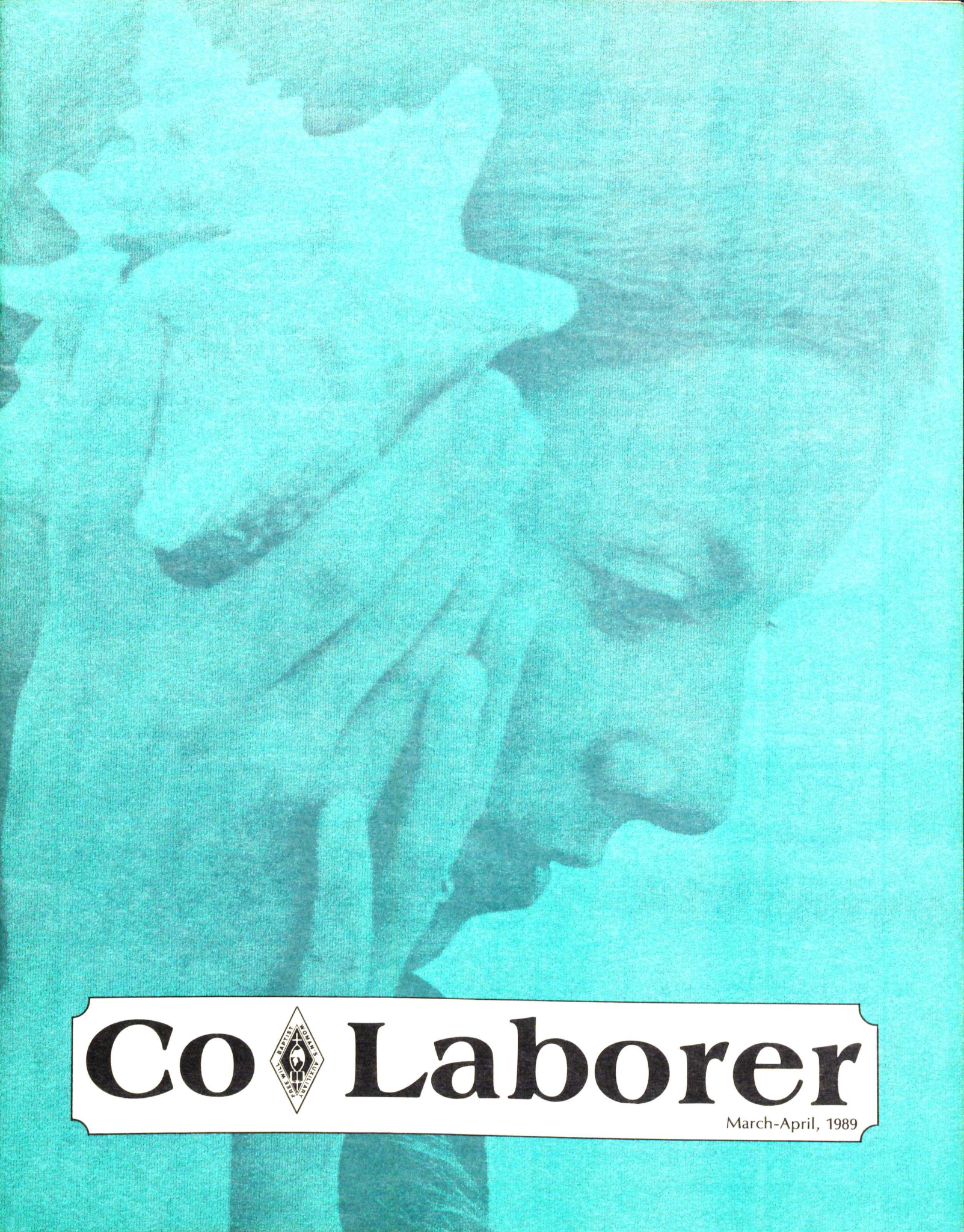




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Some programs ripen with age. Such is "In Everything By Prayer" by Agnes Frazier, first published in 1973. Why not plan a week long observance this Easter season? Mrs. Frazier lives in a retirement home, but is still well and active in Auxiliary work.

Welcome back, Carol! Once Mrs. Garnett Reid was a regular contributor to CO-LABORER. When her husband took a leave of absence from Free Will Baptist Bible College to obtain his doctorate from Bob Jones University, she channeled her energy into mastering library science. They're back now at FWBBC, and their two sons, Hugh and Seth, are ages 10 and 8.

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Language of Love

A missionary's interpretation of 1 Corinthians 13

If I have the language ever so perfectly and speak like a native and have not His love for them, I am nothing.

If I have diplomas and degrees and know all the up-to-date methods and have not His touch of understanding love, I am nothing.

If I am able to argue successfully against their religions and yet have not His wooing note, I am nothing.

If I have all faith and great ideals and magnificent plans and have not His love that sweats and bleeds and prays and pleads, I am nothing.

If I give my clothes and my money to them and have not His love for them, I am nothing.

If I surrender all prospects, leave home and friends, make the sacrifice of a missionary career and turn sour and selfish amid the daily annoyances and slights of a missionary life, and though I give my body to be consumed with the heat and fevers of Africa and have not love that yields its rights, its leisure, its pet plans, I am nothing.

Virtue has ceased to go out of me. If I can heal all manner of sickness and disease, but wound hearts and hurt feelings for want of His love that is kind, I am nothing.

If I can write articles or publish books that win applause but fail to transcribe the Word of the Cross in the language of His love, I am nothing.

— Lois Fitzgerald, Indonesia

"... yield yourselves unto God ... and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." (Rom. 6:13)

The carpenter's tools had a conference. Brother Hammer was in the chair. The meeting had informed him that he must leave because he was too noisy. But he said, "If I am to leave this carpenter shop, Brother Gimlet must go, too; he is so insignificant that He makes very little impression."

Little Brother Gimlet arose and said, "All right, but Brother Screw must go also. You have to turn him around and around, again and again, to get him anywhere."

Brother Screw then said, "If you desire, I will go. But Brother Plane must also leave for all his work is on the surface and there is no depth to it."

To this Brother Plane replied, "Well, Brother Rule will also have to withdraw if I do for he is always measuring folks as though he were the only one who is right."

Brother Rule then complained against Brother Sandpaper and said, "I just don't care. He is rougher than he ought to be and is always rubbing people the wrong way."

In the midst of those discussions the carpenter walked in. He had come to perform his day's work. He put on his apron and went to the bench to make a pulpit. He employed the screw, the gimlet, the sandpaper, the saw, the hammer, the plane, and all the other tools.

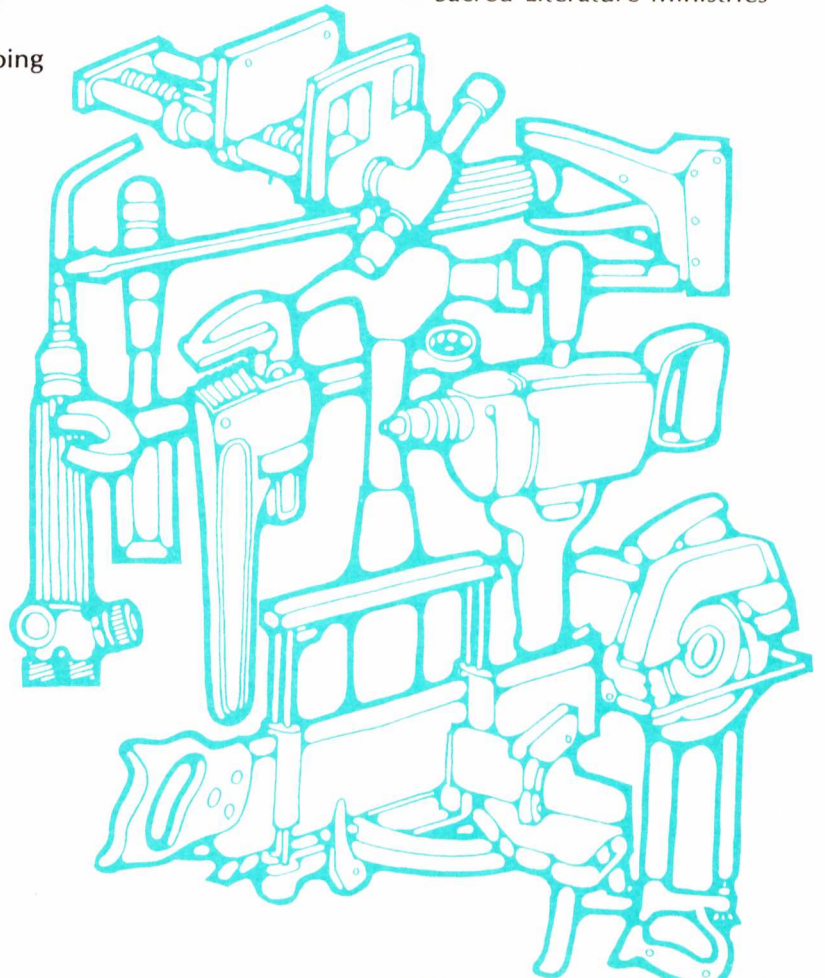
After the day's work was over and the pulpit was finished, Brother Saw arose and said, "Brethren, I perceive that we are all laborers together."

How many of us are just like those tools. The tools were all different, but each had his part to do. No one had the right to complain about or against the others because they did not do exactly that which he did.

Just as the carpenter used every one of the tools, so will the Master Carpenter use each one of us as we "yield ourselves unto God and our members as instruments unto God." (1 Cor. 3:9)

— Sacred Literature Ministries

The Tools' Quarrel



In Everything By Prayer

Pre-Easter Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions

INTRODUCTION

Scripture: Philippians 4:5-7 (read in unison)

In these three verses notice five important phrases. The theme phrase, "in everything by prayer" is the middle one of the five. These five phrases will serve as the five devotional thoughts for our five days of prayer, or five topics for our pre-Easter program.

"THE LORD IS AT HAND"

Organ or piano prelude: "Christ Arose" or similar Easter hymn

Prayer: Pastor

Hymn: "Christ Returneth"

Scripture: (read responsively) John 14:1-3; Revelation 22:12-14; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18.

Do you remember the old-fashioned train with the flashing light warning that a train was coming? These scriptures are given to warn us that Jesus is coming.

Nothing is set forth more clearly in all God's Word than the fact that Jesus Christ the Son of God will return to this earth. This is not only true of the Old Testament, but also of the New Testament.

The world of man has long tried every solution to its problems but Christ, or true Bible Christianity. It

is still unwilling to admit that man is not the master of his own destiny, that man cannot improve his fallen nature, or that man cannot establish peace and righteousness upon the earth.

It is logical, reasonable, and scriptural to believe that the only hope for this world is the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, for the believers, this is called the "blessed hope."

Most of us are familiar with an instrument called a magnet. If you place a magnet over matches, they don't move, but put it over pins and other such metals and they begin to dance. So it is with God's Spirit in us. It attracts and draws us to Christ. And it is the Holy Spirit of God in us that calls us away to Christ when He returns for His church.

Some folks today—even preachers and teachers—scoff at these truths, but I'd rather believe Jesus than any man. Would not you, too? I can't believe any honest person would ever say that the Bible does not plainly teach that He will return again.

Actually, nearly every admonition to the church or to Christians is based on the fact of Christ's return. So, it is because "The Lord is at hand" that we are told to "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our requests be made known to God."

Jesus is coming soon, I believe, and I am ready and I plan to stay paid up and prayed up so I can go up with all the others in the church whose lives are lived by His directions rather than by man's ideas.

Season of prayer (select persons or volunteers). Pray that Christ will cause us to:

*Love His appearing

*Live in imminent expectancy

*Look to the fields white unto harvest

Pray especially for the following fields: Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa and Uruguay.

"BE CAREFUL FOR NOTHING"

Hymn: "God Will Take Care of You"

Scripture (read in unison) Matthew 6:25-33; 1 Peter 6-7

In our scripture title for this portion, "Be careful for nothing," Paul is by no means inviting us to carelessness or recklessness. We must understand the phrase as follows: Don't be anxious or troubled for nothing, or don't worry about anything.

The world today, and even to a great extent the Christians in the world, are being defeated in a war of nerves. Satan is the mastermind behind it all, and yet he uses so many different lines of approach that much of the time folks are unaware that he is the instigator of all their fears and troubles. As we come nearer and nearer to the coming again of Christ, this war of nerves will most certainly intensify. We as Christians must soon learn the hard lesson that there is nothing in this world that is worth fretting or worrying over. We must learn too, that what time we are worrying, we are not trusting.

The wisest man who ever lived said in Proverbs 3:5, 6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not into thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

As we apply those four phrases, we will find that all things are working together for good to them who love the Lord, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

Season of prayer: Pray that Christ will enable us to:

*Flee from all fleshly desires

*Follow after Him who is our righteousness

*Fight the good fight of faith.

Pray for the fields of Japan and India.

"IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER"

Hymn: "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer"

Scripture: John 15:7; 14:13-14 (read in unison)

This amazing offer from our Lord Jesus Christ, should prompt many Christians to take Him at His word, and put Him to the test.

Abiding is a method of living so that our lives are constantly resting in Christ Himself. There is no turning away from Him to other things.

A certain quality of Christian living, according to our Lord, gives sure answers to prayer. It is that "abiding" way of life. Those who desire to have their prayers answered should see that they enter into that place of steady, continuous abiding in Christ: each day lived fully and continually in Him. "If ye abide" is His own condition to receive an answer. When you do not abide, He does not fully answer your prayer. When you do abide, be sure "ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you."

Many lessons which the Lord desires to teach us can be learned only through prayer and personal communication with Him. In addition, if we always have others do our praying for us, we miss the joy and blessing, the experience and training, the peace and satisfaction, as well as the answer that can come only by prayer. Remember it is: "In everything by prayer."

Season of prayer: Pray that the Lord will:
*Draw us together in true unity
*Drive us to our knees continually
*Deliver us from lethargy and indifference
Pray especially for the fields of Brazil and Panama

"SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING"

Hymn: "I am Praying for You"

Scripture: 1 Samuel 12:23; 1 Timothy 2:1; Ephesians 6:18-19; 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (read responsively)

The phrase "supplication with thanksgiving" can also be rendered, "intercession with gratitude," or "petition with appreciation."

One of the greatest privileges and blessings that God has extended to the believer, is the open door of access to Himself through His Son Jesus Christ.

At the same time, He also opens to us the avenue of intercession for one another in the family of God, as well as commissioning us to pray for all men.

Two facts must stand out clearly. First, never was there a time when both Christians and the unsaved needed prayer and supplication made for them as much as they need it today. Second, God still delights in hearing and answering sincere supplication made with thanksgiving one for another.

The words of Jesus ring in our ears . . . "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" (John 16:17). Can we say these same words?

We know what the work of God is: redemption. Are we ready to cooperate with God in His work? God is working. Are we working? Are we doing the same thing God is doing? "My Father worketh . . . and I work!"

Season of prayer: Requests for prayer should be received from the group.
Pray for the fields of Spain and France.

"PEACE OF GOD IN HEART AND MIND"

Hymn: "Wonderful Peace"

Scripture: Isaiah 26:3; John 14:27; John 16:33; 20:21; Ephesians 2:17-18; Colossians 3:15

Troubled hearts and distraught minds, that is the order of the day. The Word of God tells us that one of the signs of the last days will be, *Men's hearts fail them*. And, today we read that one out of every ten persons in our nation has mental disturbance of one sort or another.

Greater and greater sums of money are being spent each year in research to try to discover the causes and the cures for heart trouble and mental disease.

It seems a shame that the world will not take Christ at His Word in simple faith. He has given freely the only sure cure and permanent cure for both heart trouble and mental illness. But then, we remember that men of the world will only believe that they can understand and God has clearly stated that, "*The peace of God*" which shall, "*keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus*," is that which "*passeth all understanding*."

Only the restoration to peace with God and the inward peace of God can ever satisfy man. Until he has these restored, his heart, mind, and soul will be tossed to and fro on a troubled sea of despair. When these are restored, he will have the peace of God in heart and in mind even in a world of tribulation.

When to be Alarmed

If you find yourself . . .
coveting any pleasure
more than your prayer time,
enjoying any book
more than your Bible,
reading the newspaper for relaxation
more than the Bible or some spiritual book
reverencing any house
more than the house of God,
satisfied with any table
more than the Lord's Table,
loving any person
more than our Lord Jesus Christ,
seeking the fellowship of men
more than that of the Holy Spirit,
or delighted with any prospect
more than that of the return of Jesus

THEN TAKE ALARM

—Author Unknown—

Season of prayer: Let us pray that through grace we, along with our missionaries, may see many:

*Receive the peace with God through faith
*Experience the peace of God through surrender
*Live the peace among men through the Word

Pray especially for the staff of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Office in Nashville, TN, and deputational missionaries Don and Billie Sexton and Mrs. Mabel Willey.

God's Cure For

DEPRESSION

Scripture: 1 Kings 19

Hymn: "God Will Take Care of You"

Introduction

Depression haunts twentieth century America. The world rides an emotional roller coaster that allows circumstances to dictate emotional health. When the checkbook is balanced, the kids are doing well in school, the washing machine is working, and we don't have aching backs, we are happy and content. But throw any one of those things—health, finances, personal relationships—out of sync, and we become emotional basket cases. Almost anyone can develop depression if subjected to the right combination of life's situations and circumstances.

Manifestations of depression vary greatly from person to person. A mild case might be cured by a trip to the beauty shop, a letter from an old friend, or dinner out. But lingering days of depression result in broken health, broken homes, broken dreams. A pill helps you drag out of bed in the morning; another puts you to sleep at night. Gloom hangs like a canopy over mechanical moves and comments. One unproductive, purposeless day only leads into another.

Depression affects our body, spirit and emotions. Those who are very close to God may suffer from depression as easily as the unbeliever. But for the believer, there is a way off the roller coaster. Where is this way out?

A look at Elijah, the great Old Testament prophet, the miracle worker who ascended to heaven in the chariot of fire, should serve as encouragement and instruction for us.

When Depression Strikes

Elijah depressed? 1 Kings 18 gives the thrilling rendition of the battle of God's servant with the prophets of Baal. Chill bumps surface as the story of God's power unfolds—pouring consuming fire on the water-soaked altar in response to the simple prayer of His trusting servant. Why, if Elijah could stand up to the opposition of 450 heathen prophets and cut off their heads without a wince, why was he sitting under a juniper tree feeling sorry for himself in chapter 19?

He asked the Lord to let him die. His glorious victory turned to defeat when he took his eyes from his powerful God and focused instead on his own loneliness and inadequacies. He let ugly old Jezebel's threats frighten him even though he had just proven her insufficient for the battle.

Elijah's depression left him fatigued, paranoid and suicidal. Can you relate? Satan's attacks are strongest on the mountain top. Don't let your guard down or sit back for a rest. Your victory may, too, become defeat and Satan may use depression as his weapon to prevent you from further success. The devil knows your weak points better than you do; but your Savior is sufficient to keep you from Satan's attacks if you only trust Him.

God's 

**Physical
Restoration**
(vv. 4-7)

Elijah had been through severe testing on Mount Carmel. Emotionally, spiritually and physically, the prophet was spent. The miraculous coming of the rain and his sprint

ahead of Ahab's chariot into Jezebel left him utterly exhausted. Add to that his day's journey away from Jezebel and you find the prophet stretched under a juniper tree, buried in depression.

How did God minister to His servant? First, His angel met Elijah's physical needs—a little cake, a drink of water and rest. God, the creator of our physical bodies, understands our needs. He even designed our hormones.

God also designed a plan for our bodies. Proper nutrition, exercise and rest are part of His prescription for our total well-being. Abuse of our physical self damages our emotional self as well. Soon a vicious cycle develops: you are too worried to eat, then you worry about why you have no energy. Or your emotional turmoil brings physical fatigue which keeps you from exercise, which contributes to fatigue.

Don't neglect the basics. If you are plagued with depression, improve your diet! Take those vitamins. Lose that extra weight. Watch the salt and caffeine. Eat smart.

Exercise regularly (not just opening the refrigerator door!). Plan some enjoyable time—at least three days a week—to put your body through the paces, make your heart pump. You can take a brisk walk, get into aerobics, jump rope, whatever. Even if you are constantly tired, make yourself get started. In less than a month, you will see a change in your own stamina and energy level. Don't put it off!

Get the kind of sleep you need. Set yourself regular hours and regular routines. If you can't sleep, spend that time in bed praying or memorizing Scripture (the devil usually helps you get to sleep in a hurry if you practice this!). Even if you have no where to go, set the alarm and get up and get dressed.

You'll sleep better the next night if you do.

See your doctor. Eliminate physical reasons for your depression. Modern medicine has made excellent progress in diagnosing and regulating body functions and hormones. You don't need worthless pills and potions, but you do need medical advice if your depression has a physical root.

Just as tenderly as the angel prepared cakes and cool water for Elijah, the Heavenly Father cares for your physical well being. Take good care of the physical body that He has loaned to you. Then just as Elijah "went in the strength of that meat forty days and nights," you will find His plan for your physical body sufficient for you.

God's Rx Emotional Refreshing (vv. 8, 9)

Next God changed the scenery for Elijah. He found a quiet cave, away from traffic and trouble, and settled there.

You probably don't have a handy cave like the prophet did, but you can give yourself the same temporary escape. If you can afford a vacation—a real getaway—then take one. Enjoy a quick trip away from the job or the kids, even if only for a weekend. But even if time and finances won't allow you a vacation, take one with a good book, or a new hobby, or a phone call to an old friend.

Remember, this cave is only temporary! Don't bury yourself there in exile from the world. Just make some quiet time for yourself; enjoy the change of routine.

God's Rx Goal Evaluation (vv. 9, 13)

"What are you doing here?" God questioned Elijah. The Heavenly Father asked that His servant refine and reaffirm his commitment to service.

What are you doing with the talents and gifts that the Lord gave you? How are you living up to the task that He set before you? Is your service in your church, your home, your job all pleasing to Him? Take a look not only at your work, but also at your motives. What is wood, hay and stubble? What things are rubies and diamonds?

What are you doing to obey the last command of our Lord in getting the gospel to the ends of the earth? Write down what you can do—how much you can give on a regular basis, how and when you will pray, what you can do to reach the lost around you. A mind set for others does wonders for one's outlook.

Take a look at yourself from His perspective. You may find that you need to stop feeling sorry for yourself and be busy about the task He has set out for you.

God's Rx Hear His Voice (vv. 11, 12)

Are you listening for God's voice speaking to you? Like Elijah, you may not find it in the tornado or earthquake or fire. He may speak to you in a still small voice. He will remind you of His abiding presence, of His abundant power, or His tender compassion for His child.

Sin and hypocrisy will drown out the still small voice of the Lord. You must be prepared, waiting, ready to heed the Father's message to you. Lovingly He cradles you in His strong arms to whisper hope and joy into your life. His presence melts depression and brings delight. Just acknowledge Him, invite Him, surrender to His provision and protection for your life.

God's Rx Build Fellowship (vv. 14-18)

God made us in His own image. Just as He fashioned man for fellowship with Himself, just as He

made a help meet for Adam, God recognizes your social needs. Friendship, romantic love, family ties, Christian fellowship are joyous parts of the believer's experience in Christ.

God sent the prophet to find Elisha. A servant, a friend, a supporter, Elisha grew into Elijah's successor in God's work.

God expects you to establish a network of support. Find a listener. Find a kindred spirit. Make a new friend. Win someone to Christ to become your Elisha.

You need people. People need you. This, too, is part of God's wonderful plan. Don't resist it; capitalize on it and be thankful for it. Remember too, "There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

God's Rx Back to Work (v. 15)

"And the Lord said unto him, Go."

Not back to the cave, but back to work! Elijah was not dismissed from his difficult task as God's prophet but given new strength to resume and fulfill it.

If depression has robbed you of purpose and function, claim victory through the Lord Jesus and get back to work. No one else can fill your shoes. Get busy!

There are still burdens; there are still tears. Ours is not a "gum-popping, roller-skating" Christianity. But there is joy. There is peace in the midst of the storm. There is a song in the night. "Joy cometh in the morning."

The world is looking for answers, groping for the way out of the maze of depression and fear. The Holy Spirit has promised to produce His fruit—joy, peace—in your life as you submit to Him. This is attractive Christianity!

Conquer the devil in this matter of depression. Paste a smile on your face this very minute—and keep it there until you grow your own. You serve a mighty God; allow him to do His work in you. ♦

Challenges of Missionary Life

Cultural Challenges

Missionaries are obligated to adapt to the culture of their places of service.

In Japan, there are times when it is improper to wear shoes. It helps to have a taste for coffee in Brazil. And missionaries serve it to their guests on a tray. In the country of Ivory Coast, the left hand is considered unclean and to offer something with this hand is offensive.

Even in the United States, some things are acceptable in one part of the country, but are considered in poor taste in another. For example, in some areas of the country you never wear white clothing before Easter or after Labor Day.

Until the missionary adapts to the native culture, he has little impact among the people.

Language Challenges

The most obvious challenge is communicating in another language.

Once a missionary from Japan bought a gift for his wife. He misunderstood the sales clerk and instead of buying one, he ended up with ten! The slightest inflection can be disastrous. Whether or not you nasalize a consonant can mean the difference between a "wife" or a "cow" in one tribe.

Effective service goes beyond what is merely needed to get by. No greater compliment can be given people than to learn their language. But it takes a special kind of person who is willing to be an adult-child for the several years it takes to be able to do this. But only then is the personal relationship

established that opens the door to share the Gospel.

Language communication establishes a trust between the missionary and his people and is essential before a personal relationship can be developed.

Demonic Influences

With the advent of the New Age Movement in the United States comes a sharper awareness of demon possession and demonic control; but foreign missionaries openly deal with this on a daily basis.

