work in France.



Mary Ruth Wisehart, Nashville, TN, installs officers of the Indiana State Convention with a selection of shells from her collection.



Women of First Auxiliary, Vero Beach, FL, with their shower for missionary Ruth McDonald, Japan. Husband Donnie video-taped Ruth opening her gifts and sent it to the Auxiliary.



Bertha Turner, president of the Pansy Murray Woman's Auxiliary, Jacksonville, FL, presents a check for \$200 to Pansy Murray, missionary to France.



Alice Hood wishes Sherry Reynolds (AL) God's blessings as she and her husband, Larry, go to Phoenix, AZ to build the 4th Free Will Baptist Church.

Sue Williams, Cushing, OK, impersonated a Bunny Rabbit as she delivered 30 towel bibs to the rest homes in her area made by the women in her Auxiliary. "It was a fun project," they reported.

To put some spice in their March meeting, women of the New Hope Auxiliary, Ozark, AL, made their own Easter bonnets and wore them to their meeting.

Women of the West Tennessee district had their visions sharpened when Marcia Ellison, Uruguay, spoke at their retreat at the Rose of Sharon campground. Mary Walkley, president.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Kita Hiroshima Chapel (Japan) sponsors a monthly cooking class for neighborhood women. Twenty-five recently attended a class with five of these being first-timers.

New Mexico women chose "Showers of Blessing" as a convention theme and used miniature paper umbrellas for banquet favors. Katie Pinson presides over this state's five Auxiliaries with 28 members.

The women in the South Carolina district have jar banks on their tables as a reminder to support the Free Will Baptist Home for Children. Carolyn Riddick presides over this district.

Dale Evans, First, Florence, SC, read 35 books last year and won special recognition from the South Carolina district. Second place went to Myrtle Moore, Horse Branch, with 29.

Vice President LaRee Findley wrote a special song of welcome for Georgia's state retreat at the Norman Baptist Assembly.

A total of 215 attended North Carolina's state convention in Morehead City with Maurine Lee presiding. New Missions projects adopted were \$3400 for airline tickets for the Larry Inscoe family to return to Panama and \$1000 for Mexican Home Missions.



Ruth McDonald, Japan, and baby Katie, 7 lbs., 12 oz. decked out in her provision closet outfit.



Ladies from the Sheraton Park FWB Church, NC, take gowns to each of the 16 women in the Western FWB Rest Home in Chandler.

BOOK HIGHLIGHTS

Aids to Spiritual Growth

DADDY, I'M PREGNANT

By Author: A dad named Bill. Multnomath Press, 1988, \$6.95. Reviewed by Diane Mitchell Thomas.

As I write this review, I hear the sound of my two Christian sons in the backyard. The noise is punctuated with the pound of a basketball. I would like to keep them there forever, but I can't. Life awaits them. Life—with all its trials.

DADDY, I'M PREGNANT is one trial I hope my family is spared. I have no guarantee, for it has happened to many fine Christian families. It happened to this author—a dad named Bill. Bill is a minister and he shares with us the journey that his family had to travel when his fourteen-year-old daughter came to him, crying, and pregnant by her fifteen-year-old boyfriend.



This is Bill's private journal, the first entry begins August 1 with his daughter's words—"Daddy, I'm pregnant, I'm sorry, I'm so sorry . . . please don't hate me." From that moment the reader becomes part of the family, experiencing all the emotions the family endures. When the last entry is posted, you will no doubt be reluctant to let them go. Theirs is a poignant story.

The book is personal in nature, but Bill had valid reasons for sharing. He and his wife found that virtually nothing is written to help a family with this painful subject. He hopes his story will help. It is a book of love and forgiveness, joy and sorrow. It is a book for all of us who at some time will face a crisis of some description. It is a book of God's unspeakable grace and healing.

Maybe I will never need it. But if I do, or encounter someone with a trial, I will remember DADDY, I'M PREGNANT. I will remember Bill.

PATIENCE . . . MIRACLE IN PROGRESS

By Sue Winget. Randall House, 1988, 138 pages, \$5.95. Reviewed by Larry Hampton.

