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For we are labourers together with God.
(1 Cor. 3:9)

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(Neh. 2:20)

Hymn: "We'll Work 'til Jesus Comes"



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By Marsha Shannon

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9th This Issue

The excitement of convention is in the air! Read the preview on pages 10 and 11 and join us in Tampa!

Both the May and June programs were winners in WNAC's creative arts contest. June Atchison's article on a working mother was also a winner. What about you? Have you thought about submitting an entry? Do it today.

Several program possibilities are suggested for a Mother-Daughter banquet. This occasion offers opportunities to fit unsaved mothers into your fellowship.

Are you using the 1 Corinthians 13 paraphrases in your Auxiliary? The mother's paraphrase in this issue is especially timely.

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Jane Atchison



Lee Ann Wilfong

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Betty Reeves



Marsha Shannon

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The Love Chapter for Mothers

By Diane Lorang

If I talk to my children about what is right and what is wrong, but have not love, I am like a ringing doorbell or pots banging in the kitchen. And though I know what stages they will go through, and understand their growing pains, and can answer all their questions about life, and believe myself to be a devoted mother, but have not love, I am nothing.

If I give up the fulfillment of a career to make my children's lives better, and stay up all night sewing costumes or baking cookies on short notice, but do it without love, I accomplish nothing.

A loving mother is patient with her children's immaturity and kind even when they are not; a loving mother is not jealous of their youth nor does she continually remind them of what she has sacrificed for them. A loving mother does not push her children into doing things her way. She is not irritable, even when the chicken pox has kept her confined with three whining children for two weeks, and does not resent the child who brought the affliction home in the first place.

A loving mother is not relieved when her disagreeable child finally disobeys her directly and she can punish him, but rather rejoices with him when he is being more cooperative. A loving mother bears much of the responsibility for her children; she believes in them; she hopes in their ability to stand out as lights in the dark world; and she endures every backache and headache to help them accomplish that.

A loving mother never really dies. As for homebaked bread, it will be consumed and forgotten; as for spotless floors, they will soon gather dust and heel marks. And as for children, well, right now toys, friends and food are all-important to them. But when they grow up, the way their mother loved them will be reflected in how they love others. In that way she will live on.

So when care, training, and a loving mother reside in the same home, these three, the greatest of these is a loving mother.

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Cleaning Out the Toy Box

Opening Hymn: "I Want to be a Worker"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:58

Program Helps

Plan to present this program as a children's tea party with toy centerpieces, as stuffed animals, dolls, or other toys. Serve refreshments on a child's tea set.

Bring a toy box from the nursery and fill it with the toys mentioned. Display these as the specific toy is mentioned.

Or use enlarged pictures of each toy.

Or each toy could be carried in by a different woman who is dressed as a little girl.

First, let's begin with Janie Jack-in-the-Box. Janie's biggest problem



is that you're never sure when she will pop up. She might pop up at this month's meeting, but then again, she might not. You can't depend on her to help because you never know when she will be there. Poor Janie Jack-in-the-Box! If she ever popped up long enough, she should read Galatians 6:9: "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Next we have Polly Puzzle. Her problem is that she falls apart over



Everything. Shake her even a little bit and she goes to pieces. Why, last year when she was in charge of the Auxiliary banquet, one lady told her she couldn't bring dumplings, and she fairly fell apart and refused to do anything. The Auxiliary president had to rush in and take over before the guests arrived. Polly must learn to be ready for changes and problems. She can't be useful if she falls apart that easily. Sorry, Polly Puzzle, you had better read James 5:11 and take a lesson from Job: "Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have

heard of the patience of Job and have seen the end of the Lord . . ."

Now we have Carla Crayola. When Carla lets the right person



guide her, Carla can be a beautiful asset to her Auxiliary. Her presence can brighten and color any meeting. Unfortunately though, Carla is easily influenced by the wrong people—with disastrous results. Her beautiful personality becomes ugly and leaves stains difficult to be removed. If only Carla would choose friends who bring out the best in her, she could be a genuine asset to Auxiliary. I wish we could trust Carla to practice 1 Corinthians 15:33: "Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners."

Well, here's Ramona Rag Doll. She always looks so pleasant with that little pixie smile. And she's so dependable, you can count on her at Auxiliary. But she does have a big problem. She never volunteers to help anyone or anything. Why, when the president asked for volunteers to help in the missionary



The other day I cleaned out the children's toy box. I discarded a one-legged baby doll and a broken truck, along with a tattered coloring book and a teddy bear with one eye missing. As I filled the trash can, I began thinking: If we imagined our Auxiliary membership as a toy box filled with toys, which "toys" would we have to discard?

conference, the mother-daughter banquet, or kitchen clean-up, did you see Ramona's hand go up? No way! And did you notice when the offering plate is passed, Ramona never reaches out her hand to put something in? No, hardly ever! It's a shame that Ramona who looks so pleasant and acts so sweet cannot learn the joy of giving herself. Do you think she has ever read James 2:17: "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone?"

And here's another pleasant-looking member. This is Peggy Puppet.

Now Peggy's problem is simple. She lets anyone manipulate her. She won't take a stand on any issue. She allows others to speak for her. Once when no one else was around, an unsaved friend asked Peggy about Jesus and salvation, and poor Peggy was

speechless. It's a shame but Peggy cannot be depended upon. I wish she could realize how important it is to use her mouth for the Lord. Maybe someone should read 1 Peter 3:15 to her: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."

Here we have Ruthie Record Player and her sister, Bertha Broken Record.

Now Ruth looks fine from a distance, but upon closer examination I'm afraid you'll easily spot her fault. She is

missing the needle. And you can imagine what a problem that can be. When she talks (which she does all the time) she sounds terrible. At last month's study group meeting she carried on and on in her raucous voice, complaining about her hard life and how everyone picks on her. When you combine that with Ruthie's sister, Bertha Broken Record, you have more than double trouble. You see, Bertha just keeps repeating Ruthie. Over and over you hear about their aches and pains, their problems and complaints. It's too bad, but usually everyone tries to avoid Ruth and Bertha. If someone could only shut them up for a moment, Ruthie and Bertha need to hear 2 Timothy 2:16: "But shun profane and vain babblings; for they will increase unto more ungodliness."

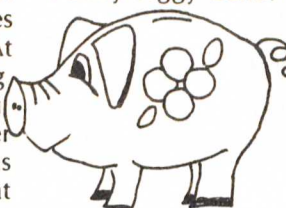
Say hello to Wendy Wind-up. She starts off with a flourish that we all

envy. Unfortunately, it only lasts a short while. First she slows down, then the next thing you know, she's lying in a corner, all given out. She always volunteers to start a project, but she rarely finishes. Someone else has to come along and complete her plans. Once when she was in charge of the Christmas

meeting, she planned an elaborate affair and even invited guests from a nearby retirement center. Just two days before the event, the President called to check on plans, and Wendy replied, "Oh, I meant to call. We have guests coming and I'm head over heels in housecleaning and preparations. I'm sorry but I can't make it. I sure hope you have fun though." Wendy, why don't you listen to Matthew 24:13: "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved?"

Our last Auxiliary toy reject is Penny Piggy Bank. Her problem is

that it's very easy to give her money, but it's extremely difficult to get it back. When it's time to collect

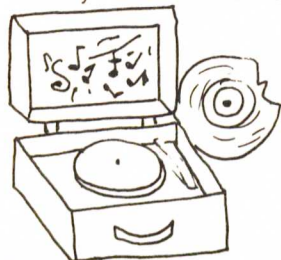


Auxiliary dues, you must shake, rattle, and pry to get it out of her. And you might as well forget her when the missions offering plate is passed. If only Penny would be as happy to give as she is to receive, she could do so much for others. However, until Penny Piggy Bank applies "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35b), she can't change her ways.

Well, our toy box is empty now. We have taken out all those problem Auxiliary toy members. It looks so deserted, doesn't it? The good news is that, unlike that one-legged doll or the tattered coloring book, there is hope for these toy members. You see, through the power of Jesus Christ, these members can change and once again be a tremendous asset to their Auxiliary.

Janie Jack-in-the-Box can pop up and stay for all meetings. Polly Puzzle can glue herself together. Carla Crayola can choose friends who bring out her vibrant personality. Ramona Rag Doll can strengthen those arm muscles by volunteering herself for Christ-honoring projects. Peggy Puppet can start asserting her Christian faith and love. Ruthie Record Player and Bertha Broken Record could undergo some major repairs by using their talents to promote the love of God. Wendy Wind-up needs to resolve to keep on going until the job is done. All Penny Piggy Bank needs to do is open up her heart and let the money blessings pour out.

So before you toss out these problem Auxiliary members, ask the Holy Spirit to change them. Let's work on having a membership "toy box" full of happy, helping Auxiliary "toys."