One missionary on furlough tells of listening to a tape recording of an exorcism to determine its authenticity. He stopped the tape when he heard the demon speak. He recognized the voice as that of a demon he had spoken to in Portuguese when he was in Brazil. When

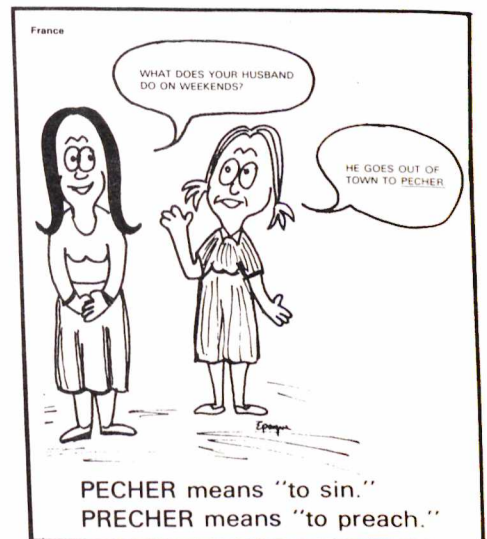
*The Verse: The Great Commission
The Command: "Go ye therefore . . ."
The Promise: I am with you alway.
The Hymn: "Ready"*

Introduction

As Missions Conference time rolls around each year, a sense of excitement fills the air. We thrill at the prospect of learning more about our missionaries and their mission fields. We expect to be challenged with the awesome responsibility of sharing Christ with the lost, not only in distant lands, but with those here at home.

We are inclined to tag some situations in missionary service as obstacles, hindrances. Often what we look upon as hindrances, the missionary calls a challenge, or God's opportunity.

Let's consider some of these obstacles/challenges which have been shared by visiting missionaries during past conferences.



Japan



Sushi consists of thin strips of raw fish wrapped about cakes of cold cooked rice.

the demon revealed his name, it was the same. Demons have the ability to speak in several different languages.

Reincarnation and ancestor worship are prevalent in many countries. The powers of witch doctors are manifested in the fabric of one's daily living, intertwined with birth, health, marriage, children, profession, death and even beyond.

But thank God, even witch doctors and those possessed by demons can and do get saved through the power of God. Even so, demonic influences remain a tough challenge to the penetration of the Gospel in heathen lands.

The missionary is acutely aware that his enemy is not made of flesh and blood (human), but principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, spiritual wickedness in high places. In other words, the world controlled by Satan is the enemy.

Food and Drink

Food and water are essentials of life. Unsanitary food conditions and contaminated water in some countries present real problems for the missionary.

Often the missionary is a guest in the home of a national. He may not recognize what he is eating, but eats anyway just to be polite. Sometimes he wishes he hadn't. One missionary confessed that at these times he prays, "Lord, I'll do my part and eat it; now You do Your part and keep it down."

A generous supply of Pepto Bismol, or its equivalent, is basic to any missionary's pack.

Meal preparation can be time consuming. One missionary stated that in her country meat comes in two cuts—with bone or without. If they want ground beef, they grind it. Some make their own bread, mayonnaise, ketchup and peanut butter, all from scratch.

In most third world countries, water is unsafe for drinking and must be filtered, and in some cases, boiled. One missionary stated that her biggest chore when having guests was in keeping enough water filtered, boiled and cooled. "Invariably," she says, "I end up pouring warm water in ice cube trays to cool it sufficiently for drinking."

Difficulties in food and water preparation provide continual challenges for the missionary.

A New Family

Rejection by family members after conversion to Christianity is common in foreign countries. In some cases, he even loses his employment. Or his life.

One missionary had labored in a Moslem land for 40 years with no church or visible converts. Oh yes, there had been many who had experienced the saving power of Jesus Christ. But somehow they

didn't live long after their public profession.

The church has a responsibility to these new converts. In some countries, Christian communities are established. This offers opportunities for discipleship and provides the stabilizing influence of other believers.

A new convert in America is like a convert in a foreign country. It's a new experience and they need discipling. We must help them fit in the kingdom of God.

Miscellaneous

Just as inflation has entered our homes and taken a seat at our dinner table, it has taken a toll on all aspects of our mission work.

Deficit accounts are terribly frustrating to a missionary far from his tangible source of supply. He knows that if their account dips beyond a certain point, they are subject to recall. It takes a certain measure of faith to depend on God to supply their every need.

And what about the missionary on deputation? When insufficient funds prevent the missionary from returning on schedule, he may be tempted to resign. But when he catches a glimpse of the omnipotent God, the One Who has called him, he receives a new burst of enthusiasm.

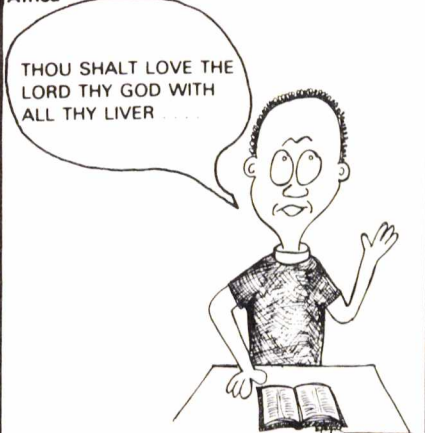
Conclusion

The Great Commission is not given only to those who go. It is binding on us who stay as well. Some will be obedient and go to the ends of the earth. Others will stay at home and pray and send.

Yes, there are challenges, but God is far greater than any of them. We may not be appointed to serve under one of our mission boards, but God has called us to witness for Him right where we are in our own communities to our family, friends and neighbors.

Let us accept the challenge and find our place in the Great Commission. ♦

Africa



In many African cultures the liver is considered to be the center of emotion. Would you believe . . . "I have the joy, joy, joy Down in my liver?"

Cartoons by Eddie Payne

Communicator

by M. R. Wisehart

March—Pre-Easter Week of Prayer

The week before Easter offers Free Will Baptist women a time to join in a concert of prayer.

Who knows what can be accomplished as we unite in prayer for Free Will Baptist foreign missions?

Needs are great, but we serve a great God. John 14:13-14: "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

Let's agree together to ask God for our missionaries' needs—financial, physical, emotional, spiritual.

Acting on Our Prayers

Remember when God told Joshua to stop praying and act? (Joshua 7) Perhaps some of us need to act to help supply the needs.

Is God calling you to go where you haven't been going? Is God appointing you to a regular prayer ministry?

Perhaps you need to share more of what God has given you so that His Word can be proclaimed "in all nations."

Laura Belle Barnard Offering

The Laura Belle Barnard offering gives you an opportunity to act. Give an extraordinary offering this year. Make it a special love offering to the resurrected Christ.

The Pre-Easter offering is named for Laura Belle Barnard, missionary to India, 1935-57. Miss Barnard now lives at 312 Herrington Street, Glennville, GA 30427. She helped to reawaken Free Will Baptists to the challenge of the great Commission. Her book, *Touching the Untouchables*, is available from WNAC at \$5.95.

Also, a small biographical leaflet is available for 35 cents.

In 1987 the Laura Belle Barnard offering was \$6,886.99. You were challenged to double that in 1988.

Who accepted the challenge? No one apparently, at least not enough. The 1988 offerings amounted to only \$5,776.36. Shame on us! Let's do better in 1989.

Involve the whole church in this offering. Here is a good chance to help eliminate the red from deficit accounts and encourage missionaries.

Executive Committee Meeting

President, Mary Neal; Vice President, Maurine Lee; Secretary, Peggy Outland; and members-at-large, Nora McCarty, Lila Faye Morgan, and Kay Hampton, met with Executive Secretary-Treasurer Mary Wisehart, December 5-7 in Nashville.

The committee benefited from sessions with other Free Will Baptist board members. Topics for those sessions included reading an audit, legal responsibility of board members, and relationship of board members to directors and employees.

Treasurer's Monthly Report Form Revised

Have you used the new monthly report for treasurers? The forms have been revised and color coded for local, district and state treasurers: local, pink; district, blue; state, yellow.

The first 12 are free. After that you may order 12 copies from WNAC for \$1.

Provision Closet

The closet is now ready to receive any of the items usually stocked.

Thank you for directing funds to deficit accounts. If you still have money instead of articles, please mark it clearly "For Deficit Accounts." Provision Closet offerings are placed in the Closet fund. ♦

Go Fly A Kite

By Odessa Ledlow

The first signs of spring have a way of erasing the long winter months which have passed. The birds begin warming up for their spring lullabies. They flit here and there gathering twigs to build their nests. Trees and shrubbery burst forth with new life. Daffodils are aglow in all their yellow splendor. It's spring!

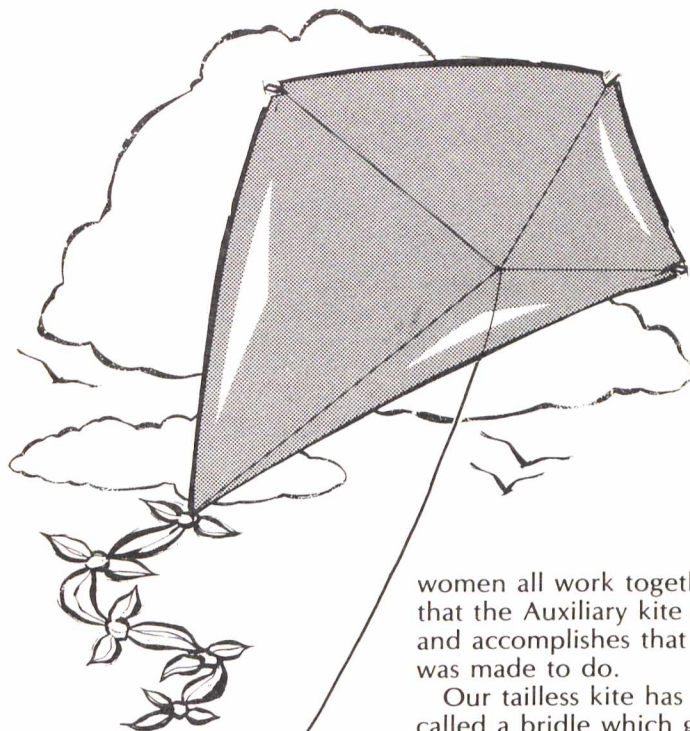
As the strong March winds sweep over the land, the urge to fly a kite wells strong in most young, and those young-in-heart. To feel the tug of the wind against the pull of the string and to know you are in control keeps you in touch with nature.

Did you know that we can liken our Auxiliary to a kite? Let's see how.

Our Auxiliary kite flies in all kinds of weather. Two sticks form the frame. So small, yet so vital. Prayer—and the Mission Prayer Chairman—is to the Auxiliary



An Auxiliary Kite, that is



women all work together to see that the Auxiliary kite is strong and accomplishes that which it was made to do.

Our tailless kite has a short line called a bridle which guides the angle at which the kite flies. Just as a kite needs a string, we need someone to assist in overseeing the work. In our Auxiliary kite, this represents the Vice President.

Finally, the kite is of little use unless there is someone in control. The President sees that the kite is functioning to the glory of God. She recognizes that left to herself, she can do nothing; her strength comes from God. She claims His wisdom and direction in all she does.

So there you have it—an Auxiliary kite. Let's fly high together!

what this frame is to the kite. It is vital, not only in our personal life, but in our churches. Auxiliary women should be women of prayer. Prayer is the lifeline that nourishes our missionaries on our mission fields around the world.

Next, notice the kite is covered with paper. The right kind of covering guarantees the best flying performance. Four of our Auxiliary officers make up this part of the Auxiliary kite—the Mission Study Chairman, the Mission Action Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer. These

Suggestions

Find a real kite (or make your own). Label it as illustrated. Or draw your own kite on a sheet of lavender poster board. Or use a lavender magic marker on white poster board.

Odessa Ledlow, Mobile, Alabama, wrote this kite analogy as an installation. It has been adapted here as an illustrated lesson. If you desire to use it as an installation, make a kite for each officer.

Over My Coffee Cup



By Eunice Edwards

"Not everybody who grows old, grows up," says Warren Wiersbe. There is a vast difference between age and maturity. Ideally, the older we are the more mature we should be; but too often the ideal does not become the real.

Immaturity results in problems. I dare say, if we are honest, we must admit at least a part of the problems we face is due to an immature decision made somewhere along the way.

I feel very keenly that our consistency in God's service depends upon our maturity in Christ. How mature am I? I'm 76 years old, and because of God's grace, I've been a Christian for 45 years. Does my Christian life today reflect 45 years of study in His word? Of a prayer life that is deep, effective and meaningful?

These are unpleasant questions to consider, but better to consider them here and now than to face our Lord at the end of our earthly existence when it will be too late to change anything.

Now let's consider some more questions. Do I go around with a chip on my shoulder daring somebody to knock it off? Do I feel neglected or slighted because my pastor visits Jane more than me? Do I feel there is a job in the church that only I can fill? Is there envy in my heart over Jane's ability to sing, speak, etc., better than I? Am I critical of the way my pastor's wife spends their money? Do I feel unimpressed when Jane's child is selected for honors at school and my child isn't?