A Baptist pastor's wife tells her exciting story of faith in God under adverse circumstances.

Sue, a young, energetic, active mother and soloist was suddenly and viciously smitten with a fast acting form of MS (Multiple Sclerosis). The book walks you through her pain of physical separation, stress, alienation from her children, and the trauma of an uncertain future.

This heart-touching story portrays a strong Christian faith, prayer, and dependence upon Bible promises, faithful friends, doctors, therapists and hospital staff. It is a story of healing and victory, an unforgettable story of faith, mercy, perseverance and God's wonderful grace.



Little Child—Lost

By Shelby Fortner

This article won Honorable Mention in WNAC's 1987-88 creative arts contest.

Our only son, Sean, was 5½ years old the night he got lost from me and his dad. That was also the night God taught me a valuable lesson.

The three of us had been to a gospel singing in a nearby town and decided to leave about 10 o'clock, along with a flow of other people. When we got outside the door, we realized Sean was not with us.

Frantically, my husband went back inside to search while I started up the dark sidewalk in case he had run on ahead. Finally I saw a small boy running ahead without a care in the world, but I was too far away to determine if he was ours. As I walked toward him, he turned around and I saw it was Sean. Panic exploded on his little face when he realized the man and woman behind him were not his parents. He began to run back and forth, not knowing what to do or where to go.

This, I decided, would be an opportune time to teach him a lesson. I would leave him alone a few minutes so he would remember this experience. But when I got close enough to hear his childish cries, my heart ached and I called out to him. He ran into my arms and clung to me, still crying. "Where did you and Daddy go?" he cried.

"Daddy and I didn't go anywhere," I answered. "You ran away from us."

After we were settled in the car and had calmed down a bit, I talked to him about the dangers of wandering away from Mommy and Daddy. I told him he should always hold on to one of our hands so he would not get lost. But should he ever get lost again, he was to go back to where he left us and wait. I hoped our young son had learned something that night that he would

remember for a long time to come.

But that was not the end of the lesson. All weekend, God kept calling that incident back to my mind, and I realized He was trying to tell me something. How many times had I acted just like my five-year old? How many times had I run on ahead of God thinking I was big enough to make it on my own? Then when I realized I was lost and had myself in another mess, how many times had I turned around looking for God to help me?

Then I realized what God was trying to show me. I was just like Sean—blinded by the world in front of me and unable to see God, just as Sean could not see me for the crowd. And just as I had wanted to give him a little scare to teach him a lesson, there have been times when God has left me on my own in order to teach me a spiritual lesson. Yet when I cry out for help, He is always there to comfort me and carry me the rest of the way home.

I was beginning to see, but that was not all God wanted to teach me. I remembered the lecture I had given Sean about holding onto my hand and going back to where he left me. Wasn't that what God had been trying to teach me? As long as I hold onto His hand, then I will not get lost and make a mess of situations and circumstances. But if I do let go, if I do run ahead, if I do get my own selfish desires ahead of Him and His will, it is then that I have to stop and go back to where I left Him. You see, I'm the one who leaves—He has never left me. And I have never failed to find Him waiting where I left Him—with arms outstretched. ♦



About the Author: Shelby Fortner (Mrs. Clarence) left the public work place to assume a full-time secretarial position at the Inman Free Will Baptist Church and Academy. She also teaches the sixth grade junior Sunday school class, sings in the choir and enjoys writing. Through the Auxiliary, she has learned the importance of the woman's role in the church and in our missions program.

Sean, now 12, and an only son, is an eighth grader at the Inman Christian Academy. Says his mother, "He is a fine young man and has taught us much through his tender, innocent wisdom."

A WOMAN God Has Used



Over 40 years ago, Maizie Miller left a paid teaching profession to become Mrs. Wendall Sevits, farmer's wife. She had already endeared herself in the Connells-ville-Novinger-Green Grove areas (near Kirksville, Missouri). This endearment has spread with the years and even widened to include several missionaries around the world.