Program for June

MISSIONS

Scripture: Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:48; John 20:31; Acts 1:8

Hymn: "Until They Know"

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We are living in a "me first" age in history. Much of the troubles in our families, churches, communities, country and world largely reflects our preoccupation with how it will affect ME.

In Luke 18:10-14, as Jesus tells about the Pharisee and the Publican attending the temple, we see this age-old problem surfacing. The Pharisee was so concerned with himself and his worth that all other problems and people became secondary.

We are important. God created man in His own image. It is good to have a healthy ego, but as anything taken to extreme, it can be counter productive. The Christian must get ME in the right perspective. God chose ME to be a part of His own. In John 15:16, Jesus reminds us that he was the One who did the choosing: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." Then as a further proof of His confidence, He chose ME to be a part of His plan to send the message of His Son to all nations.

ME in missions? Of course! That's what Matthew 28:19-20 says. It's up to me to share what I have with others. How? By witnessing one on one. By giving of my financial means that others may go where I cannot. By holding up in prayer those who do go.

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The news media seem to major on the apathy of the uncaring crowd. At a risk of involvement, they stand by and let crime run rampant, watch people attacked, children abandoned, robbers freed, and refuse to speak out in defense of the innocent. Why? "I don't want to get involved."

Living life to the fullest demands our involvement. Involved with the children whose parents do not know and do not want to know Christ and His teachings. Involved with the elderly, even those who are not "kin." They need to know that someone cares, that life is worth living even when you are old and infirm. Get involved with someone who is hurting, sharing a smile, a card, a cake, a friendly word.

God's Word commands that Christians get involved. Will you disobey your Lord? If so, what will be the consequence? Many talk about being bored. There is no excuse for the Christian to become bored. Get involved, even though with involvement comes the risk of being hurt, or even losing. But with involvement comes the potential for indescribable joy.

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Isaiah answered God, "Here am I, send me." Are you willing to be sent—across the street, across the nation or across the ocean?

The 12 apostles were 12 missionaries and every missionary should be sent of the Holy Spirit. The missionary call always has two sides—the volunteer who offers to go and the sender who assumes joint responsibility for his support.

Two sisters felt the call of God to go to the mission field. As the door closed to one of them, she said, "While I would like very much to go, I feel I should stay home and support my sister as she goes." When the crowning day comes, they will both divide the spoil.

We can send our children. A. B. Simpson tells of an eagle who snatched a lamb from the altar of sacrifice. When she reached her nest, she found she had also carried away a live coal from the altar which in a moment burned up her nest along with her young. Have you robbed God of some precious life and in so doing, wrecked your own home circle?

Sending involves a surrender of your will to His. You be willing, He will do the sending. As you allow yourself to be sent, whether one on one, through your children, by prayer or by finances, you admit that you have a responsibility. Failure to assume that responsibility can cause eternal consequences, not only to yourself but to others as well.

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Christ completed the plan of salvation when He bore our sin on Calvary. The plan was set in motion when Adam and Eve chose to disobey in the garden. It had its final culmination on the cross. Since He has provided such a precious gift for us, are we not obligated to serve Him in whatever way He opens opportunities? The gospel of John 3:16 is the heart of missions. God offers full and free pardon through Jesus Christ. He gave His best. He gave His all. He gave to worthless men because He loved, and if we are to give it to the world, we must love also.

Salvation's gift is of no benefit unless and until it is accepted. A gift can be of no value until it is removed from its box and put to use. Salvation can only help when we allow it to be used in us. Its true value can only be realized as we extend that gift to others in love. Missions is the automatic overflow of our love for Christ.

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"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," resounds the invitation in Matthew 11:28. And "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come . . ." invites the Spirit in Isaiah 55:1. Most of us like to receive an invitation, but with the invitation comes the responsibility of making a decision, either to accept or reject. Surely you would not refuse an invitation of love such as Christ gave. And having accepted, you should be anxious to extend that invitation to others. Women especially, when we find a bargain, we often share it with our friends so that they, too, might take advantage of it. The invitation given in Matthew 11:9 is an invitation to life and life abundant. It's important to

send your RSVP before it is too late.

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On and on and on and on. The message echoes down through the ages. Surely with the means now available, we will not let the message be silenced.

For the first time, the church has the potential for completing the task of evangelizing the world. The radio signals of the four mission organizations (Far East Broadcasting Company, HCJB World Radio, ELWA, Liberia, and Trans World Radio) already physically cover the entire inhabited world in many languages. By the year 2000, they plan to cover the world linguistically in every major language.

The resources of people and finance, coupled with the extraordinary powers of twentieth century technology are ours. All that is lacking is obedience to the call.

As long as one of His children remains on this earth, the message must go on. What if the disciples had failed? What if the early Christians had let the persecutions and hardships stop them? Where would we be now? We must see to it that our generation does not let the message stop.

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Never is a negative word with a positive thought. As long as the earth stands, not one jot or tittle of His Word shall be changed, says Christ in Matthew 5:18.

Total obedience demands a life commitment. God wants us to be

urgent about reaching the world with the gospel. It means total surrender of all that keeps us from Him. Too great a sacrifice, you say? Not at all. As Tom Malone says, "I never gave up anything for Jesus. I just emptied my pockets of dirt and He filled them with diamonds."

In Hebrews 13:5b, He says, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." I am told the original Greek says, "I will never, never leave, I will never, never forsake thee." If Christ can give this emphatic promise, surely we can respond by promising Him that we will never, no, never, stop serving Him.

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Bob Jones, Jr. has been quoted as saying, "The measure of a man is what it takes to stop him." For the child of God, there is no stopping place or no circumstances bad enough to cause us to stop. Romans 8:38 and 39 remind us of this. In Philippians 4:13, Paul affirms, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

We must constantly remind ourselves that we are just pilgrims passing through and not get too attached to places, persons, or possessions. We are not our own; we've been bought with a price. For us, there is no stopping until ALL the world has heard.

*Go, labor on, spend and be spent
This is the Master's will;
This is the way our Master went
Should not the servant tread it
still?*

Me Involved Sending Salvation's Invitation On! Never Stopping! Sending Salvation's Invitation On! Never Stopping! Romans 12:1 commands us to present ourselves as a living sacrifice which is our reasonable service. Christ makes no unreasonable demand upon us. In the light of what He has done for us, can we do any less? ♦

Hawaiian Luau

Purpose: To provide fellowship with a spiritual emphasis

Scripture: Rev. 19:7-9

Music: Taped Hawaiian background music

Decorations: Ask the women to wear muumuus. Make leis and place around the necks of those who attend.

Drape a fish net and place assorted sea shells in it.

Arrange clusters of the various fruits mentioned in the devotional.

Other decorations could include flowers, ukuleles, palm trees, bamboo huts, colorful streamers, Hawaiian standards in clay bases, etc. The possibilities are unlimited.

Refreshments: Hollow watermelon halves and fill with fresh fruits. For a full meal, serve kalua pig, steamed rice, baked sweet potatoes, chopped spinach, haupia pudding and pineapple punch.



Devotional

Aloha and greetings from Hawaii—a land of many cultures, peoples, religions and foods. The 50th state is often called the Land of Paradise and the best way to explain this is to compare some of our tropical fruits to the Christian life.