There are times when my answer to some of these probing questions is, "I'm guilty, Lord." So what do I do then? I fess up, ask His forgiveness, and for grace to grow up!

Ladies, let's grow up and be consistent Christians. ♦

Bible Study

II Peter 2 Part 1

by M. M. Daniel

Note: Chapter 1 urged believers to add to their faith 7 Christian graces (1:4-8) and to "make their calling and election sure" (1-10). In Chapter 2, the aged apostle strongly describes and denounces false prophets and teachers. Already active, these were infiltrating Christian groups and would increase in number and intensity as the last day drew nearer. False teachers enter "under cover" rather than openly denying Biblical truth, until the confidence of the people has been gained.

FAIR WARNING (2:1)

2:1—In the preceding chapter, verses 19-21, Peter emphasized the surety and the purity of the Word. The faithful, who study the Word of God for themselves, guard against being duped by ever-present false teachings. Only the spiritually weak and uninstructed follow blatant error in blind ignorance. Peter cautions "But there _____ false prophets" in the past and there are and "_____ be false teachers." This is a fact, not simply a possibility. What method do they use? They come in among believers "p_____ " or secretly; they bring with them "_____ heresies" (twisted doctrines); they deny "the _____ that bought them" (when the sin-debt was paid-in-full on Calvary). "By feigned words and foul deeds, they bring upon _____ swift _____." God, though plenteous in mercy, is also a Holy and just God. Heresy, both blatant and subtle, promulgated in the face of revealed truth, cannot go unpunished.

FOOLISH FOLLOWERS (2:2-3A)

2:2 - "Many (how sad!) shall follow their _____ (wicked, deceitful) ways." This leads to the "way of _____ being evil spoken of." God and His people are vilified and become the butt of crude jokes.

2:3a - What impels and motivates these false teachers? Simple "C_____", or, a strong appetite for personal gain and self-gratification. Writing many years ago, Charles R. Erdman said: "False teachers hide covetousness and impurity under a cloak of Christian profession." Empires have been built by some, who "with _____ words" make "M_____" of sincere but unstable believers as large fortunes are amassed from the gifts of widows existing on fixed incomes.

JUDGMENT CERTAIN/PUNISHMENT SURE (2:3B-8)

2:3b-8 - Peter lists illustrations of 3 former severe judgments:

a. "Angels that _____" . . . were cast "down to _____." Though many fallen angels are loose and free to operate under Satan's directives, some are in "_____ of darkness, to be _____ unto judgment." Compare Rev. 9:1-3, 12:7-9 and Jude 6.

b. The "Old _____", judged by a "flood upon the world of the _____." Noah preached, by word and every nail and plank, that he believed God and was safe and provided for during this judgment.

c. The "cities of _____ and Gomorrah" were turned into ashes as righteous judgment fell on the immoral inhabitants of Lot's day. Most of us would hesitate to call Lot a "righteous man", but, God calls him that. However, this "righteous man" lived in the wrong place and came dangerously close to being one of the statistics, except for a merciful God and a concerned uncle.

THE LORD KNOWS (2:9-13a)

2:9 - "The Lord _____ how to _____ the godly out of temptation," as well as how to mete out pure justice.

2:10, 11 - The unjust are characterized by those "Who walk after the _____." in self gratification: Who "despise _____", unsubmissive to established authority: Who are p_____, or, are boldly arrogant and over-confident, unafraid to twist Scripture: Who are "self-_____", motivated by selfishness: and who are "not afraid to speak _____ of _____", those placed in positions of authority both in the church and in the realm of human government. Angels have more sense than to do that. Compare what Michael did in Jude 9 with this verse.

2:12 - Here Peter compares these false teachers to "natural _____ beasts"—creatures of instinct rather than intellect, acting in accordance with base desires and appetites. They "_____ not", lacking the will to refrain from expounding on that which they have not personally experienced.

2:13a - Though they "count it pleasure to _____" (revel in sin), even in broad daylight, their destruction is dead ahead. (verse 12b)

(Chapter 2 continued in the next issue)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Can true Christians be duped into believing and following false teachers?
2. How can we guard our own souls and those of our loved ones against succumbing to cults and false doctrines?
3. Name a few specific false doctrines and/or practices we need to guard against.
4. Why do you believe Peter used the term "natural brute beasts" in describing false teachers?

If you profited from this mini Bible study and wish to have additional studies for personal or group use, write: M. M. Daniel, Route 12, Washington Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37219.

Women in Action



Colorado Women reaching out: Nadine Hood, Rosa Lee Thomas, Brenda Lewis and Barbara Myer.



The women of the Heritage Auxiliary in Williamsburg, VA enjoyed "Ode to the Pastor" by Saebra Pauley in the September-October issue. They performed this skit for the pastor's birthday recently. Everyone enjoyed all the surprises, but especially the skit.

Cumberland District Fall Meeting

The Cumberland District fall workshop at the Trinity church, Nashville, Tennessee, featured Cote d'Ivoire with the theme, "Arise and Build in Foreign Lands."

Joan Warner, Barbara Warner, and Michael Gragg, summer missionaries to Cote d'Ivoire, took the women on a visit to the country with objects, video and music.

Instead of the usual piano accompaniment for the congregational singing, the women clapped while singing, African style.

As the roll was called, each Auxiliary responded by bringing a "Provision Closet Offering" for deficit missionary accounts. The women shared their methods for gathering these offerings, including collecting aluminum cans, and placing a container in the foyer of the church where everyone was asked to deposit change. The offering amounted to \$571.



The Beaver Creek District Auxiliary in South Carolina set a goal of \$13,000 for Ron and Linda Moore, missionaries to the Cote d'Ivoire. The women set a goal of \$6,000 by their meeting in August. At that meeting president, Gwen Hendrix, presented the Moores with a check for \$10,600. The district also gave them personalized gifts and honored them with a song especially written for Ron and Linda.



Eastside Auxiliary, Houston, TX, honors Judy Smith, now serving in Japan, on her birthday. Only money gifts were given.

The all-church party featured a game for the kids. Instead of pinning the tail on the donkey, they pinned the party hat on Judy. Karen Walker, president, cut party hats from construction paper. Each child tried to see who could pin the hat closest to the picture of Judy on a missionary map.



Shirley Knight, treasurer, and Esther Mayo with Judy's birthday check for \$370.

From Here and There

Lisa Wallace opened Georgia's state convention (Nov. 16, 17) with a praise concert. **LaRue Crowson**, missionary to France, was surprised with a handbag filled with \$500. This missionary also benefits from the \$5,000 state project. **Martha Everson** presides over this progressive state.

Maynor (WV) Auxiliary honored their pastor, Rev. Roger Tolliver, with many gifts, a money tree, and a miniature replica of the Harvest Time Quartet, of which he is a member.

Reta McCloud was chosen as Miss Auxiliary 1988 of the Tom's Creek Auxiliary, Nippa, KY. Miss McCloud was selected for her faithful service, sense of humor, outgoing personality, and dedicated Christian life.

Bluebird-Redbird Contest

Glenna Murphy, Beckley, WV, suggests using a contest idea for your Auxiliary. Decorate your Auxiliary room with birds, trees, bird nests, bird feeders, Scriptures that feed us, kites that look like birds, or anything to promote this theme.

Choose captains and divide your Auxiliary into two teams—redbirds and bluebirds. Xerox the following list of points and give one to each member. She writes down her points as she earns them, then gives to the captain before the date set for the contest to end.

	points
1. Call absent members or anyone missing Auxiliary	25
2. Call or visit members sick at home or in hospital	25
3. Call or visit and invite women who do not attend Auxiliary	10
4. Send cards or invite prospective members	50
5. Use my car to bring someone who doesn't attend	500
6. Each Auxiliary meeting I attend	100
7. Drive church van, or bring women to Auxiliary	1000

The losing team could treat the winning team to a dinner or mystery tour.

Helps for Leaders

Ideas to Stimulate Your Imagination

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Agenda for March

Pre-Easter Week of Prayer with an emphasis on Foreign Missions. Plan with the pastor to make it an All-Church observance. Invite a furloughing missionary to speak or use the program "In Everything by Prayer." Encourage the whole church to give sacrificially to the Laura Belle Barnard Offering.

Publicity—Use a real kite to publicize the March program or use the poster in this issue.

Get announcements about the Pre-Easter Week of Prayer in the church bulletin and on the bulletin board. Publicize the Laura Belle Barnard Offering for Foreign Missions in the same way. Make sure the whole church is aware of the offering.

Mission Prayer Chairman—Write missionary requests on the back of kites cut from construction paper. Miniature kites may be made from tissue paper and toothpicks. Make a tail with squares of paper on which missionary requests are written.

Mission Study Chairman—Make plans for the all-church missions

study in April. Work with the pastor, the vice president and others to get out publicity. Order the books you will need.

Mission Action Chairman—

Work with the prayer chairman to publicize the Pre-Easter Laura Belle Barnard Offering for Foreign Missions. Enlist the Master's Men, youth groups, Sunday school classes, and get the whole church involved in the offering.

Laura Belle Barnard Sacrificial Offering for Foreign Missions March 26, 1989

Program Suggestions—Dwelling on depression will leave you in the pits. Concentrate on the positive—go fly a kite!

The Chinese observe "Kites' Day" on which thousands of kites shaped like dragons, fishes, birds and butterflies float over the countryside. Legend has it that once a man dreamed misfortune would fall upon his household on

a certain day. On that day he took his family to a lofty hill and they amused themselves by flying kites. When they returned home that evening, their home and farm were in complete ruins. Kites' Day celebrates the saving of his family. Each colorful kite flown is supposed to carry away all the evils that threaten to attack its owner.

Distribute paper kites and ask the women to write on them one particular burden or concern they have. Let them slip it into their Bible until the time they can turn loose of it and symbolically let it soar into the sky, right up to the throne of God.

Agenda for April

Follow the Emphasis given in your State Calendar of Work.

Publicity—Make a collage of missionary pictures, using current prayer cards from the Foreign Mission Office, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. Use as a poster to announce the April program and display it in the room at your meeting. Use the prayer cards attached to a WNAC invitation card with the caption, "Come learn about the challenges of the _____ (missionary's name) lives/life." Cards may be ordered from WNAC. See the Supplies Leaflet in the January/February issue. →

In Everything By Prayer

The program is so designed that each topic may be used as a brief devotional for each day of prayer or as a program for one evening. One person may take charge of the entire service, or five persons may be selected to present each of the five parts.

Some may want to have prayer group leaders. A different leader

could take charge of each prayer session. Since this is a day of prayer, try not to put a time limit to your season of prayer. This often hinders the freedom of the Spirit. At the same time, do not let the sessions drag.

This program is sent forth with but one supreme thought in mind, that of glorifying the dear Son of

Pre-Easter Season of Prayer

God, our Savior. We believe that one of the greatest ways in which we could glorify Him, would be to awake from our slumber of complacency, separate ourselves from the world, and present our all unto Him, and go forth in Spirit-filled service for Him.

April Agenda . . . (continued)

Mission Prayer Chairman—

Make a Prayer Calendar booklet for each of your women.

Mission Action Chairman—Plan

to do something special for some missionary women. Check on the birthday list in this issue and send a card to each one signed by all the members of your Auxiliary, or ask each woman to send a card. Make a box of cards available and encourage them to write a note and get it mailed in time to reach the woman on time.

Program Suggestions—Be seated in a circle. Lead the women in a “Thumbs-Up and Thumbs-Down” activity. Thumbs-up indicates the statement is true; thumbs-down indicates it is false.

1. Anyone can translate the Bible into another language if he has the complete alphabet of that language.
2. All four gospels and the book of Acts contain the Great Commission.
3. A missionary on furlough delights in spending his entire time on deputation.
4. The Lobi people in Africa eat with chopsticks.

5. An effective missionary learns the culture of his people.
6. Snake meat is a delicacy in France.
7. Many mission fields have a measure of demon activity, but it is especially evident in Brazil.
8. A missionary is totally depending on us for his financial support.
9. Our Foreign Mission Board sends anyone to the field if he feels he is called by God to go.
10. On most of our mission fields, fear of rejection by family members is a reason for rejecting Christ.

Answers: F, T, T, F, F, T, T, F, T, F, T.

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN

All Church Missions Study



Check with your pastor about the possibility of an all-church missions study, perhaps on a Wednesday night. You may teach it, ask the pastor, or invite a visiting teacher.

WNAC is recommending two mission books this year. One is *A MIND FOR MISSIONS* by Paul Borthwick. It challenges us to adopt a lifestyle that promotes world evangelization.

Preparing to Teach

*Pray. Ask God to give you a sensitivity to the message of the book. As you feel the book, you are better able to teach it.

*Read the book straight through. Don't try to retain facts and outlines. Just read for content and to get the feel of the book.

*Now go back through and work out your teaching plan.