Every church needs a Maizie. She's the "workingest" woman you'll find anywhere. There's nothing she can't do and she does it with all her might. She has taught Sunday school and directed DVBS all her life, mostly at the Hazel Creek FWB Church, but she's at home in other churches as well. For a time she served as director of Child Evangelism Fellowship in NE Missouri, operating their Chapel on Wheels and directing the summer camp programs.

Maizie is a bold witness for her Lord, whether to a neighbor down the road or a prisoner in the city jail where she ministers regularly. She loves missionaries and brightens their day with cartoons clipped from the paper, packages of *Capper's Weekly* (in sets so the serial is complete) books for the children and country music for the grownups. Even sickness can't keep her down. She ministers even when hospitalized.

Wendall and Maizie have two married sons with four grandchildren. They've kept the spark alive in their marriage through writing love notes. Wendall farms several miles from home which necessitates taking a lunch. At first she would write little notes and he'd scribble a few words of endearment on the back. Somewhere along the line, they began exchanging nonsense love poems. Here is a sampling:

Hers:
The frost is on the pumpkin,
But there's no frost in my heart,
I love you if it's hot or cold,
Even when we are apart.
Love ya, Momo

His:
The combine goes down the rows,
The beans fill the hopper;
If I measure my love for you,
In size it sure is a whopper.
Love ya, Dado

Hers:
You've been my Dado
For forty-plus years,
And they have been
Forty plus years.
Glad to have you for mine.
Love ya, Momo

His:
For over forty years
We have enjoyed married life,
How fortunate I have been
To have you for my wife.
Love ya, Dado

Hers:
Look for a pheasant,
Look for a duck;
If you look carefully
You might have some luck.
But you just better not
Look for a two-legged "dear."
'Cause that would get you
A heap of trouble, I fear.
Your "dear" Momo

His:
Couldn't find any pheasant,
Couldn't find any duck;
So I guess you'd say
I didn't have any luck.
As for two-legged dear,
I don't have to look,
For I already have one
That's the best in the book.
Love ya, Dado

Hers:
I love you in the morning,
I love you in the night,
I love you in winter and summer
And that is all right.
Love ya, Momo

His:
We are getting old and achy
Our memory is not the best;
But we still have each other
In that way we are blest.
Love ya, Dado

For a deeper insight into this remarkable lady, read her article on page 3.

THE MINISTER'S WIFE

Compiled by Cleo Pursell

Let's Get Organized!

By Karen Southwell

"Where does all my time go?" How many times have you moaned these words? Or perhaps you are still waiting for a few more hours in the day just to be able to get caught up.

Believe it or not, you aren't alone in dreaming of more hours in the day. As pastor's wives, we find ourselves stretched to the breaking point by the time crunch. But God reminds us in Proverbs 4:26: "Ponder the path of they feet, and let all thy ways be established."

Why is it that we never have enough time to do what needs doing? Don't we all have 24 hours in each day? Indeed so. And the difference in those who have much to do and not enough time to do it and their counterparts who always seem to have plenty of leisure hours is the magic word: ORGANIZATION.

This word may be offensive to some. I've heard women say, "I'm just a spur-of-the-moment kind of person. Why, being organized would take all the fun out of life!"

I doubt anyone has fun being frustrated over things that are needful but never seem to get done—those pesky "been gon-nas." You know what I mean—the birthday card that doesn't get mailed, the unmade phone call of encouragement to a shut-in, the hospital visit you meant to make but couldn't find the time.

Now that I've struck a responsive chord, let's talk about some

cures. First, let's get your house organized. Stand back and take a long, objective look. Is a giant yard sale in order? Clutter is a major deterrent in the war to become organized. Remember, if you haven't used it in a year, chances are it is either too small, out of style or the wrong color. So get rid of it! The thought may be woefully painful, but after all, we are to store up our treasures in heaven and not here on earth.

Delegate clean up chores around the house. If your children are old enough to walk and talk, then they, too, can help with the cleaning. Since they are closer to the floor than you, let them gather up the toys, shoes or newspapers lying around. While they are busy with their chores, you can tackle the bigger jobs.