Pineapples

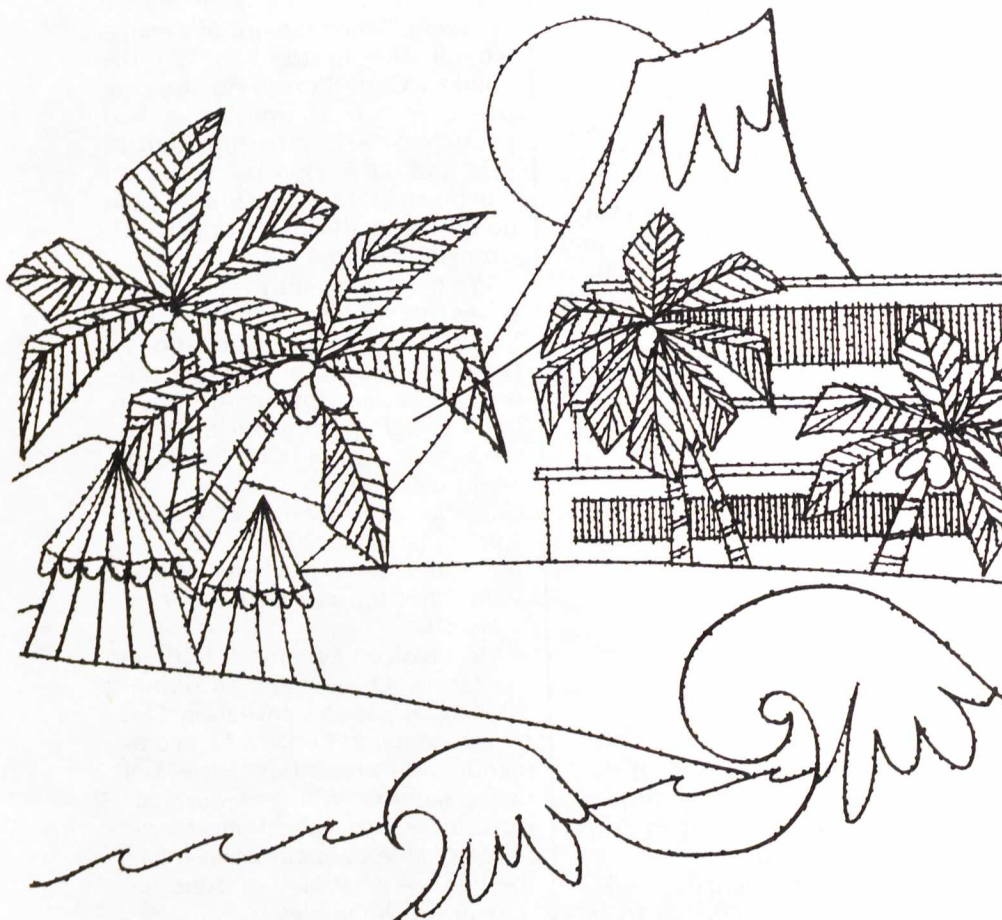
Visitors to our paradise usually look in trees for our luscious pineapples, but one must instead look for a low mass of small prickly plants in a large field.

To be edible, the pineapple must be peeled, cutting in deep to remove the prickly spots that can irritate the mouth. Hebrews 4:12 reminds us of this same cutting process in the Christian life. God's Word cuts deep, removing offensive habits, friendships, or ambitions that are of no good use.

As you see the sweet yellow fruit, it would seem the fruit is ready to eat. There yet remains the tough core to be removed. So it is that we must let God cut out our hard hearts so we can be used for His honor and glory.

Bananas

Bananas are a favorite all over the world, but especially in the Polynesian culture. Bananas are either cooked, eaten green, or ripened to a sweet flavor. God uses all types of Christians, not just the mature ones, but the "green" ones, too.



The entire banana plant is valuable to Hawaiians. After producing one stalk of bananas, the entire tree is cut down, but not wasted. The roots then form three to five more shoots which grow up through the ground to form new banana plants.

Banana leaves are important in the preparation of food. Staple foods are wrapped in banana leaves and cooked in an underground oven. The watery banana plant trunk is mashed and placed on hot rocks in the oven, producing a steamer. Leaves also cover the oven.

Just as the banana plant is valuable for its many uses, so Christians must allow God to use our different gifts and abilities for the furtherance of the gospel (Col. 1:6).

Kukui Nut

Kukui nuts are valuable in the islands for different reasons. The oil from the nut is used for polishing, to burn in a lamp, or to rub on the skin as a cure for sunburn. However, the true value of the kukui nut does not begin until it dries. So we as Christians must die daily to self and allow the Lord to polish us into the type of vessel that He planned from the beginning.

Dried kukui nuts are sanded and polished to a magnificent luster of blacks and browns. They are highly prized in necklaces or leis.

In James 1:2-4 we are told that the testing of our faith produces endurance. As we count tribulation as joy and by faith let God sand and polish our lives, we will come forth as a prized kukui nut.

Coconut

The roots of a coconut tree grow wide, deep and strong in order to withstand the storms and high winds. As Christians we need to be rooted and grounded in God's Word to protect us from the winds of adversity. In Ephesians 6:10-17, we are told to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

The coconut fruit is housed in a shell and then covered by a two to

three inch husk which protects it when it falls from high elevations. Each day we need to put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand against the attacks of the devils.

After the tedious removing of the husk, there is still the hard shell to crack to reach the coconut meat and milk. As the coconut is grated, the pure coconut milk can be squeezed through a cloth. The milk of God's Word is needed in our lives to nourish us each day.

Conclusion

At a Hawaiian feast called a luau there is delicious food and fruit of all kinds. In Revelation 19:7-9, we read about the Marriage Supper of the Lamb where the redeemed are invited to take part with our Lord. What a joyful feast!

Jesus will come back at a time when we least expect Him. May we be watching and working until that time so we can be part of God's Luau. ♦

Recipes for your Hawaiian Luau

Kalua Pig

1 5 lb. pork butt
2 T. salt
2 T. liquid smoke
Sprinkle salt and smoke on pork. Wrap in foil and place in roasting bag. Bake at 250° for 6 hours or until meat falls apart. Shred when cool enough to handle. Add more smoke and salt to taste.

Haupia (Coconut Pudding)

4 c. grated fresh coconut
2 c. milk
3 T. sugar
2 T. cornstarch
dash of salt
Pour hot milk over coconut and let stand 15-20 minutes. Strain and squeeze out cream. Combine cornstarch, ½ c. cream, sugar and starch. Stir slowly while adding remaining cream. Scald on low heat, stirring constantly. Cook to smooth consistency. Pour into a shallow pan. When firm, cut into small squares.

Upset The Fruit Basket

Remember the game "Upset the Fruit Basket?" The chairs are arranged in a circle with "It" in the center. Each one is whispered the name of a fruit. "It" calls two fruits and then tries to grab one of the seats as they exchange places. When she calls "Upset the fruit basket," or "Fruit basket turn over," everyone tumbles over each other to trade seats.

In much the same way, the nine-fold fruit of the Spirit should spill out of the life of a believer. Wonder of wonders, God Himself, in the person of the Holy Spirit, indwells the believer. He manifests Himself through fruits produced in our daily lives.

Actually this fruit is the loveliness of Christ Himself flowing forth out of our deepest emotions. The fruit of the Spirit seems to reflect the picture of love described in 1 Cor. 13:

LOVE—is the sum total.

JOY—"rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth."

PEACE—"envieth not" - which is peace with others; and "vaunteth not itself" - which is inward peace.

LONGSUFFERING—"suffereth long."

GENTLENESS—"beareth all things."

GOODNESS—"thinketh no evil . . . hopeth all things."

FAITH—"believeth all things."

MEEKNESS—"doth not behave itself unseemly . . . is not easily provoked."

TEMPERANCE—only when there is self-control is there ability to "endure all things."

Fruit basket turn over! Only then can we be a blessing to others and bring glory to God. Paul described it as "an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God."

The Great Invitation *Rev. 22:17*

You have a special invitation. Join us July 17-18, 1989 in Tampa, Florida for WNAC's 54th national convention. This convention introduces the theme for 1990, The Great Invitation.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS.

WNAC's special meetings preceding the convention all take place in the Tampa Hilton Hotel.

Seminars

You're invited to a first. This year two seminars will be going on at the same time, 1:30-2:30, Monday, July 17.

Ministers' Wives

You have a special invitation to the seminar "Come Unto Me," in Bayshore Central/West on the first floor of the Hilton. This seminar is especially designed for you and presented by ministers' wives.

Other women are invited to attend the seminar "Extending the Invitation" in Bayshore East, also on the first floor of the Hilton. Experienced women will help us with suggestions for extending the Great Invitation to the single again, career women, and older adults.

WNAC Leaders

"Let's Talk" is the title of a meeting designed for leaders in the Auxiliaries.

District presidents and field workers are especially invited to join state presidents and field workers for the meeting this year, Monday, July 17, 3-4:00 p.m. The meeting is planned for the Bayshore East room on the first floor of the Hilton.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee organized in Kansas City will meet Monday 9-11:00 a.m. in Suite 453 on the fourth floor of the Hilton. They will nominate a slate of officers for the election at the Convention on Tuesday.

THE CONVENTION

WNAC's annual meeting begins Tuesday, July 18, at 9:00 a.m. in Curtis Hixon Convention Center.

Lorene Miley will present the Creative Arts Awards soon after the convention opens. All winners should be on stage before the session begins.

Tom McCullough, missionary in France, will bring the message at 11:10.

The business session resumes at 1:30 p.m. Following the business of the afternoon, Kay Hampton will direct a special feature. Don't miss this special time with missions and missionaries.

State Secretaries and Treasurers Send Reports

Each state secretary will be receiving a report form from the national secretary, Peggy Outland. Please return these forms to her at Route 1, Box 500, Sesser, IL 62884.