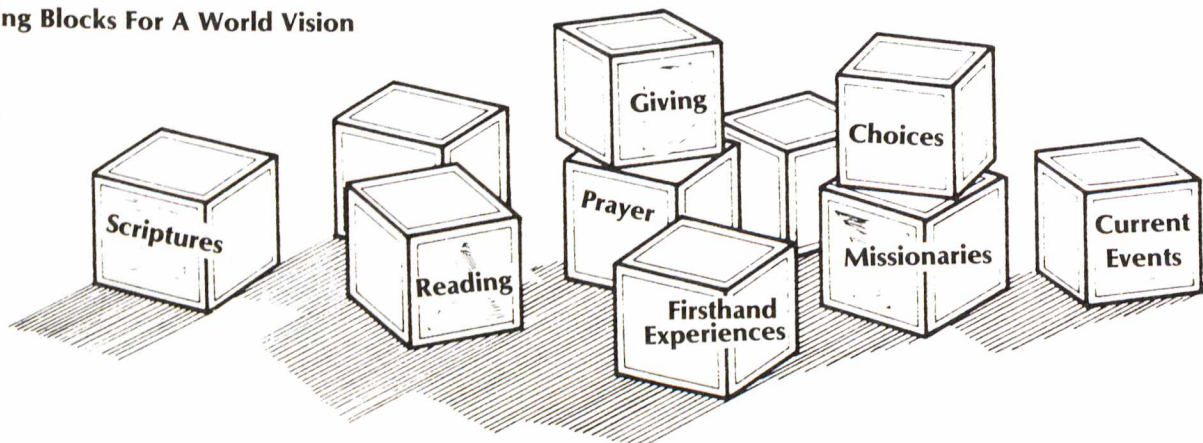
Session Preparation

The book can be illustrated—and taught—by using building blocks. These may be drawn on overhead transparencies, on a blackboard or flannelboard, or on a poster.

Publicity

Encourage every woman in the church to attend this study even if they don't attend Auxiliary. Prepare posters advertising this study and display in open areas. Place announcements in the bulletin/church newsletter. As a final reminder, contact the women by phone or mail cards during that last week.

Building Blocks For A World Vision

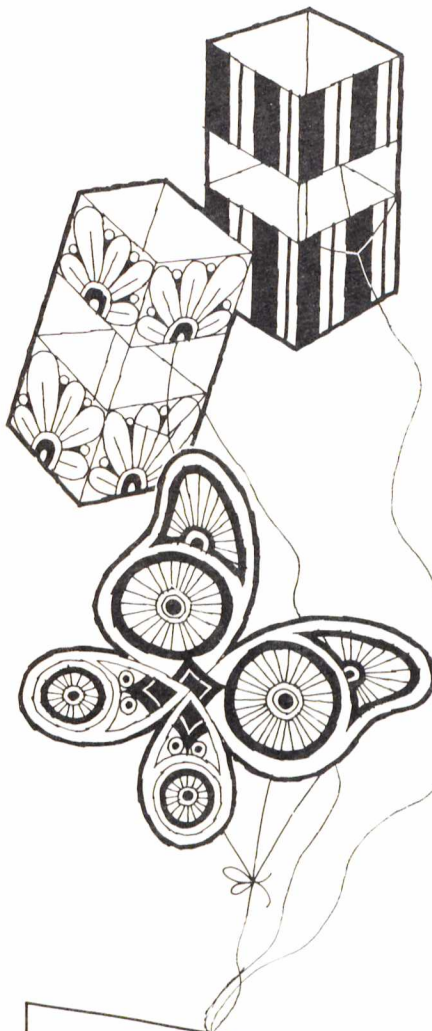
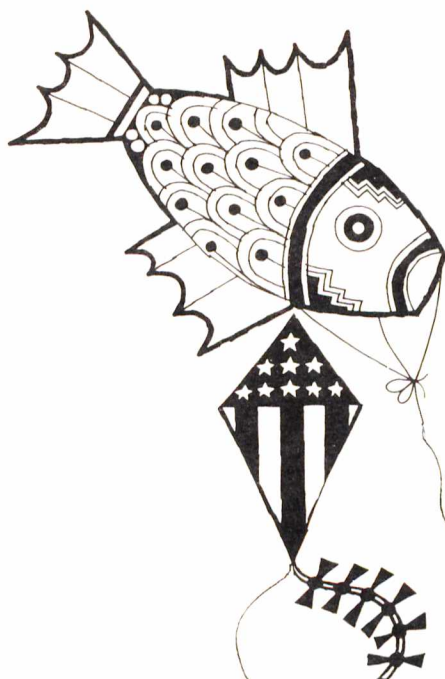


MISSION PRAYER CHAIRMAN

Prayer Reminders for March

Cut kites from construction paper and write missionary requests on the back. Or make an assortment of different kinds of kites and write requests on them.

You could display a store bought kite and use missionary prayer cards for the tail.



Missionary Quiz: Who Am I?

Discover eight or ten interesting details from the life of a missionary known to most of your women (See *Profile Sheets* available free upon request from the Foreign Missions Department, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202). Start with little known facts and gradually get easier until someone recognizes him/her. Prepare clues for as many missionaries as you have time.

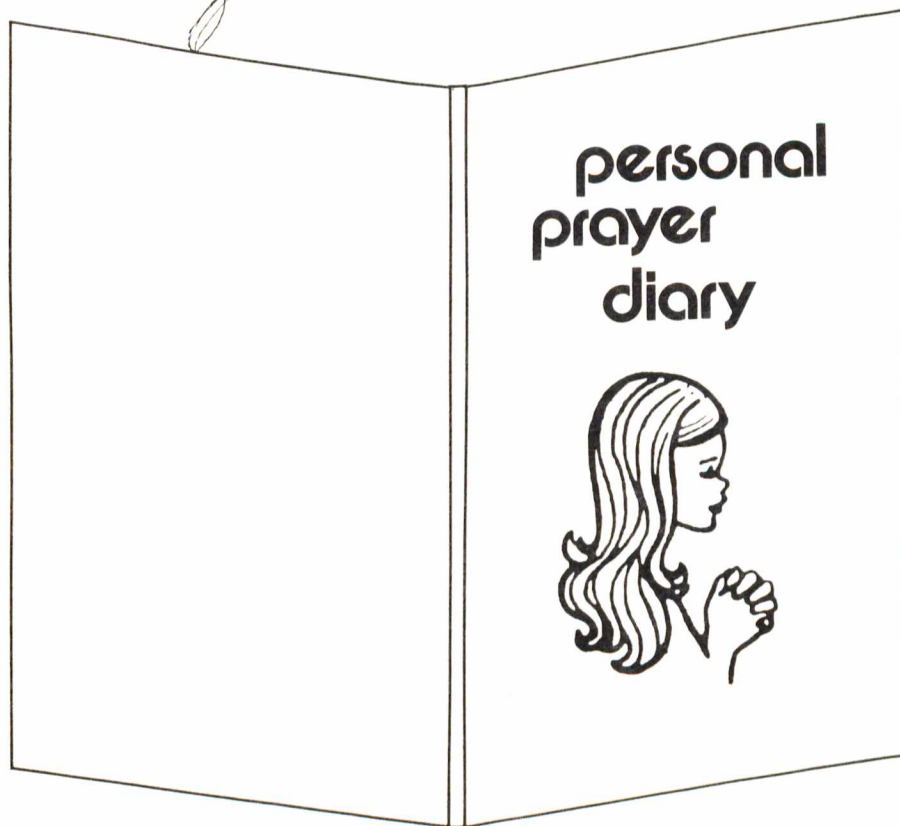


Following your pre-Easter Emphasis on prayer is a good time to encourage your women to keep a prayer diary.

Lola Farley, Mission Prayer Chairman from the Faith Auxiliary, prepared one for each of her women. She used six sheets of typing paper folded to a convenient size to slip inside one's Bible or purse. They could even be made smaller. She covered them with lavender construction paper.

Each page has art at the top to identify the month. The rest of the page is left blank to allow time for requests given by the members. Each day in their prayer time, they pray for each other's requests.

The facing page gives attractive inspirational messages.



MISSION ACTION CHAIRMAN

Seed Applique

Seed applique is an easy craft enjoyed by both young and old alike. You can seed applique just about any design and use all sorts of materials, in addition to seeds and beans, pasta, spices, fabric, and herbs. One of the great things about seed applique is that you don't have to adhere strictly

to the instructions or the materials listed. Let your imagination be your guide. Here are some suggestions to guide you.

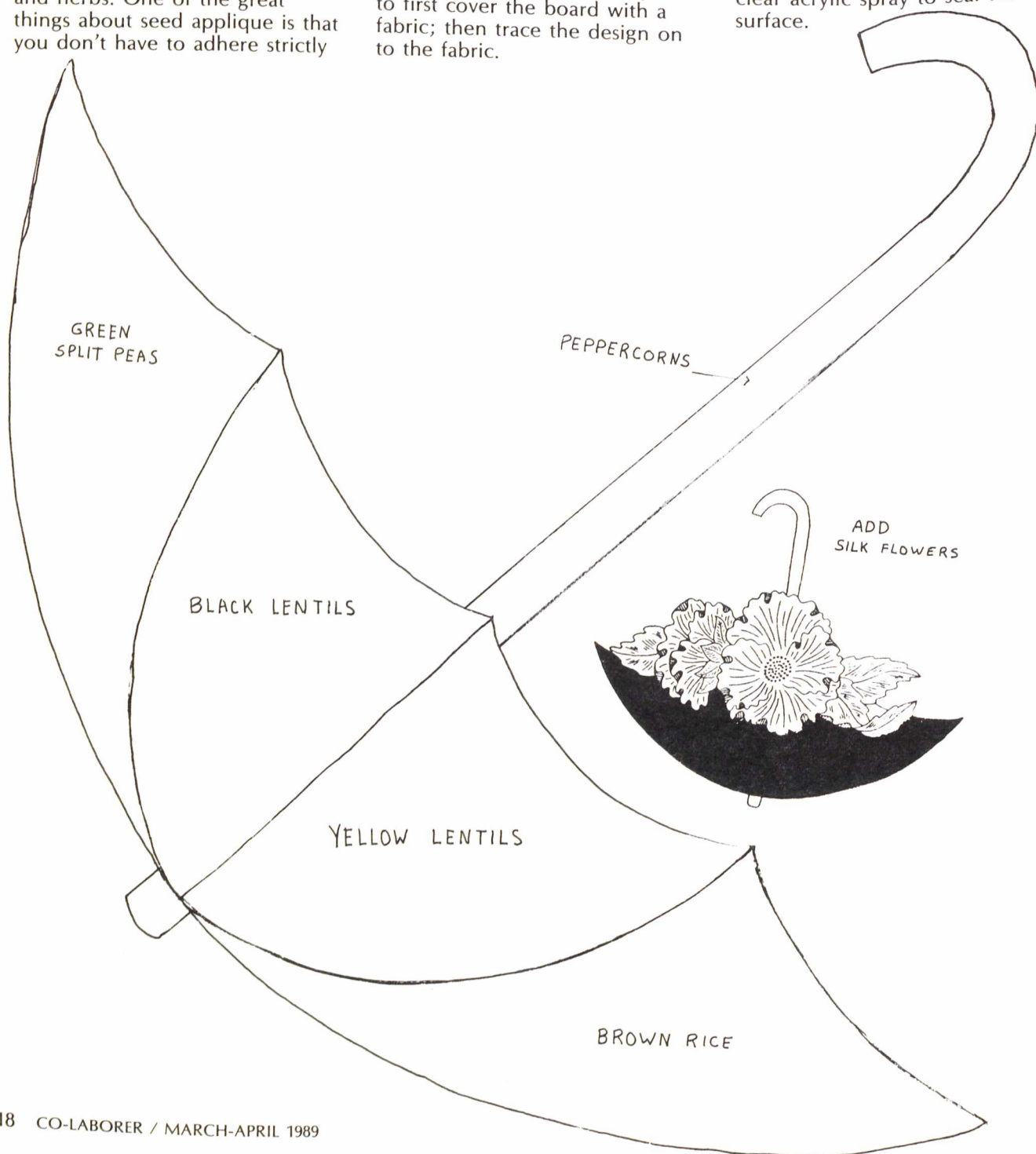
1. Decide on a design. Use the one suggested here or make your own. Children's coloring books offer good ideas.
2. Trace the design on a board, or draw using a fine line magic marker. Use solid wood, hardboard, plywood, decoupage board or even cardboard. You may want to first cover the board with a fabric; then trace the design on to the fabric.

3. Attach any hardware to the frame or back of the board before applying the seeds.

4. Begin at the topmost section and work your way downward, working a small area at a time.

5. Use a hot glue gun (or white craft glue) and place the seeds on one at a time. Use tweezers, toothpicks or similar tools to place each seed.