Lavish praise on those who help. Not only does it make them feel appreciated, but you'll get a warm feeling from their smiling faces. As parents, we are raising someone's future spouse. Remember what you looked for in your mate and try to instill those characteristics in your own children. They will only learn as we teach.

Now that you can see the carpet and furniture again, let's go to the kitchen. Your first priority in this world of disorganization is to make a menu for the entire week using most of the food you have on hand. For anything you need but don't have on hand, make a grocery list. Visualize the layout of your grocery and make the list so you'll never retrace your steps. Extra steps wastes time

and cost extra dollars in impulse shopping. When you've made your menu, post it on the refrigerator door or where it can be easily seen by all who are constantly asking, "What's for dinner, Mom?"

If you don't have a calendar by your kitchen telephone, now is the time to get one. Mark all important engagements so you won't find yourself apologizing and being embarrassed because you missed an important meeting. Then sometime between Christmas and New Year's, mark on your calendar all the birthdays and anniversaries of your extended family and friends. Note important events that are a part of the church year. This way at—

Fellowship of Ministers' Wives

By Delois Loveless

We have organized a Fellowship of Ministers' Wives in Ohio.

Last September at our retreat several came and expressed an interest in such a group, so last October we met and organized. I had sent out a mailing to every minister's wife in the state that we could get an address for. The response from the wives has been very good.

It's still in the beginning stage but we have plans. I spoke at a similar group of United Methodists and got some good ideas from them. We plan to meet at our State Auxiliary Convention in June and eventually to divide into districts so they can meet in their areas of the state. Only minister's wives are included in this fellowship.

I want to have a retreat for husbands and wives as soon as possible. Do you have any ideas for a retreat of this sort?

Congratulations, Ohio, in being the first! We hope it will stimulate other states to have similar fellowships for their minister's wives. Keep CO-LABORER posted so we can share with others.

the beginning of the month you can address all the cards you need to send that month and mail them at the appropriate time. You can also see where your time is going or where it might be better spent.

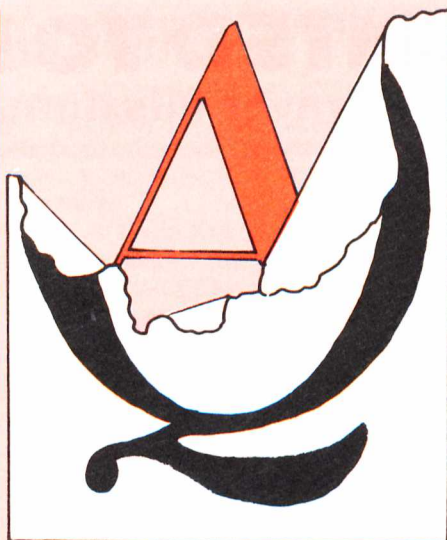
Next let's work on you as a person. You wear many hats during the day, but first of all you are yourself. If you are not happy with your looks, your personality, or the use of your God-given talents, then change them! YOU must take charge of your life and be the kind of woman, mother and wife that you want to be. Only as we are satisfied with ourselves can we cheerfully and willingly serve where the Lord has called us.

Do you need to lose some weight and get involved in an exercise program? Do you want to go back to school and earn your degree or perhaps take some night classes? Is there some craft or hobby you've wanted to learn? Do you need more time for personal Bible study and soul winning? By being organized you can find the time to do these little extras without feeling you've deprived your family.

Lastly, let's get organized in our work for the Lord. Make time for regular, consistent Bible study and prayer. Remind the family that Sunday is a day of worship and we need a worshipful attitude to enter the Lord's house. To accomplish this, have the family get their Sunday clothes ready on Saturday evening to eliminate a wild frenzy on Sunday morning. If you've planned a menu earlier, perhaps you can use a "planned over" (a recipe doubled earlier in the week and frozen). Proper organization permits us to live life as God intended and we won't feel like we've been through the wringer by the end of the day.

So there you have it! Plant these few seeds and get your organizational skills growing. Don't get discouraged if it doesn't happen overnight. Old habits are hard to break but the rewards are well worth it.