Treasurers will receive report forms from Mary R. Wisehart and should return them to her at the national office, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

CONVENTION PERSONALITIES

Music Coordinator:
Carolyn Riddick
Registration Chairman:
Jacquelyn Potter
Missionary Speaker:
Tom McCullough
Devotional Speaker:
Patti McCullough
Dinner Speaker:
Mabel Willey



Tom McCullough



Patti McCullough



Mary Neal



Mabel Willey



Kay Hampton

Over My Coffee Cup



According to Ephesians 4, Christians are to walk like they talk. Everyone who says she's on her way to heaven "ain't a-goin' there!"

Christians are to walk "worthy of their calling." In other words, as God spelled out how the children of Israel were to walk out of the wilderness, even so does He teach that Christians are to walk out of the world while living in it. After all, the world is enmity to Christ and so He declares it to be that to the Christian also.

God never intended for His children to wander around and around for 40 years. Israel did, but only because of unbelief and disobedience. He doesn't intend for His children today to waste 40 years of his or her life following satan's leadership while claiming to be God's child!

The danger of giving only lip service to Christ while obeying satan's orders can be fatal. To follow satan's orders is to cheat oneself. Satan has no interest in man except as he can persuade him to make a mockery of Christ. Satan does not love, tell the truth, or even promise one good thing to any follower. So why pursue an empty life?

With Christ, we have all the promises and resources of God at our disposal. And then, all eternity with God for the next life. Do you know of a greater haven than "hid with Christ in God?" Do you long for sweet communion with Christ today? Follow Him and it will be yours. ♦

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Special Invitation to Hear Mom Willey

Everyone is especially invited to hear Mabel Willey, former missionary to Cuba and Panama, speak once again. She is the featured speaker at WNAC's Fellowship Dinner, Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. in the Regency Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Florida women have planned a beautiful setting reflecting the natural elements of the coast.

Seating is sufficient for all who wish to attend. Tickets are now on sale. Buy yours early. The caterer must know an exact number by Tuesday morning. Remember, part of the price helps to pay Mrs. Willey's expenses.

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____ Number tickets requested

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Yes!

I want to attend the WNAC Fellowship dinner, Tuesday, July 18, 1989 at 5 p.m. in the Hyatt Regency Ballroom. I understand each ticket is \$13.50, including tax and tip.

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Bible Study

by M. M. Daniel

The overall theme of chapter 2 is Peter's strong admonition to believers concerning the creeping heresy of the false teachers. Verses 1-13a in the previous study, dealt with dire warnings to the faithful, three illustrations of past judgment and the fact that God KNOWS how to deliver the righteous as well as how to justly punish the wicked. Calling them "natural brutes" in 2:12, the last part of this chapter describes these false teachers in vivid detail.

TEACHERS OF ERROR (2:13b-14)

2:13b—"Spots are they and _____, sporting themselves with their own deceivings, while they _____ with you." These "blemishes" infiltrate the ranks of Christianity through deceit. They mar the fellowship of the saints, pretending to be a part of the family of God.

2:14—Their (eyes or total vision of life) are "full of _____." They "cannot _____ from _____." They "beguile (wickedly deceive) _____ souls." Compare James 1:6-8. These covetous practices produce "cursed children."

MARKED MEN! (2:15-19)

2:15-19—How can we spot false teachers who creep into the ranks of true Christianity? Peter lists four "marks" that, if detected, will give insight into the true character of these individuals or cult groups.

(1) They have "_____ the right way, and are gone _____." Like Balaam, the hireling prophet of the Old Testament, they are ready to twist and market their abilities for profit. God used this man's donkey to restrain the madness of the prophet.

(2) They are "wells without _____, clouds that are carried with a _____." Peter stresses the fact that there is a barrenness of the true spirit of God about the false prophet. While promising fulfillment, they are dry wells and fast moving clouds. Their promises are hollow and empty of the stamp of God's approval.

(3) They "speak great _____ words." They "_____ through the lusts of the flesh, through much _____." Powerful and moving orators, these false teachers appeal to the base lusts of the natural man. They secure great followings. While professing to be sources of spiritual help, they practice "wantonness," or unrestrained, unchaste, undisciplined personal behavior.

(4) They "promise them (their followers) _____" while they remain the "servants of _____." Mark the personal life of a suspected false teacher. They would prefer that you listen to their high sounding words and ignore their personal lifestyle and self-centered practices. True believers are certainly "free" to serve God, but that freedom should never be used as a license to sin.

FREE TO SERVE, NOT SIN! (2:20-22)

2:20, 21—These verses have been and will be debated continually by theologians. Were these false teachers once saved? Some argue that they only had a "head knowledge" rather than salvation. Others contend that they were born again in the past but have "fallen from grace." Rather than debate what learned men cannot agree on, there is a clear warning to both the teachers of error and their followers: it had been "_____ not to have _____ the way of righteousness, than after they have _____ it" to once more turn back into sin and heresy.

2:22—Peter concludes this vivid description of a false prophet with an even more graphic Jewish proverb and illustration. They are like a _____ who is naturally undiscerning between what is good and what is to be rejected. They are like a _____ who, ignoring what is best, returns uncaringly to wallow. Whether these false teachers were saved or not saved initially, it is clear that they are now totally committed to blatant, unrepented sin. God KNOWS (2:9) and will mete justice when His mercy is trampled.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. We know what "spots and blemishes" are and how they can be disguised on face and furniture. What "disguises" do false teachers use?
2. What makes a believer "unstable", referred to in 2:14?
3. How do modern-day Christians abuse their freedom in Christ?
4. Discuss the differing theology of verses 20 and 21 ("homework" needed here).
5. What are some of the "pollutions of the world" as referred to in verse 20?

If you profited from this mini Bible study and wish to obtain additional studies for personal or group use, the following are now available:

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From

WORKING Mother To WORKING Mother

By Jane Atchison

Once I thought a working mother was a mother who worked outside the home. Now I know that is far from the truth.

Our first child, a son, was born in 1984. Our budget didn't allow me to stay at home, so after six weeks, I put Kevin in day care and went back to the classroom as a teacher.

Our second child came three years later. What a joy to have a sweet little girl! This time our budget allowed me to stay home with both children. I thought since I wasn't working outside the home, things would be easier with time galore on my hands. Boy, was I wrong! I'm still a working mother, but just a different kind.

Being at home was a new experience for me. Instead of doing housework when I came home from school, I had all day to get it done while taking care of two children at the same time. Even though it wasn't easy, I loved my new job.

My days are never the same. Maybe that's why I like it so much. Some days we may play all day, go to the park, do house cleaning, go shopping (not especially recommended with two children), or do a variety of activities.

I'd like to offer a few suggestions for those of you who stay at home with your children, or for those of you who are considering staying at home.

Don't worry about your house. I like to keep my house spotless. But if my son wants a book read or wants me to play a game with

him, I'll stop cleaning. This quality time is so important. You can always clean later.

Keep in touch with other mothers. I especially needed this since I was used to talking to adults all day.

I started a monthly meeting for mothers who stay at home with their children. We meet at my house for lunch and "chitchat." We let our kids play with each other for an hour or so while we enjoy each other.

Why not begin one in your area? It'll be worth it.

Allow time for yourself. If you're fortunate—like me—to have children who still take naps, you can do all sorts of things while they are napping (if they nap at the same time).

But let me say this. Don't think you always have to clean while they're asleep. Some days I need a break. I may lie down and rest or even take a nap. I may read a book or a magazine. I may write a letter or catch up on paying the bills. This is a good time for a Quiet Time with God. And yes, sometimes I spend the time cleaning, too. Just don't feel guilty if you aren't always doing important things. We all need time to ourselves.

Make quality time with your husband. During the week, the only time I have alone with my husband is usually after 10 p.m. Both children are finally in bed and I usually feel like "crashing" myself. Even though it may be late, we value this time together. We both need it. We usually have more time on weekends. It helps to get a baby-sitter and go out, once a week, if possible.

Try to organize some of the important things. When I had trouble organizing my day, I talked to our pastor's wife. She suggested I plan specific activities on specific days. For example, on Monday, laundry; Tuesday, ironing; Wednesday, clean bedrooms and baths; Thursday, grocery shopping; Friday, cooking, etc. This schedule helps get important things done.

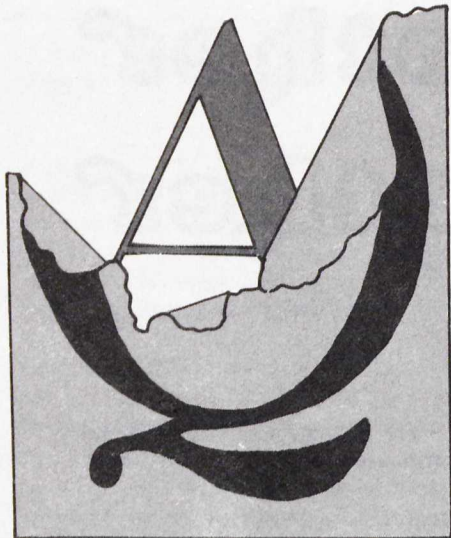
I'm still working on this one!