6. When finished, spray with a clear acrylic spray to seal the surface.

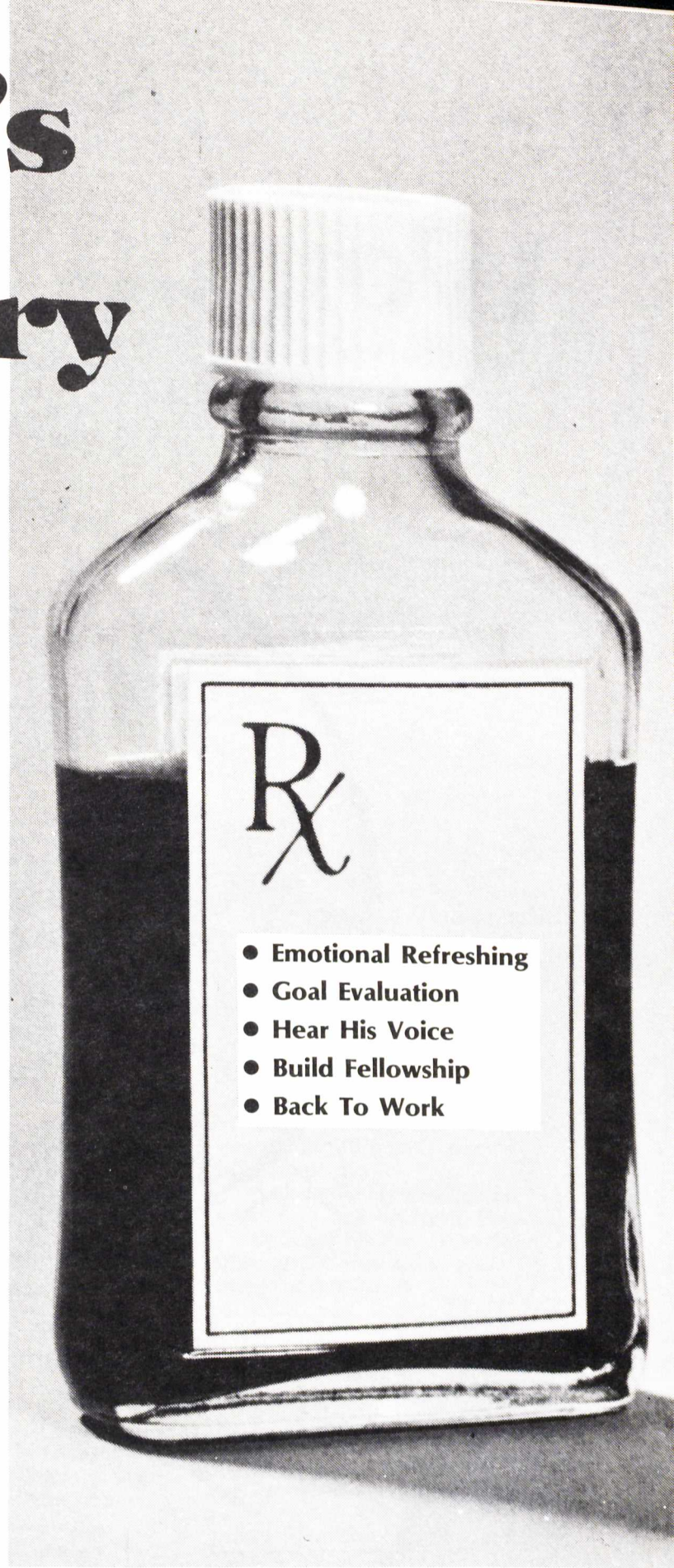


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A Song for Martha

By Diane Mitchell Thomas

The cold rain pelted us as we ran to the door of the nursing home for our regular Auxiliary visitation. I usually enjoyed our visits here. But as the women filed down the long corridor, I lagged behind. Odors of food, medicine and body waste matched my mood—unpleasant.

I had not wanted to come, but my family was watching a ball game on television and I didn't want my presence to spoil their fun. I intended to hide in the midst of my fellow Auxiliary members, hoping they would not notice I was there.

It was a day for being down. My neighbor's child had been hit by a car and was not expected to live. I rushed to the mother's side when I heard. "Diane," she cried, "my heart feels like it's busting open." Her sobs came from deep inside her soul. I held her and cried, too. It was all I could do.

Earlier that day I learned that another young friend had tried to kill himself. I didn't know he had been so unhappy. I hadn't even noticed. My own heart felt like it, too, was "busting open" under a heavy weight.

I slowly walked toward my group. I passed an old man sitting in a wheelchair in the doorway of his room. His vacant eyes stared at the gray tile on the floor, drool running down his chin. I shuddered and quickened my pace toward my women whose voices now rang out with *Amazing Grace*. Before I could reach them, another voice stopped me. "Help me," it called from behind a partially closed doorway.

I paused, then pushed the door open. "Help me," she pleaded. I

looked into the emaciated face framed with thin gray hair. A tube hooked her body to the life-sustaining fluid bag at her right. I walked to her side and touched her shoulder.

"Hello, what is your name?" I asked. She grabbed my hand and again, cried, "Help me."

"Ss-sh, it's okay. Are you scared?" All my questions were met with "Help me."

The name "Martha" labeled all her possessions in the room.

"Listen, Martha," I whispered. "Listen to the ladies sing." Their voices drifted across the hallway and penetrated the room. "What a friend we have in Jesus, all . . . griefs to bear."

I watched her face. She seemed to be listening. I squeezed her hand. "Let's sing, Martha." I began, "Have we trials . . . is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer."

Take it to the Lord in prayer. I could sing no further. I listened and let the voices envelope me . . . "weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care . . . take it to the Lord in prayer. In His

arms, He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there."

"Martha," I traced her cheek with my free hand. "I need help, too. I'll ask Jesus to help us."

And I did. At Martha's bedside I gave Him the load I could not carry. I asked Him to take hers as well. He did. She was calm and nearly asleep when I left her to join my group.

My steps were lighter and quicker as we left, but I did pause beside the old man in the wheelchair.

"Hello, how are you tonight?" I asked as I took his hand. He slowly lifted his eyes from the floor, gazed into mine, and then—he smiled. ♦



Diane is married to Ray of Grifton, NC. They have two teenage sons. This article placed second in WNAC's annual creative arts contest.



When missionaries receive money from WNAC, often they do not know which local Auxiliary sent it. Is there any way the local Auxiliary can be identified?

Although this issue has been mentioned before, some questions still exist. The missionary would like to keep in touch with groups giving to his account. The Auxiliary would like to receive his regular newsletter.

First, let's mention WNAC's plans in this area. In a few months WNAC's financial records will be on computer. Then, with the cooperation of local, district, and state treasurers, WNAC will be able to send a detailed report to the Foreign Missions Office along with each monthly check. Patience! We're working toward that goal in the office.

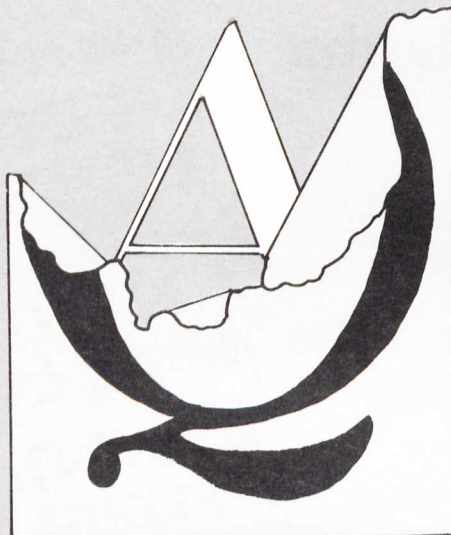
Also, the editors would like to print in CO-LABORER state, district, and local projects as they are adopted. Again this will take the cooperation of these organizations.

In the meantime, what can we do while we patiently wait? Here are some suggestions.

When your Auxiliary adopts a project, votes to send monthly to a missionary's account, or sends a special gift, write the missionary and tell him so. Ask to be included on his newsletter mailing list. Second, try to keep in touch with the missionary each month. You may not receive a personal reply, but he will know that you are faithful to your commitment. Third, make sure that your treasurers are using the revised monthly report forms and forwarding them on until they reach the national office. Fourth, send a note to CO-LABORER when you adopt a project. Missionaries receive a complimentary copy of each issue.

What is the purpose of the Co-Laborer Fund?

Mrs. Agnes Frazier proposed the 50,000 Co-Laborer Fund in 1944. The aim was to get 50,000 people to give \$1 a month. The funds would then be divided with 90% going to the National Unified



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Fund (forerunner of the Cooperative Fund); 10% remained in the WNAC treasury. Later one third was kept for WNAC expenses. The other two thirds was divided with 50% going to Foreign Missions, 20% to Home Missions, and 30% to Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The fund lost its significance when women started designating their giving to certain areas.

In 1969 the Convention designated the total Co-Laborer Fund offerings for national office expense. The operation of the national work depends on that fund, dues, and Emphasis Month offerings. In 1987, the Co-Laborer Fund amounted to \$10,597.47; Emphasis offerings, \$10,588.58; dues, \$16,061.75, for a total of \$37,247.80 to the operating expenses of WNAC. Expenses, on the other hand, amounted to \$167,402.80. The 1989 budget calls for \$163,950. Other funds come from magazine subscriptions and sale of literature, plus the host state's help with convention expense. WNAC's general fund certainly needs more help. When you set goals for your projects, include giving to the Co-Laborer Fund.

What is the significance of the Auxiliary logo? When was it first used? Can we use it in any color?

The diamond shaped logo includes a cross, symbol of our crucified Savior; a globe, symbol of our field, the world; and a Bible, symbol of our gospel message. The emblem suggests WNAC's purpose: to involve all Free Will Baptist women in getting the Word to the world.

The diamond shaped emblem was suggested in the 1960's by Georgia Hill, then president of WNAC. She and Mrs. Cleo Purcell, then executive secretary of WNAC, worked together on the symbols. The Convention approved the design for an official pin in 1964.

When the revised *Manual* appeared in 1965, it was in the official colors, lavender and white. It carried the imprint of the diamond shaped emblem for the first time. On the back cover was an advertisement for the new pin at \$1.25. The pin now sells for \$7.50!

The manufacturer of the pin felt that it would not be wise to use lavender on the pin because it would not be durable. For this reason the basic color on the pin is blue.

For years the emblem has appeared on WNAC's stationery in blue. Recently it has been changed to lavender. Have you noticed?

Sometimes the emblem is used in black and white and in a variety of colors.

More important than the color is the purpose symbolized by the emblem. Let's hope that even if the emblem changes, Free Will Baptist women will continue faithful to the crucified Savior, obedient to His command and eager to get the gospel to the world.

Do you have other questions about WNAC history? Check them out in *Sparks into Flame: A History of WNAC*. It is available from WNAC for \$4.95.

Do you have a question about Auxiliary work? Send it to President Mary Neal, 138 North 24th Street, New Castle, IN 47362.

The Minister's Wife

Compiled By Cleo Pursell

Our churches are full of hurting people. Any person involved in church work very quickly becomes aware of that fact. I wish that it were possible for all our problems to be whisked away the moment we accept Jesus as our Savior. But, the truth is that our struggles do not always end. In fact sometimes they increase. God often allows suffering as a means of teaching us to be more totally dependent upon Him, to help us grow in faith or to make us sensitive to the pain of others. But many of our problems are the result of the battle between the flesh and the spirit.

As ministers' wives, we usually do not have to search for a field of service among hurting people. If we care about people, they will come to us. We hold a position of respect. We must be trustworthy. We cannot reveal confidences shared with us. We should, however, consider counseling only women and girls. Our husbands, as pastors, are always available for the congregation, and we should know when to refer a person to a Christian counselor. We should not consider counseling a seriously disturbed person.

When I was a young minister's wife and it became evident that I would be counseling, I will admit I was very fearful. Even today I do not lightly enter into any counseling situation. Counseling should be done prayerfully and carefully. In some cases we are dealing with the very core of a person's beliefs. Such cases may involve a long-term commitment on our part to help the person.

Counseling can take many forms. It can be as simple as a kind word of encouragement or compassion. I believe any Christian is capable of this. It does, however, mean that you must be alert and fine-tuned to the attitudes and demeanor of the



By Mitzi Munsey

Counseling in the Church

people in your church. It means noticing that a person seems quieter than usual, or has a depressed countenance, being sensitive to something out of the ordinary. Just showing your love and concern may be all the person needs. Everyone needs to know that someone cares about them. Many problems may seem insurmountable simply because no one else is sharing them.

Counseling like this involves listening very carefully. You may have to practice and really work hard. For many people, myself included, true listening is a learned ability. My mind has a tendency to go off in many directions when I am talking to someone. So, I try to take care of any distractions before I begin talking to the person. You can do this by unplugging the telephone, occupying children with food or toys, and definitely turning off the

television. If I am at church and I sense that a woman needs to talk about something, I call a young person to watch our children and I suggest we go to an empty Sunday school room.

I have learned that I listen much better if I look directly at the person, specifically at her eyes. Then I do not see the picture that is crooked or the dust on the floor. I only see her eyes and have her problem on my mind.