Keep smiling and let's get organized! ♦



**Your questions
answered on:**

Woman's Auxiliary

**by Mary Neal
WNAC President**

Something that really bothers me is in someone calling us Ladies Auxiliary. We are WNAC. In our own church it is called Ladies Auxiliary, and that is not what we are and I don't know who started it. Maybe an article could be written on our name. It is a concern of mine.

WNAC is our Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. In 1935, when women from at least 8 states met to organize a national women's group, they arrived at the name represented by the initials WNAC. At that time, women's groups were known as Missions, Ladies' Aid Societies, Women's Home Missions, and Women's Missionary Societies. The women chose Woman's National Auxiliary Convention as a title uniting all those groups into one. Sometimes ladies is used just to be nice! But you're right, we are WNAC.

Even though we may use different names sometimes, we are all *Laborers Together With God*.

I like the convenience of having the Leader's Helps in the CO-LABORER, but my women have already read everything before the meetings and done the quizzes so it's not new to them. How can the material be made fresh and exciting?

The *Helps for Leaders* in the CO-LABORER magazine is only a springboard to get you started. If you will notice, the subtitle states, "Ideas to Stimulate your Imagination." As you read and study your material, add your own ideas and adapt to your particular group. Then you will give your women programs, prayer reminders and Bible studies with your own special touch.

The editor of CO-LABORER knows these helps "backwards, forward and upside down." They've been created, sketched, typed, proofed, laid out and reproofed. Yet when she sees the material actually presented, it "thrills her down to her toenails." No two people present the idea in the same way. Ask the Lord for a sanctified imagination.

Our local Auxiliary would like to represent at the National Convention, but we have no organized convention in our state. May we represent? How many delegates are we allowed?

Local Auxiliaries in an area where there is no state or district convention may represent with three delegates by payment of their membership fees (\$1.50 per member annually).

You are very important to us! Please send your membership fees and delegates to the national convention. We need each one of you to be a part of WNAC. ♦

APPOINTED TO PRAY

Be a Prayer Missionary

Election time is here again. The parties are out to get our votes. They will put any number of articles into their "platform" in order to appeal to the greatest number of voters. They will build and rebuild their platform in order to get votes and exercise political power.

If we judged the Free Will Baptist work in Lorient by the same standards as political parties, we would consider it a dismal failure. Missionaries have worked there for years. They have walked over the entire town, putting countless thousands of tracts in mailboxes (legal in France).

They have rented public meeting places to show gospel films.

They have cultivated numerous community contacts.

They have advertised in the local newspaper.

One year they even had a stand at the local commercial fair.

When they rented a building for church services, a large window displayed gospel messages and was changed monthly.

Pray for Lorient, France

By Allan Crowson

They have prayed, counseled and witnessed.

In spite of all this effort, the Lorient church is very weak and struggling.

The city of Lorient (100,000 to 130,000) remains a very hard place. Most Lorient citizens put all "Baptists" in the same boat as cults, such as Jehovah's Witnesses or Mormons. Some remain ardently faithful to the Catholic church. Many others have rejected not only the Catholic church but also all churches or religions. Many consider the Bible and its message to be "unscientific," but this does

not stop them from consulting their astrologers and occult healers. The occult maintains a powerful hold in this town. Suspicion and distrust are the people's daily bread.

If God's servants offered the message of Christ as simply another possibility among others, there would be no big problem. After all, any good store has room for one more product on the shelf. The difficulty is that they present Christ as **the** way, **the** truth, and **the** life, and that **no** man comes to the Father, but by Him. This usually meets indifference or arouses hostility.

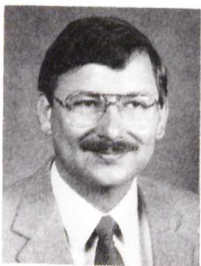
God's people are not after votes. They do not need political power because their Lord has already received all power in heaven and on earth. God's people must not tinker with what Christ said, as a political party might tinker with the party platform in an attempt to get more votes. They must simply try to persuade people to accept the "platform" Christ has already given. They are after the approval of their Lord and master, not after votes.