Help out by saving money. I like to help my husband with the bills. Because my "job" doesn't pay wages, I can do other things to help save money.

Each week I go through the Sunday paper and check the sales ads for specials. I also cut coupons. Last week I saved \$24.78 by using coupons which were doubled at the store. They also had a number of items marked: "Buy one, get one free." Then another store had price-matching. They accept the price of another store's items with the ad showing the sale price.

Check with local stores for double coupons, buy-one-get-one free items and price-matching. If I hadn't taken time to cut coupons and check the sales, I couldn't save almost \$25. That's \$100 a month or \$1,200 a year!

As far as being a working mother at home or outside the home, there's not much difference. I still work—often more than when I taught school. I'm so thankful I have the opportunity to stay at home with our children. Whether or not you have that privilege, you can always do your best with what the Lord has given you. ♦



**Your questions
answered on:**

Woman's Auxiliary

How Does Your Auxiliary Personality Rate?

By Cleo Pursell

Every Auxiliary has its own peculiar personality. If your Auxiliary is to have *personality plus*, it will need to rate high on four questions.

HOW DOES YOUR LEADERSHIP RATE? Every officer should be thoroughly acquainted with her duties and responsibilities. If she really has a desire to serve and has not accepted the office because she loves the limelight, or because it was forced upon her, she will "study to show herself approved . . ." She will be willing to sacrifice time and personal interests to attend workshops, executive meetings, and, of course, the regular meetings of the Auxiliary.

HOW DO YOUR PROGRAMS RATE? Are they prayerfully planned and are the plans carried through? Do your study courses move the Auxiliary members to action—dedication of time, talent, personality, and a greater zeal in practical and spiritual Christian service? Does every woman in your Auxiliary receive CO-LABORER, with even some extra ones for visitors?

HOW DOES THE APPEARANCE OF YOUR ROOM RATE? The appearance of the room where your meetings are held can do much to create a worshipful atmosphere. Is the room neat, clean and well-lighted? Is a worship center, relating to the theme and a spot of beauty upon which to focus attention, a part of your planning?

HOW DOES YOUR FRIENDLINESS RATE? Did you ever visit a place or group so charming that you were immediately drawn to it? There was an air about it, a feeling that attracted you. Every Auxiliary that expects to grow must make everyone welcome. A stranger soon senses the warmth of an Auxiliary. Friendliness is revealed not by what we say, but the way we say it—small gestures and facial expressions which either support or disprove our words. Without sincere warmth and friendliness the best planned program will fail to enlist others.

These are the things which, to a large degree, determine the success or failure of an Auxiliary. How does your Auxiliary rate? *Personality plus can be achieved!* Auxiliaries develop personality as individual members "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." This grace, or graciousness, will permeate the group as did the fragrance from Mary's broken alabaster box of ointment.

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

The Crippled Bird

By Lottie Campbell

My husband drove me the short distance from our home to the airstrip where I take my daily walk. Many hills surround our home and since my fifth back surgery, the doctor ordered a track on flat ground.

As usual, many pigeons dominated the scene. This particular morning, we noticed one of the pigeons with a broken wing. While the other birds flew around to feed, the crippled one dragged its wing under itself and huddled alone in one of the hangars. I ached inside as I watched the bird and wondered how it came to be wounded. Had someone shot at it?

I had been confined for six weeks with a successful operation, but one side was inoperable. I lived with constant pain. At that moment, I related to the crippled bird. How dependent it was on God to feed and care for it. I was reminded of how dependent I had been on my husband and all our wonderful friends, but most of all, on the Lord.

The next morning when we left for my walk, we took some bread for the crippled bird. But it was nowhere to be found. As we searched, we did find some evidence that it had vanished.

Suddenly light fell across my thoughts as the Lord taught me a wonderful lesson. That's the way I'm going to be someday! No matter how much pain and suffering we go through in this life, the Lord will take care of us. And praise God, one day we will exchange these crippled bodies for brand new perfect ones fashioned after that of our Savior. (Philippians 3:21)

Helps for Leaders

Ideas to Stimulate Your Imagination

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

On Your Agenda . . .

MAY

- Mother's Day May 14. Mother-Daughter Banquet
- Check your state/district plan of work and participate in the suggested activity.
- Have you had your annual shower for the Missionary Provision Closet?
- Have you made your contribution to the Eunice Edwards Loan Fund for Churches Abroad?
- Servicemen's Sunday May 21, 1989

On Your Agenda . . .

JUNE

- Make plans to attend WNAC's annual convention in Tampa July 17 and 18.
- Consider a Hawaiian Luau for the entire Auxiliary family.

Posters

The toy poster in the magazine, page 20, needs something—have you noticed? Paste the picture to 1/2 sheet of poster board and add the words:

WE'RE CLEANING OUT THE TOY BOX AT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Make a large poster for the main vestibule. Use real toys and spell out WOMAN'S AUXILIARY using children's building blocks. Use double faced tape to fasten to the bulletin board.

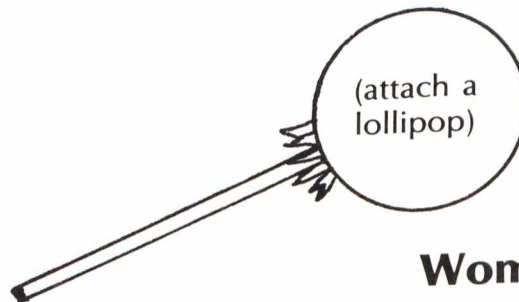
Use the magazine poster. Make another MISSIONS one by cutting giant letters from old maps. Add pictures as a mud hut, airplane,

chopsticks, idol, or other symbols to represent missions.

Imprint a real window shade and hang on the bulletin board.

Invitation Idea:

Lick the Stay-at-Home Syndrome

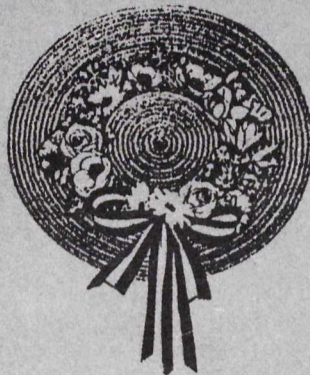


Come to Woman's Auxiliary

Date

Time

Need a Skit for your Mother-Daughter Banquet?



"Hats off to Mothers" written by Carolyn Lane won second place in WNAC's 1988 creative arts contest. This skit requires an animated narrator and 10 models (may be one person) with 10 different hat styles, as patriotic, missionary, denominational, outreach, etc. Instructions are given for concocting the hats. This skit has been used effectively in Mother-Daughter banquets. For a copy of this skit, send 50 cents to: WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

PROGRAM HELPS

M-I-S-S-I-O-N-S

Make a missions acrostic using one sheet of poster board for each letter. To add color and interest, paste an assortment of pictures cut from magazines and travel folders. For example:

Me—women, women, and more women

Involved—people doing things
Sending—means of travel, people on the move, going places

Salvation—religious symbols, pictures from The Life of Christ

Invitation—a variety of invitations

On—various colors and sizes of the word "On"

Never

Stopping—policeman stopping traffic, railroad crossing, traffic lights

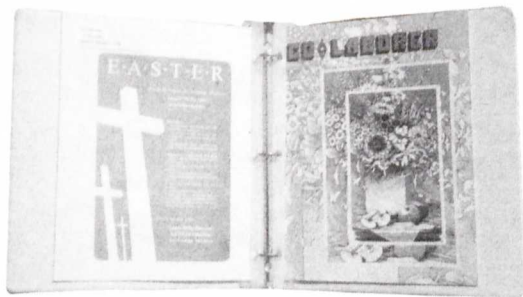
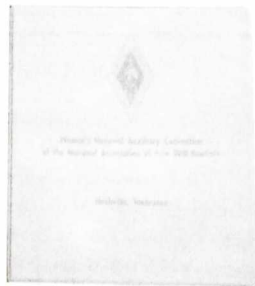
Until They Know

Tune: "How Great Thou Art"

Oh, when I think of all the many millions
Who do not know the sound of Thy sweet name,
Who do not know the miracle of Calvary,
Who never can Thy great salvation claim,
Then cries my heart, "O teach me Lord to care,
Until they know how great Thou art!"
Then cries my heart, "O teach me Lord to care,
Until they know how great Thou art!"
But when they know that Jesus died to save them
And when they know the grace He can impart,
When Jesus shines His love divine within them
When He transforms their sinful, darkened heart:
Then they shall sing, my Savior God to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"
Then they shall sing, my Savior God to Thee,
"How great Thou art! How great Thou art!"