Another type of counseling may involve confrontation in the person's life. This means showing the person what the Bible says about her problem and helping her to understand it. People have a tendency to trust their emotions to lead them and totally disregard what the Bible says about behavior. The truth is that we cannot trust emotions; they are deceitful. The Bible is our guideline for living a life pleasing to God and filled with contentment.

In counseling, familiarity with our Bible and especially memorized verses are very helpful. Remembering the right Bible verse may be particularly worrisome for some minister's wives. After years of being a Christian, a Free Will Baptist, and even attending Bible College, I do not always feel confident in my ability to recall the verses a person may need to hear. Many times, after learning the facts of the problem and praying, I will schedule another talk the next day and promise the person that I will go home and prayerfully search out what the Bible says that can help her, and share it with her the next day. I do not feel ashamed to admit that I do not have all the answers. But, I am always supremely confident that God does have the answers.

You can prepare for this type of counseling. First, and most important, have regular Bible study and prayer habits. Learn what the →

Only Christ can meet our needs for love and security.

Bible says about marriage, raising children, temptations, divorce, and other areas that tend to create the most problems in our lives. Then use study aids that are available. Read Christian books that can help you understand the biblical principles in dealing with problems. If you can, take counseling courses through a good Christian school. Learn from people who you consider good counselors.

Finally, there are people who need another type of counseling that is much more complicated and lengthy. These are people who have built their lives on wrong assumptions which define and fulfill their needs instead of depending upon Christ to fulfill their needs.

For example, some young women who were abused as children cannot find happiness with their husbands. There are husbands who feel like failures because they have not reached goals of financial stability. There are nagging wives whose happiness depends upon everything being perfect because they were

constantly criticized while growing up. And there are young people who have contemplated suicide. There are parents who feel that they can never serve the Lord because their own child leads a sinful life. And there are divorced people who now have little or no self-esteem. All of these people may feel resentment, depression, and anger. They may feel completely insignificant and insecure.

The sad fact is that we can find these people in most of our Free Will Baptist churches. They are Christians. How do we help them? Be prepared for a long commitment. Realize the goal of any Christian should be developing a character which conforms to the character of Christ. Only Christ and service to Him can meet our needs for love and security. Confidently share with them that regardless of a person's background, God is faithful to us. And, praise God, he will not allow a situation to develop that we cannot respond to in a biblical manner, but He will make a way for us to escape and to bear it.

Learn how to communicate this to the person who needs help.

In summary, there are some things that we need to know that can make us better counselors. Even if the person is a professing Christian, have her tell you about the time she accepted the Lord. Make sure it was a genuine salvation experience. If the person seems unsure, go through the plan of salvation and try to lead her to the Lord. Only Christians can experience the true peace that comes with a life completely dedicated to Him. Only Christians can understand the biblical truths that can lead them to this peace. Learn to be patient. Many people have a lifetime of problems that cannot be worked out in a few talks. Be compassionate. Perhaps most important of all, be prayerful. Trust in God to provide the healing the person needs. ♦

James and Mitzi Munsey are home missionaries on the Texas-Mexico border. They have two children, Laura, 6, and Matthew, 4.



CROSSWINDS

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

This column addresses everyday problems that often bring defeat and discouragement in our walk with the Lord.

My Four Surgeries

By Barbara Otwell

It's been three years now since I underwent four major surgeries, each only a month apart! I suffered hours and hours of pain, but now at last I feel I am finally recovering from these crises in my life.

My first surgery was a heart transplant. My heart was firmly planted in my dream home with its spacious rooms and swimming pool. I felt so safe and secure. We →

sponsored church parties for our Christian friends and my son often entertained his friends here. Life was beautiful!

Then one day my house was gone, sold to another family. My heart died! How could I give up this beautiful home to someone else? Many wonderful memories were wrapped up in this house.

My heart was transplanted to a condo in another city. I wasn't sure I would recover. Though the pain was excruciating at times, I stubbornly refused any medication for it. I cried for hours, days, weeks. Finally I came to realize that here was where my heart was going to have to survive, so I asked the Holy Spirit for medication. He gave help immediately—the minute I was willing to receive it.

My first surgery was a heart transplant

And I survived.

One short month later my second surgery was forced upon me—they called it “cutting the apron strings.” This was probably the most traumatic surgery I have ever experienced. How could something so simple be so painful? Snip, snip, and it was done. But oh! The pain still pricks at times.

I had heard other women describe their experiences with this surgery, but I silently dismissed it as ridiculous. I knew our only son would always be close by, even when he married. I'd never have to go through this surgery. When my son left for Bible College, I was thrilled. But he journeyed a million miles from California to Oklahoma! I did rejoice that he was a Christian and in Bible college, but I missed him so. I counted the months until he graduated and would come home.

He didn't! He married a girl from Missouri and that is where

My second surgery — “cutting the apron strings”

they settled. The final incision was deadened a bit by the fact that our son had been away for two years. This prepared me for the final snip, although I wasn't as prepared as I thought I would be. Even now the pain hits me now and again and I have to ask the Holy Spirit for medicine to ease it.

He does and I have survived.

I had barely recovered from this trauma before I was taken to emergency for my third surgery. They called it an “impacted credit card wallet.” I still experience recurring chills and sweats resulting from this ordeal.

I had absolutely no time to prepare for it. It happened instantaneously! One day I had them, the next day I didn't. When I was away for a week, my husband picked up our mail. He knew I used credit cards, but not to that extent! He immediately changed the addresses to his office post office box where they were sent directly to him. Nothing. Ouch, the pain!

When the initial shock subsided, came the tears. I felt I was being treated unfairly. I had forgotten that two years before I had asked God to help me with this problem. He gently reminded me to thank Him for an answer to my prayers.

I have healed now from this surgery, but when I go shopping, I still get the shakes when the clerk asks, “May we charge this?”

“Impacted wallet card” — my third surgery

“Oh, I'd love to,” I answer, “but I can't.” When others pull out their cards, I want to grab them and buy dozens of things and yell, “Charge it!”

But I don't and I have survived.

I almost waited too late for this last surgery because I denied the need for it. I submitted to an eye transplant. My eyes had become so weakened by constant viewing of television, especially the soaps, that I could hardly see. Blurred vision marked my days. I was so busy watching “Days Of Our Lives,” “Secret Storm” and “Another World” that I had little time for Bible study. After all, I read the Bible three times a week at church.

This one wasn't as painful as the other surgeries, but harder to accept. Though I could see so much better, I longed for the old eyes to view the friends I had made over the years.

My fourth surgery was an eye transplant

Now I am amazed at how many hours I have to study the Bible, write in my empty books, and write lessons, articles, poems, etc. I even began a Bible study with some women in the church and feel so much better spiritually since this last surgery.

I survived.

It's nothing short of a miracle the good health I am enjoying since these four major surgeries so close together. I owe it all to my Physician. If you need help in any of these areas, let me recommend Him to you—the Holy Spirit. He's the best. I give Him all the credit for my recovery. ♦

Book Highlights

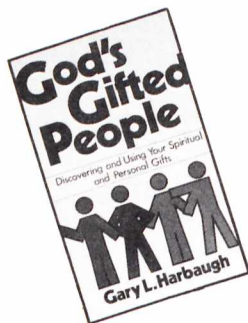
GOD'S GIFTED PEOPLE

By Gary L. Harbaugh, Augsburg Publishing House, paperback, \$6.95. Reviewed by Barbara Otwell.

This book is not a book on "speaking in tongues." It explores the different traits of the gifts God gives each individual. It dissects people's types and gives you opportunity to explore what type Christian you are and where best your talents can be utilized for God's glory.

You may be a type, ISTJ. This type of Christian is serious, quiet, and practical. They like everything well ordered and organized. This type of Christian would work well in doing the book work of the church, or in a place of responsibility where he doesn't have to be in the "limelight."

There are 16 types and one to fit every Christian. This book would be helpful to a pastor and his wife, to identify each member of the



congregation and help them to find their place in the church.

It would also be useful for any member to study in order to appreciate other members who are different from themselves. It would help them to see how important it is for a church to have all types of Christians in order to get all the work done.

It is a practical book on how to best use your abilities to glorify God.

CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

By Orene V. Shoenfeld, M.D. and Beverly Bush Smith, Revell, Old Tappan, NJ, paperback, 198 pages, \$5.95. Reviewed by Marilyn Pritchard.

Two Christian women, a gynecologist who's approaching menopause and an author who's experienced it, combine their insights to explain what to expect during menopause. The fourteen chapters of *CHANGE FOR THE BETTER* emphasize preparation for menopause. In an effort to dispel fear, false ideas and negative feelings toward "the change," the authors write in clear understandable terms to explain what happens during and after menopause both physically and emotionally.

Included study guides make this an ideal book for group study. The index offers easy access to information on symptoms, diseases, medications and other topics discussed in the book.

"Is Anyone Else Here Feeling Warm?" Chapter 3 lists several symptoms of menopause along with explanations for their occurrence. Some of the symptoms listed include hot flashes, menstrual changes, sleep disturbances and body changes.

Emotions are not ignored. In fact authors Shoenfeld and Smith handle this topic graciously. They present samples of different emotional reactions, roots of those emotions and specific handles for controlling them.

Other important topics discussed include osteoporosis, controlling and preventing other diseases, sex life, hysterectomies, attitudes and the concept of freedom.

Chapter 13 adds a dimension that books written by non-Christians could not—the Lord. It brings us back to the Source of our joy and peace. The authors remind us of God's promise never to leave or forsake His children.

They remind us, too, that we are stewards of our bodies. With the information in this book, women can be better stewards of their bodies. They can make menopause truly a change for the better. ♦

A Woman God Has Used

Adopted mother, grandmother, spiritual leader, and personal friend—that's what Ava Hellard is to the people in First Church, Houston, Texas. It seems she always does and says the right thing. Her wisdom and compassion are awesome.

Ava Hellard radiates the love of Christ wherever she goes.

In 1946, Everett and Ava Hellard, native Oklahomians, attended FWBBC. Later they took up residence in Texas where he has organized several churches. Now retired, they direct the Senior Adult ministry at the Houston First Church.

The Hellards have two married children, David and Everyl, and nine grandchildren. Everyl is married to Raymond Getz, pastor of the McAllen FWB Church.

Brother Hellard is well-known as a soloist, but his wife also sings with him, in a trio, and in the choir.

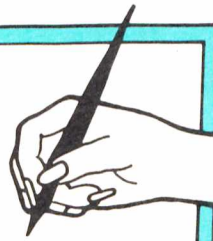
Mrs. Hellard is a veteran Auxiliary worker, filling many offices from the local level to the national. She continues to work in the Conroe Auxiliary, their last pastorate of many years.

Ava Hellard is a woman God is continuing to use.

— Karen Ferguson



The poet's CORNER



Today

I walked across a field today
Just praying as I went,
I ran my hands through golden
grain
And felt the harvest near.
I heard the birds and bees and wind
And smelled the flower scent.

I wandered to a stream today
And sat upon a stone.
I took some time to meditate
And hear the water laugh.
I felt the sun upon my face
And never felt alone.

I went into the woods today
And looked up to the sky.
I knew there was a great big God
Up there who grew those trees;
I felt His presence with me then
And heard the branches sigh.

I walked across the road today
And took a fresh-baked pie.
I have a friend I had to see
And share with her my day.
I shared my field, my stream, my
trees
And of my God on high.

I'm glad I took the time today
To walk and sit and pray
And sing a song no one could hear
And with a neighbor share;
For from those simple things I
shared,
She found the Lord today.

—Betty Jane Jones
Atlanta, MO

Behold the Millions

Behold the millions groping in
darkness,
Lost in their wretched lives of sin;
Stumbling, staggering 'neath the
load
That weighs heavy upon their backs.
Eyes have they, but they are blinded
To the Creator who designed them;
Minds have they, but void of any
knowledge

Of the One who can bear their
burdens.

Hearts have they, broken and
crushed
And empty of true love and
happiness;
Ears have they, but deafness
Engulfs them in a silent world of
sorrow.

Eyes, minds, hearts, ears all have
they
But no understanding of God's
wonderful salvation.
Why must this be so?
Because we have ignored the
command of God.

How can they ever hear when
Their ears have never heard?
How can they believe when
No one has ever told them?
How can they hear unless we
Confess our sin of selfishness
And give up our lives of ease,
Willing to sacrifice our all for them?

Oh God, make our feet ready to go
To the distant lands that are crying
out,
Crying out for someone to help
them
Find peace and contentment within.

Help us not be ashamed to share
The Savior who has given so much
And who longs to impart to them
His redeeming grace and love.



These missionary poems were
selected from entries in WNAC's
poetry contest. For information on
the annual creative arts contest,
write:

Creative Arts Contest
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202

Help us to obediently lay down our
lives

And fervently give our all
To the One who was willing to die
That we might have life anew.

Then will their eyes be opened,
Their minds know of His love,
Their hearts be cleansed and made
whole

And their ears be made to hear.