Does God want a church in Lorient? We believe He does. Can He build one here? We believe He can. What will it take? It will take prayer, and lots of it. It will take perseverance, buckling up for the long haul. It will take long-term prayer and financial support from God's people in the United States. The road will be long and difficult, but let us keep on praying and giving.

Past missionaries to the Lorient area are the Jerry Webb and Lynn Miley families and Dawn Sweetney. The Allan Crowson family has completed one term and is now on furlough. Steve and Becky Riggs with Charolette Talent are presently working in this needy area. Let's buckle up with them for the long haul.

Personality Profile

Allan and LaRue Crowson



Allan (TN) and LaRue Crowson (GA) have served in both Ivory Coast and France.

Allan is an avid photographer and reader, plays the guitar and possesses a dry sense

of humor. If he had a pet peeve, it would be inefficiency.

LaRue is a homemaker, devoted to her home and family (Timothy 12, Bethany 9, and Natalie 7). Give



her a craft set, a new cookbook or the latest bestseller—or any book, for that matter—and she's happy.

The Crowsons are now on furlough. Plan to meet them.

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.

September

- * 1 — Grady Runyon (VI)
- ** 1 — Grace Williams (MO)
- ** 2 — Steve Cannon (VA)
- ** 2 — Glenn Poston (TN)
- 2 — Ken Bailey (Japan)
- 7 — Susan Turnbough (Spain)
- ** 7 — Sylvia Hawkins (SC)
- ** 7 — Mirial Gainer (Japan)
- 8 — Jeff Turnbough (Spain)
- * 8 — Jerry McClary (NB)
- 9 — Nancy Hughes (Brazil)
- **10 — Cliff Donoho (IL)
- 14 — Carol Teague (France)
- 16 — Sherwood Lee (IC)
- *16 — Steve Trail (LA)
- *17 — Gail Criswell (OR)
- **20 — Carolyn Hendrix (AL)
- *23 — Bob Lewis (CO)
- 27 — LaRue Crowson (France)
- 28 — Brenda Bunch (Panama)
- 29 — Pat Franks (Brazil)
- 29 — Ruth McDonald (Japan)
- 30 — Norman Richards (Brazil)
- **30 — Earl Hanna (SC)

October

- ** 1 — Paula Roach (OH)
- * 1 — Mike Mutchler (OR)
- ** 2 — Dennis Keen (SC)
- 3 — Dawn Sweeney (IC)
- * 3 — Adelaida Vera (PR)
- ** 4 — Sara Poston (TN)
- 5 — Dave Franks (Brazil)
- 6 — Carol Pinkerton (IC)
- 8 — Clint Morgan (IC)
- **13 — Vivian Waller (Japan)
- *13 — Kathy Coats (SD)
- **13 — Leon Gibson (MI)
- 13 — Jerry Gibbs (France)
- 13 — John Murray (France)
- **14 — James Mertz (MO)
- **16 — Gladys Turnbough (FL)
- **16 — Jim Williams (MO)
- 17 — Geneva Poole (Brazil)
- **17 — Deanna White (KY)
- *18 — Bob Thomas (CO)
- 18 — Jalayn Martens (IC)
- 18 — Becky Riggs (France)
- 23 — Mike Cousineau (IC)
- 23 — Lila Nichols (IC)
- 23 — Robert West (IC)
- *23 — Judy Trail (LA)
- **23 — Louise Vandivort (AZ)
- 31 — Earnie Deeds (Brazil)

Names underlined indicate they are on furlough.
Please send mail to: P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202

*Home missionary or church extension pioneer.