—copied

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MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN

●Review the list of books suggested for study and read any you have not yet read. Develop plans for study classes for the entire year.

●Read a book for your own enjoyment and give a brief review at your next meeting. Encourage your women to read for the sheer fun of it.

Cleaning the Book Shelf

Many homes are now undergoing a spring cleaning. Encourage your women to sort through their books with these thoughts in mind:

1. Are there books from the Auxiliary that should be returned?
2. Any library books?
3. Books to be donated to the church library?
4. Books (especially Christian fiction) to be sent to a local jail/prison or community center?
5. Would there be enough surplus books for a book swap or sale?
6. Books suitable for donation to one of our Bible Colleges? Write to the librarian before sending.
7. Is a missionary coming through who could sift through the books? Missionaries value good books.

Designate a specific place, as a room or table, for collections and clearly identify it. Encourage all-church participation through notices in the church bulletin.

MISSION PRAYER CHAIRMAN

●Lou Bullard, president of the Little Brown district in Mississippi (also state president) reports a renewed emphasis on prayer in their state. At their last district, they distributed **prayer cards** for the locals to use during the next 12 months.

On one side is printed the scripture Ephesians 3:14-21. The other side contains space for a prayer list.

For a sample card, write to Mrs. Bullard at Route 3, Box 369, Rienzi, MS. Enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

●**Prayer Reminders to go along with your program.** If you use "Cleaning out the Toy Box," make a box full of missionary toys. Cut toys from construction paper and write missionary requests on the back.

If you use the Hawaiian luau, use construction paper pineapple and bananas.

Write requests on hats if you use the "Hats Off" skit.

●**Be "world-oriented."** Be on the lookout for pictures, small objects, wallpaper and tile samples, seals, ads, anything that would stimulate ideas for prayer reminders.

Missionary Spelldown

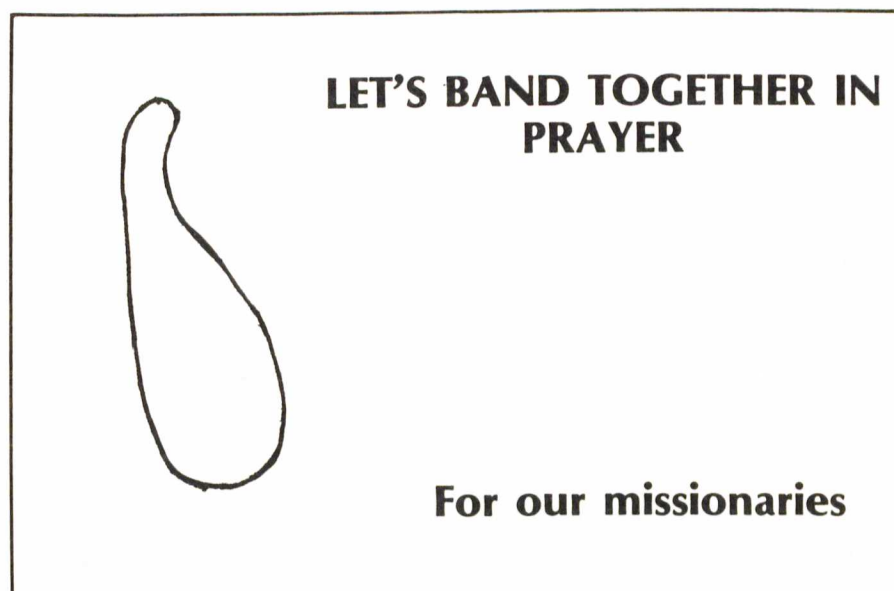
Use a set of missionary prayer cards. The pictures may be pasted on 4x6" index cards for ease in handling.

Ask all the women to stand and take turns naming the missionary picture as the picture is shown. If someone fails to name her picture correctly, she is seated. Give special recognition to those standing when the cards are finished.

●Cut the following pattern on the fold and write **missionary requests** inside.



●Here's another idea from Debbie Scott, Arkansas. Staple a rubber band to an index card. Write missionary requests on the back.



Prayer Promise

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

(Isa. 65:24)

MISSION ACTION CHAIRMAN

●Since we've cleaned out the toy box and cleaned off the book shelves, perhaps this is a good time to clean up the church kitchen. Enlist volunteers and assign specific duties.

●Prepare to send a child to camp. Are there underprivileged children in your church who aspire to go to camp? Even if financial consideration is given them, they still need extras by way of clothing, supplies and spending money. Check the camp list and see how your Auxiliary can help.

●Daily Vacation Bible School offers many opportunities for Auxiliary women—teaching, crafts, refreshments, chauffeur, cleanup, as well as soul-winning.

DVBS has the potential of being a revival meeting on a child's level. If possible, get a list of unsaved children and assign one to each Auxiliary woman. Ask her to take that child as a personal challenge, to pray for him, gain his confidence, and finally seek some opportunity to lead him to the Lord.

In preparation for this assignment, issue copies of the Wordless Book with instructions on how to use it. To encourage your women in child evangelism, make a lapel pin Wordless Book for each one.

Make some extra books and send to your missionaries. These versatile books may be used in any language.

Be prepared to share the story in unexpected places—malls, grocery stores, busses, schools and offices. They are conversation pieces as many will ask, "What an unusual pin. What is it?" Or it allows you to open the door for a witness: "I see you notice my pin. Do you wonder about it?"

gold—heaven (John 14:2, 3)

black—sin (Rom. 3:23)

red—blood of Christ (1 John 1:7)

white—a cleansed life (John 1:12)

green—growth (2 Pet. 3:18)

Materials Needed

Felt in the following colors—green, gold, black, red and white.

Rubber cement, white glue or fabric glue. You may prefer to sew the pages together instead of gluing them.

Small gold safety pin, or jewelry clasp.

Gold cord.

Instructions

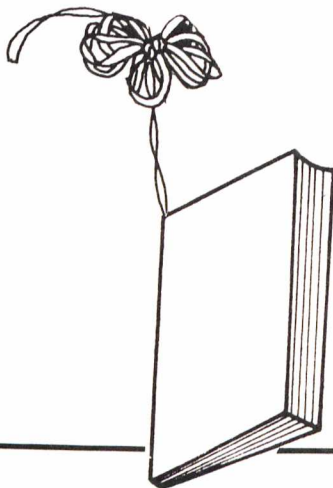
1. For each pin, cut a 1½"x2" piece from each color. Fold in half. Each "page" has four sides.

2. Carefully glue pages together. Side 4 of black glues to side 1 of red. Side 4 of red glues to side 1 of white. Side 1 of white glues to side 1 of green.

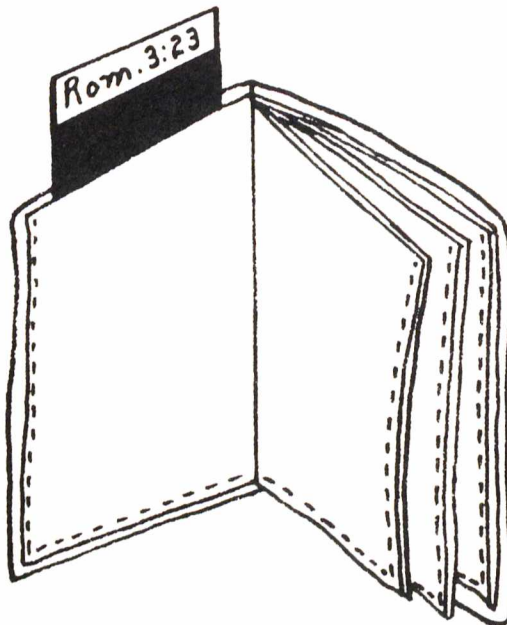
3. Before you add the cover, attach the cord and trim the ends. Cut a length of gold cord about 10" in length. Tie a bow in the middle. With gold thread (or using a hot glue gun) attach a safety pin (or clasp) to the back side of the bow.

Glue the two ends down the outside length of the pages, leaving about 1" length between the top of the book and the bow.