One day in Heaven we will behold
A great multitude which no one
can number,
Praising God and crying with loud
voices,
"Salvation to our God forever and
ever."

—Teresa Hilton
Norfolk, VA

A Missionary

Called—

A missionary.

Trained as doctors and nurses
Who struggle a new language
and customs to learn;
They care for physical needs,
Yet, do not neglect the spiritual.
Total human needs are met
Because, missionary, you are
Called.

Called—

A missionary.

Compelled to proclaim
God's gospel message to man
In a foreign land,
God's kingdom to expand.

—Barbara Jarvis
Sapulpa, OK

Keep The Flame Burning

A tiny spark was kindled
Lo . . . many years ago;
At times it was a roaring blaze,
Then, an ember glow.
Our forebears lit the missions torch
And the church began to show
Its love, concern and vision
That the gospel might ever grow.
KEEP THE FLAME BURNING . . .
Though the fire oftentimes may dim;
Never let it die, for
This world needs to know of Him.

—Jane Lippy
Hampstead, MD

Appointed to Pray

Pray, Ladies, Pray!

By Molly Barker

I wasn't in an alley or even on a back road. It wasn't late at night nor was I alone.

About six o'clock one hot afternoon on a busy street in Montevideo, Uruguay, we were on our way home from daily vacation Bible school. Teachers, helpers and a little student—nine in all—packed my small station wagon.

Hot and tired, we were all anticipating ice cream cones.

In a few seconds that seemed like two forevers, everything changed. Suddenly we came upon two men in the middle of the street. When they heard the car, one of them headed toward us. He was covered with blood! I had to stop to keep from hitting him. He staggered to the door and tried to open it.

"Hey, wait a minute," called Amy Robinson, a fellow mission-

ary. "There are already nine of us in here!"

With blood dripping from the end of his nose, he mumbled that he couldn't wait, he needed help. By now, he had the car door open.

I yelled at a bystander with a bike to run for help at a military check point a block and a half away. He didn't budge. Neither did any of the other bystanders offer assistance. When I saw a jeep approaching, I jumped from the car and flagged it down. I begged the two soldiers in the jeep to take the wounded man to the hospital.

By now the injured man had passed out in the car, falling face down on the floorboard with the rest of his body on the road.

At that moment, the attacker, holding a bloody knife, stumbled to the car. Amy felt certain he intended to finish off his victim.

"Don't do it!" she screamed and tried to shield the unconscious man's back.

The dazed man groped his way around to the back of the station wagon where the door stood open because of the extreme heat. Two teen-age girls thought their time had come and began yelling, "No, no!" all the while scrambling to get over the back seat. Anywhere away from that bloody knife.

The two soldiers from that jeep began asking questions.

"Forget the questions," Amy said, urging them to get the unconscious man off her feet and on to the hospital before he died. Actually everyone thought he died when he fell inside the car. Finally, much to our relief, they loaded both the injured men and left for the hospital.

Come to find out, the unconscious man had gone to rescue his sister from her common law husband. The husband responded by stabbing him eight times. Two surgeons worked on him all night long in an effort to stop the bleeding. God spared his life though he lingered several days between life and death. The attacker, seriously wounded, also recovered.

Ladies, this is just one reason why you should pray daily for our missionaries. This story could have had a very different ending had not someone prayed for our safety that day. ♦

Personality Profile

Molly Barker

Molly Barker has served both as a home and foreign missionary. After graduating from Free Will Baptist Bible College, she went to Nogales, AZ with the Home Mission Board. She returned to Nashville for nurses' training and left for work in Uruguay in 1965.

In Uruguay, she has learned to wear many hats. Something needs to be done? Molly will try it—from baking birthday cakes to directing Christmas dramas.

Don't try to feed Molly anything that lives in water. Although she grew up in Morehead City, NC, she does not eat any seafood.

Molly spent several months with her mother after her father's death



in March, 1988. She returned to Uruguay, January, 1989.

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.

March

- 2—Evelyn Hersey (Japan)
- ** 5—Willie Booth (OH)
- * 5—Vonda Johnson (WY)
- 7—Patty McCullough (France)
- 13—Vada Lee (IC)
- 14—Allan Crowson (France)
- *15—Lynda Hunt (WA)
- 15—Linda Moore (IC)
- 19—Melba Hibbard (CA)
- 20—Trena Owens (Spain)
- **24—James Sasser (MD)
- *25—Howard Gwartney (AZ)
- 25—Jim Teague (IC)
- *26—Tom Hunt (WA)
- 27—Olena McLain (Japan)
- *29—Lois Reagan (Canada)

April

- 9—Marie Hanna (India)
- 11—Ledgel Ferguson (IC)
- 13—Charolette Tallent (France)
- **13—Rhoda Trimble (AL)
- *13—Miquel Vera (Puerto Rico)
- **13—Donna Nix (Hawaii)
- *24—Tim Coats (SD)
- **25—Bill Johnson (KY)
- **27—Angela Dooley (OH)
- 27—Marvis Eagleton (Brazil)
- *29—Mike Criswell (OR)

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.

What Reward Have Ye?

By Rubenia Dobbs

"For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye?"
(Matt. 5:46)

On a trip to Africa, God impressed upon my heart that most of us do not know the meaning of sacrificial Christlike love. We give out of our abundance. African Christians give out of their poverty. When two chickens and a guinea are a day's wage, then your offering is a sacrifice. Yet these Christians give their tithes and offerings to build churches and send missionaries to other villages to carry the gospel.

They don't buy clothes to stuff into an already stuffed closet. They do not buy toys for children who have more than they can already use. Often a mother will not have one single article of clothing for her newborn baby. Yet

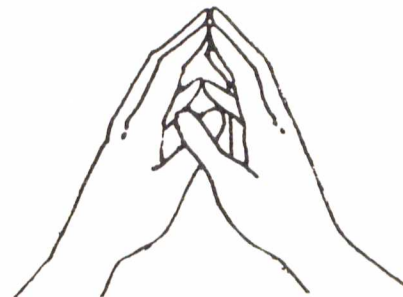
we give baby showers and gifts on many occasions when there is no present need. If we ask ourselves why, I fear we must admit it is because we love (give) those who have loved (given) to us. Jesus continues to ask, "What reward have ye?"

Our mission field has urgent needs. There was one doctor and no missionary nurses at the clinic in Doropo. Three nurses are ready to go and asking, "How shall we go except we be sent?" There is approximately a \$21,000 deficit in the accounts of present missionaries and those waiting to go to Africa.

The widow has given her mites, the sinful woman her ointment, but what have Free Will Baptist women given? Where is our Christlike sacrifice of love?

Missionary Hotline

(615)
361-5005



Prayer Requests

- New work in Jardim das Palmeiras (Palm Garden). This work is being started by two members from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Uberlandia (Brazil) where Tom and Nancy Hughes are serving.
- Missionaries who will be coming to the states for furlough in the next two months and for those missionaries planning to return to their fields soon.
- Tim and Kathy Coats, Rapid City, South Dakota, who are some of our most isolated missionaries. Pray that God will supply their mission church land and a building so they can get out of rented facilities.
- Russell and Vonda Johnson serving in Cheyenne, Wyoming, as they make plans to build a first unit building for their church. This church and one other are the only two Free Will Baptist churches in the state of Wyoming.
- Six graduates from the Sowers Bible Institute in Montevideo, Uruguay. They are being used of the Lord to reach their fellow Uruguayans for Him.
- One more couple to complete the goal of five couples for Phoenix, Arizona, National Association Target City for five new churches by 1990.

Study Books

Missions

- ☐ **A Mind for Missions**, Paul Borthwick (Navpress) 167pp/\$5.95
We face a choice: to be a worldly Christian or a World Christian. This practical book discusses 10 building blocks to help us sensitize ourselves to the needs of those beyond our borders, among which are prayer, giving, current events and lifestyle choices.
- ☐ **What Makes a Missionary?** David Howard (Moody Press) 96pp/\$5.95
Discover what makes a missionary through a study of the life of Peter. The same principles that prepared him can prepare us today.

Still Available

- ☐ **I Looked For a Man . . . And Found One**, Lorene Miley (Randall House) 202pp/\$5.95
- ☐ **Touching The Untouchables**, Laura Belle Barnard with Georgia Hill (Tynedale) 170pp/\$5.95

General

- ☐ **Basic Principles of Parliamentary Law and Protocol**, Marguerite Grumme 68pp/\$5.00
- ☐ **Guide to Better Poetry**, Lorene Miley 25¢
- ☐ **Sparks into Flame**, Mary Ruth Wisheart (WNAC) 154pp/\$4.95
- ☐ **Free Will Baptist Woman's Missionary Society**, Reprinted (WNAC) 146pp/\$3.00

Christian Living

- ☐ **Talking With God**
A Woman's Workshop on Prayer, Glaphre (Zondervan) 153pp/\$4.50
Each of the 12 chapters in this book is divided into a brief lesson, personal study section, suggestions for group study, and finally a guided prayer session.
- ☐ **Kept for the Master's Use**, Frances Havergal (Scripture Press) 133pp/\$5.95

The principles set forth in this book are still as fresh and relevant as when they were first penned in 1879. Based on her hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be," Miss Havergal explores the life totally given to the Savior—heart and hands, mind and money, time and talents.

How long since you studied a stewardship book? This one could revitalize your Auxiliary.

- ☐ **Study Guide** to accompany Kept For the Master's Use 64pp/\$4.95

Still Available

- ☐ **The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life** (with introduction and built-in study guide by Elisabeth Elliott), Hannah Whitall Smith (Word Books) 172pp/\$5.95
- ☐ **Pray: How to be Effective in Prayer**, Warren Myers w/Ruth Myers (Navpress) 171pp/\$5.95
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Letters

From Our Missionaries

The Auxiliary is a big reason we were able to leave for language study on August 25. We pray that our indebtedness to the Auxiliary will be repaid by bringing many souls into the Kingdom of God.

Ron and Linda Moore
France

We really appreciate getting the CO-LABORER . . . just keeps improving all the time. The editor is busy out here. She is teaching reading classes. How grateful we are that the Mileys are back "home."

Carol Pinkerton
Cote d'Ivoire
Africa

I want to express my appreciation to you for all the work and planning that you did to make the National Retreat in Ridgecrest a success. I feel it is a real unifying factor in bringing our women together.

Also, we really appreciate the offering which gave such a nice boost to our account. Please keep faithful in keeping our women informed and working together. We missionaries depend on you and on them so very much.

Olena McLain
Japan

We are finally back in the Ivory Coast and we wanted to thank all the ladies who helped us get here. So many Auxiliaries gave to our account! And that's why we made it back by the first of September. Thank you for sharing in our ministry. We appreciate all you do for us!

Robert and Judy Bryan
Cote d'Ivoire
Africa

I really appreciate the WNAC sending the Co-Laborer each month. It's a real treat to come home from a long day and find it there in the mailbox waiting for me. I try to just drop everything and read it immediately. I also appreciate the many Woman's Auxiliaries which send

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notes of encouragement and cards on special days. A special thanks to all the special ladies who sent birthday cards on my special day.

Vivian Waller
Japan

From Our Women

We are really liking the new CO-LABORERS much better than the old ones. Seems as though the members are more interested in the new one. They say they are really enjoying them.

Marietta Woman's Auxiliary
Lyons, GA

The Southern Baptists may have to put a new roof on their auditorium at Ridgecrest. I believe we FWB women sang so loudly at the retreat we were bound to have pulled the nails loose.

Velda Tucker
Batesville, AR

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Words for Women

Mary R. Wisehart



"I live in a small house, but my window looks out on a very large world."

My friend Lari included a magnet with that message in my birthday card last year. A reminder that beyond our narrow view a whole world of women exists. How much awareness do we have of our sisters around the world?

In some places they struggle with lack of education and training. In some cultures they are illiterate and cannot even read the Word for themselves.

Some women are loaded with heavy physical labor. Just providing the day by day needs of their families consumes every waking hour, every drop of their energy and all their ingenuity.

Some lounge in beautiful homes with all that the world can afford. Yet they are always longing for something more. Many are always hungry for physical as well as spiritual food. We in the United States are only a minor part of all the women in the world. So many wander in darkness, many in hopeless despair.

Think, for example, of the Moslem women. So sheltered, so protected. Who will tell them of Christ unless other women do?

Do you see the women of the world from your window? Can you feel with them?

What can we do for our sisters in the very large world beyond our windows?

What can I personally do to reach other women with the message of One who says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest"?

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Remember . . .

Missionaries are made of flesh, therefore, as we are.

Missionaries are at times discouraged, perplexed and sorrowful.

Missionaries have bodies that grow tired, weary and become ill.

Therefore . . . pray daily that they
May walk in wisdom and worthy of the Lord.

May be strengthened with all might.

May be patient in all things.

May have speech seasoned with grace.

May be forbearing and forgiving.

May redeem the time.

May stand . . . in all the will of God. And, come to think of it, it would be good to pray for ourselves in the same way.

Don't forget your

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