**Joint project worker, associate or deputation missionary.

Pray for:

- Glenna Leatherbury, Jalayn Martens and the Ron Moores beginning their French language study in Albertville, France.
- Larry and Sherry Reynolds, the 4th couple involved in the Target City project for Phoenix, AZ. They plan five new churches by 1990 when the national association meets there.
- The new mission work out of the Betania church in Panama City, Panama, and for Daniel Dorati as he leads the new group of believers.
- Mission churches in building programs—Atlanta, GA with Luther Burns; Vineland, NJ led by Verge Maness; Martinez, GA with Larry Williams; and Omaha, NE led by Jerry McClary. Pray for missionary builder Howard E. Gwartney, assisting in some of these projects.
- Louis and Florine Coscia and the small group of Christians in Uberaba, Brazil, an area heavily influenced by spiritists.
- Howard R. Gwartney, Phoenix, AZ, who experiences throat problems which affect his singing and preaching.
- The ten students beginning their second year in the Ivory Coast Bible Institute; for Clint Morgan and Mike Cousineau as they direct the school and LaVerne Miley teaching the fall quarter.

Pray

for Panama

Our missionaries in Panama face serious political unrest. The Stan Bunches included this excerpt from Corrie Ten Boom's book, *THE HID-ING PLACE*, in their recent newsletter:

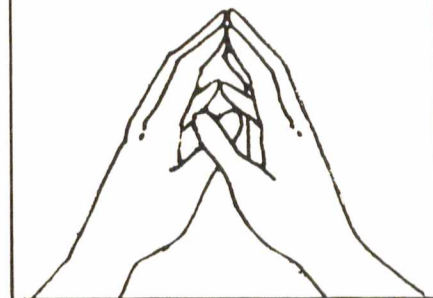
One night I tossed for an hour while dogfights raged overhead, streaking my patch of sky with fire. At last I heard Betsie stirring in the kitchen and ran down to join her. Later I felt for my bed; there was the pillow. Then in the darkness

my hand closed over something hard. Sharp too! I raced down the stairs with the bomb fragment in my hand. "Betsie, if I hadn't heard you in the kitchen . . ."

But Betsie put a finger on my mouth. "Don't say it, Corrie! There are no IF's in God's world. And no places that are safer than other places. The center of His will is our only safety, our only hiding place. Oh Corrie, let us pray that we may know it!"

Missionary Hotline

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ACTIONETTES

WNAC's missionary program for the youth of our churches.

Actionettes, Please Identify Yourself

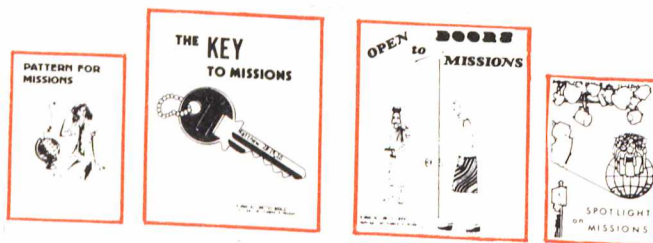
Some Actionettes in South Carolina would like to get together with other Actionettes, but we have no record of where they are.

Actionettes is the name of WNAC's program for young women age 13-18. The groups exist in local churches under the sponsorship of the local Woman's Auxiliary.

Do you have Actionettes in your church? Please help us get acquainted. Send us information about your Actionettes, including a list of current officers.

Do you want to start Actionettes in your church? Write WNAC for information.

Let's help our young women learn about missions and get acquainted with one another. Who knows what blessings may result.



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From our Readers

Tour of Offices

Recently I was privileged to tour our national offices . . . I was especially delighted to see the provision closet for our missionaries because our Auxiliary had recently donated some items. You all do a fine job and on behalf of West Calvary we appreciate each and every one of you.

Judy Barbour
Smithfield, NC

A New Name in Glory

A few weeks ago little Natalia came to me after prayer meeting. I thought she was going to ask for a piece of candy as on occasion she is apt to do. Bending down so that she could whisper in my ear, I was surprised to hear her say, "I want to receive Jesus into my heart." I was conversing with her mother at the time and her father was nearby, so we all went apart to pray.

That night her mother heard her singing in her bedroom, "There's a new name written up in glory and it's mine, oh yes, it's mine." The teachers of preschoolers at the academy also testify to the change in Natalia's behavior. She is 4 years old!

Anita Sparks, Spain

Little Things Mean A Lot

Marie (age 14) and I have just finished our morning housework and are about to start school for the day. A nice breeze is blowing.