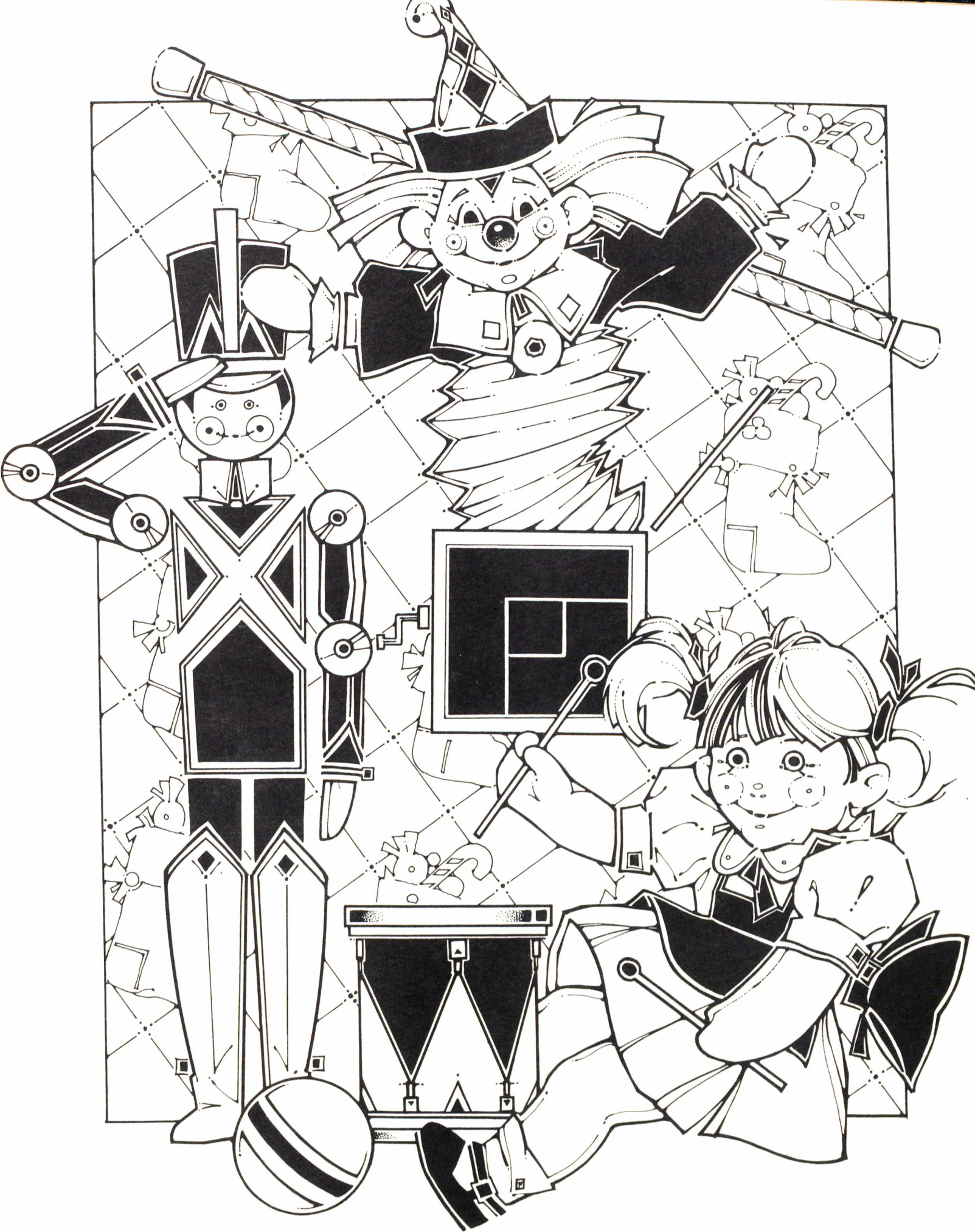
Now glue on the cover. Side 2 of green glues to side 1 of black and side 3 of green to side 4 of gold.



Wordless Book IDEA



Make the felt pages larger, about 2x3½". Instead of stitching around each page, leave the top open. Write the scriptures on each card and insert in the appropriate pockets.



Pull the Shade on Missions
Come to

Woman's Auxiliary

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Women in Action



The Waipahu Auxiliary, Hawaii, sponsor a "Swap-meet" with the proceeds of \$150 donated to the Sturgill (Brazil) account.



Linda Bowling, missionary to Uruguay, retreats with the Laverne (TN) Auxiliary in a private residence near Old Hickory Lake. Other speakers included Sharon Hodges, Karen Bilbrey and Cleo Pursell.



Van Clements, Missionaries Rick and Linda Bowling, Shirley and Bobby Kennedy, and Martha Clements grace the head table at the Alabama State Auxiliary Banquet.

First Church, Crossett, AR, featured a "Visit to Mexico" as they entertained the Saline District Convention. During the lunch of tacos, burritos, and chips, scenes from Guadalajara were shown.

Reynoldsburg Auxiliary (OH) present each of their state's missionaries, Roy Roach, Willie Booth, and Tom Dooley, with a box of food, including a turkey, and cash. A small boy gave his savings for an electric train. An additional \$122.50 came from the sale of pop cans.



Eva Cook and Annie Lois Burnett present money received from the sale of aluminum cans and foil to president Etta Jane White. The money is used for missions.



Arkansas State field worker, Velda Tucker, organizes the Freedom Auxiliary in Ft. Smith. Officers elected are: President: Juanita Cupp; Vice-President: Verda Hawkins; Secretary-Treasurer: Velma Faucher; Mission Prayer Chairman: Donna Sutterfield; Mission Study Chairman: Linda Johnson; Mission Action Chairman: Margaret Gregory. Vivian Jeffcoat assisted in the organization.



Leatrice Angle, Mission Action Chairman of the Mile High Auxiliary, Northglenn, CO, displays the 10 rag baskets presented by their Auxiliary. The baskets were filled with candy and small items.

The Minister's Wife

Compiled By Cleo Pursell

My husband and I were married December 21, 1950. I had been saved at the age of 14, but my husband was not saved at the time we were married.

Although my parents were not dedicated Christians, they insisted on my attending church and Sunday school. These churches were very small country churches. At an early age I served as Sunday school superintendent because no man would accept that responsibility.

Our pastor was a circuit preacher who came once a month. Most of the time he had to get someone to bring him so his wife did not come along. I never met her.

My father was a tenant farmer so we moved quite often and attended many churches. Never did the minister's wives come with them. I had no pattern to follow when my husband became a preacher.

When our son was small, I did not attend my husband's revivals, but I have always tried to be with him in church or where there was a need.

I had no training as a young Christian or as a pastor's wife, but the Lord was my teacher. As I grew as a Christian, He taught me many lessons about my life and dress. I believe the Lord wants us to dress and act like ladies.

I have given up some things that I thought to be a hindrance to my husband's ministry. I have tried to improve my attitude when things didn't always go my way. I haven't approved of all the decisions my husband has made, but God called him to be the pastor, not me.

The Lord simply made me a helpmate. I've grown and received training through attending the National Associations, state retreats and associations; also working as a local, district, and state Auxiliary officer. While these have been helpful, the best



By Lottie Horton

Let's Be Good Preachers' Wives

teaching of all has been working in our local church where my husband has pastored for the past 32 years.

Ladies, let's be good examples. I know there are times we can't go with our husbands due to sickness, family responsibilities or workload, but do as much as possible to be close by. I believe that is where they want us to be.

Let's be good preacher's wives.

A Product of Grace

Perhaps not many pastor's wives can say they won their husbands to the Lord. Lottie Horton did. Rev. Horton gives his testimony in a small booklet entitled, A Product of Grace.

When our son, Danny, was born, I realized I needed to have a Christian home. Even though I loved my family, I was so bound by the drink habit that I would spend all my money and come home to find my wife with only water gravy and my baby nursing a bottle with just enough milk in it to color it. I was lost . . . lost . . . lost, but the Bible had the answer.

On my last wild night in sin, my wife fixed a good meal for Thanksgiving dinner. I wanted so much to ask her to say grace at the table, but I wouldn't. Instead I went out and bought a bottle and started drinking again.

All day Thanksgiving, that night, and all the next day, I was heavily intoxicated. When I began to sober up, I was in a bar in Essex, Maryland. I looked at my hand and saw where the waiter had stamped the cover charge on it. I had a full pint in my coat pocket and I stepped into the men's room to take a drink. It felt like my stomach had burst. Never in my life had anything like this happened to me. I felt like my stomach was on fire. That was my last drink . . .

I went back on the dance floor. I saw men dancing with other men's wives . . . I stood looking through the thick smoke and dimly lit room. I realized the whole bunch was just one heart-beat from hell and I was in the midst.

I staggered out into the night and finally found my pickup. How I got through the town and five or six miles down the road, I will never know. It seemed I drove

The next best thing to heaven is a Christian home

through a dense fog even though the night was clear. I kept thinking about what a wreck I had made of my life. About half way home the fog seemed to lift and I never saw the road any plainer in my life.

When I got in sight of home, I saw the light in the window. My wife was up waiting for me. I was ashamed to go in after the way I had done. She said later that when I walked in the door I had the most weird look on my face. I had sobered up and knew I was lost.

I stretched out on the couch, hoping she would go to bed. Normally she would have done that hoping that I would go to sleep and not back out again. But she just sat down on the arm of the couch. I lay there thinking about what a failure I had been to the woman I had taken as my wife. Also, I thought of what a poor example I had been before my son.