Pam West, Ivory Coast

We have lots of leaf lettuce, smooth-skinned tomatoes and even cauliflower sometimes in the local market. Avocados are huge and 5 for \$1.25. Mango trees are loaded.

Carol Pinkerton, Ivory Coast

Pray

Last Monday I learned the why of the numbness in my right leg, foot and hand. I have peripheral neuropathy. The nerve endings have been damaged—but I'm better!

Eunice Edwards
Desloge, MO

Reader Survey

In the last issue of CO-LABORER, we asked our readers if they wanted the Helps for the Leaders in the regular issue or would they prefer a separate Leader's Edition. Only four voted for a separate edition; and of these, two frowned on an increased subscription price. For example:

I absolutely love the magazine just the way it is. (BM, AR)

It's great! We love it!

The ones who don't want the helps included could easily pull them out when the CO-LABORERS arrive. (LB, NC)

I appreciate all the helps. Please don't take them out. (MB, OK)

I would prefer helps in a separate edition, but I don't understand why this would involve a separate subscription list.

We enjoy the Bible study most and would like to see two or more in each issue. (ML, TN)

I hope you keep the same basic format; maybe a separate leader's edition would be helpful.

We need some in large print for the older woman (WA, T)

With the helps included, the ladies go ahead and do the puzzles or read our messages and make my presentation "old hat." But at the same time, I'm not sure how an "extra cost" item would go over. (SH, MO)

I am a new officer and CO-LABORER has given me my first help in this area. Thank you so much. (FK, MI)

I loved the Mother's Heart magnets. I made one for every mother in our church and it was worth every stitch. (RM, FL)

I think our CO-LABORER is terrific. I appreciate all the helps because they help me not only in Auxiliary, but with other things I do in the church. (MB, OK)

We love the new format and hope you don't change it. (PH, OH)

Words For Women

Mary R. Wischart



"You Americans make me sick," my friend from Afghanistan exploded. I had invited her to my home in Missouri to see how "poor Americans" live.

"You have cars and washing machines and refrigerators and you say you're poor. You don't even know what poor is."

Already my head was bowed, but she didn't stop. She proceeded to explain to me "what poor is."

"Being poor is not having shelter enough to get out of the weather. Not having clothes enough to keep you warm. Poor is not having enough food to keep from being hungry."

Never again, I thought, never again will I say I'm poor.

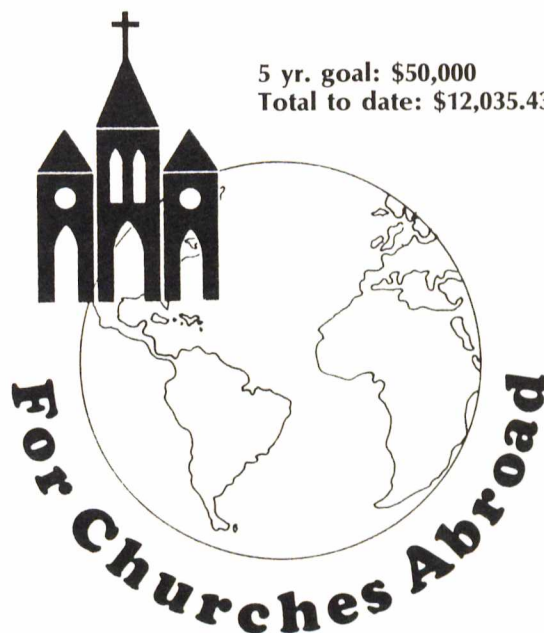
It's true, most of us know very little about poverty. We may not have all we think we need, all we want, but our real needs are well supplied.

God has blessed us so greatly with so many things. The Bible says, "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth." (Deut. 8:18)

Are we ever guilty of saying, "I can't give much; I can give only the widow's mite"? But she gave her whole living! How much do I give? Certainly not my whole living. Half of it? A fourth? A tenth?

Wealthy women, that's what we are, with lovely homes, cars, refrigerators, washing machines, and ice makers. And we give God the loose change.

Have we remembered it is from God? Have we given out of our abundance? 2 Cor. 8:12: "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."



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