It was hard to believe that God could love someone like me. But along in the early hours of the morning, I asked my wife if she would have prayer with me before we went to bed. I got down on my knees beside the couch that was so ragged it was hardly fit to sit on. My son's puppy had chewed the stuffing out of it and I had spent my money for booze instead of buying another one. There beside the couch I heard my wife praying for God to save her husband.

I hardly knew how to pray. But in words something like this, I prayed, "Oh God, if You can take nothing and make something out of it, You are welcome to my life."

With all the faith I had, I believed that God loved me enough to give His only begotten Son to die for me; by faith, I repented of my sins and accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

I didn't shout or make a lot of noise, but I knew that God for Christ's sake had forgiven my sins. In a moment's time I went from rags to riches. One moment I was a sinner on the road to hell, the next I became an heir of God and joint heir with Jesus Christ.

My wife arose from her knees with tears of joy running down her cheeks. As we stood there embracing, it seemed life had just begun. The next best thing to heaven is a Christian home. There

we stood—broke, but rich; once lost, but now saved. Indeed, a product of grace.

About a year after Mr. Horton was saved, God called him into the ministry. That was May 30, 1955. Since then he has preached in numerous states and maintained a radio ministry for the past 28 years. For the past 32 years, he has pastored the Fairwood FWB Church, Fairfax Station, Virginia.

Lottie Horton has served for 16 years in various offices of the Maryland State Auxiliary Convention, including the offices of president and field worker.

A Purpose for my Life

By Peggy Kilgore

I was born in Letcher county, Kentucky during the great depression. My father, in hopes of finding a better job so he could support his family of eleven children, moved us to Southwest Virginia.

God saw us through those terrible years as He has promised if we put our trust in Him.

I attended a small elementary school in the community where we lived. There was no television to keep us entertained so we played hopscotch, marbles, kickball and hide-and-seek.

When I was ten years old, some neighbors and their children invited us to go berry picking. We walked about a mile and crossed a train trestle to where the berries were.

We picked berries until our buckets were full and then started home. I was tagging along behind the others when we arrived at the trestle.

We heard the train approaching, but the others quickly crossed the bridge. I saw the train too, but I knew I had plenty of time to make it.

About two-thirds of the way across, I fell through the trestle. With the train approximately a hundred feet away, I was trapped with one leg between the railroad ties and my body and the other leg on top of the track.

My neighbors could only stand and watch because the train was very close. No one could deliver me but God. And He did! He enabled me to get loose, and I raced across the trestle about three steps ahead of the train.

I graduated from high school in 1951 and married in December of that same year. My husband was serving in the Korean war where he was assigned a job as supply clerk. He promised God that if He would let him return home, he would serve Him.

After serving his term, we surrendered our lives to God for service. Soon after, my husband was called into the Gospel ministry and is now a pastor.

God blessed us with five children and today all are Christians. Our two sons have been called into the ministry and are enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College.

As these things began to unfold, I at last knew the reason why God helped me from that railroad trestle. *He had a purpose for my life.* I was to be the wife of a pastor, mother of two fine ministers and three daughters, and grandmother to three wonderful grandchildren.

"His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me!"

CROSSWINDS

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

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

Shane is in Heaven

By Paulette Radcliffe

At age 6, Shane was saved at summer camp. He rushed into the house that Saturday bursting with joy. "Mama, guess what? I got saved!"

"What happened when you got saved?" I asked.

"I cried."

"And why did you cry?"

"I got saved and when I die, I'll go to heaven and be with Jesus," he answered matter-of-factly.

That was the summer of '82. I did not know that just a year later he would do just that.

Five or six weeks before his death, he began asking all sorts of questions about heaven. "Mama, what's heaven like?"

"Mama, when our puppy died, did he go to heaven?"

"We'll have everything we want in heaven, won't we, Mama? Will I have a go-cart in heaven?"

"What will I eat in heaven?"

I tried to answer the best I could and brush off his preoccupation with this remote, though very real, place.

Each Sunday on our way home from church, Shane quizzed me about heaven. Then, "Mama, when can I go to heaven?"

"Shane, there are many things I don't know," I told him. "When Jesus gets ready for us, then we will go. When you see Jesus, you can ask Him all these questions in person."

That last Sunday, he started asking those same questions all over again and I repeated the answers. Finally, he exploded, "Well, why can't I go now?"

My heart froze. Lord, please make him stop. I don't like him

talking like this. I know now the Lord was preparing me for that following Saturday when he died in a gun accident.

When I knew he was gone, I thought my heart would burst from my body with unbearable pain. Only someone who has experienced it can know. Then I went numb. God knows how much a person can take. Something seems to click inside, then we feel nothing in order to survive.

The days and months that followed were lived on a roller coaster. I clung to the Word of God and spent much time in prayer. Then for days I couldn't keep my mind on anything. This must be what it's like to lose your mind, I thought. Only the love of God and His grace kept me sane.

I cried because no one called; then I cried because someone did call and I didn't want to talk. I cried because someone mentioned his name; then I cried because no one mentioned his name. I resented the fact that everyone, including family and friends, seemed to forget that he ever existed.

Time is the ultimate healer. No one can say how much time. For me, it has taken about four years to finally let him go.

One morning about a year ago, I had drifted back to sleep and dreamed that Shane was coming home. Oh, the joy and happiness that flooded my being! I can't even put it into words. Suddenly I was awakened by the alarm clock. I lay thinking he was still coming home, when it hit me. Shane won't be coming home, he is

already home! At that moment, I was finally able to praise the Lord that He had made it possible for our precious son to be in the arms of Jesus. Now he had the answers to all his questions. Most of all, I thanked God for allowing us to have him 7½ years.

I guess if I could talk to everyone who has experienced the death of a child, I would say: Yes, this is about the worst thing that can happen to a parent. Just when you think you're getting on top of it, you fall back where you started. You might think you can't make it, and furthermore, you aren't sure you want to make it.

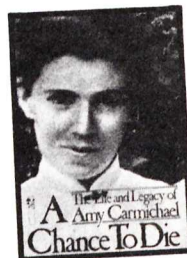
"But I'm a Christian," you tell yourself. "I should be able to handle this." And the fact that you can't leads to deeper depression. In time you will be able to handle it. Always listen to that still small voice that says, "You're going to be all right. You're going to make it."

Our precious Lord is right there with you. He grieves with you, loves you, and He is there when everyone else has gone home. Lean on Him, draw comfort from Him, love Him and allow Him to help you go on without that loved one. Love that husband and the other children. They need you. You can do it and, in time, He can use you to help someone else. Don't become bitter, become better. You had a precious gift from God loaned to you for a brief time. And you have the assurance (if you have trusted Christ as your Savior) of a home in heaven when you die. ♦

Book Highlights

A CHANCE TO DIE: The Life and Legacy of Amy Carmichael

*By Elisabeth Elliott, Revell, 1987,
Reviewed by Debbie Anderson*



During a decade when Christian "how-to" books crowd the literary market, *A CHANCE TO DIE* is a refreshing exception to the rule. Better than all the "how-to" manuals in the world is the true story of a missionary woman whose consuming desire was to obey God.

Many people know that Amy Carmichael was a single woman who served more than 50 years as a missionary in India, most of that time rescuing children from being sold for temple prostitution or from other horrible circumstances. She provided a haven where "her children" could grow, be loved, and learn about God.

Fewer people, though, know about her delightful childhood, her adolescent role playing parent after her father died, her reoccurring health problems that caused her first missionary application to be rejected, or her years of missionary service in Japan and Ceylon before she worked in India. All the details about the years before the Dohnavur work are fascinating and help the reader understand how Amy became the remarkable woman she

was, devoted to God, full of faith, iron-willed and stubborn. This biography turns the reader's focus from the finished product of God's grace (the saint we regard with awe) to the background and hardships that drove Amy closer to God.

Ironically, to be so admired in our time, Amy was very controversial in her day. Part of the disapproval came from spiritually immature people who did not understand her commitment to God: acquaintances who said she would "kill" her adopted father by going overseas, or the missionaries who faulted her for living among the natives because they did not want to relinquish their European luxuries.

Other criticism was probably legitimate. Amy had no qualms about separating husbands and wives for months at a time, not realizing that all the rigors of celibacy should not be imposed on families. Playing favorites with her children at Dohnavur was a fault noticed by those who worked with her.

Nevertheless, Amy's sincerity was obvious to anyone who knew her well. One cold day as she was sharing the gospel with a Japanese lady, the woman was so distracted by Amy's fur gloves that she lost interest in the message. Amy recorded, "I went home, took off my English clothes, put on my Japanese kimono, and never again, I trust, risked so much for so little."

One of her favorite prayers was that of Jeremy Taylor: "Lord, do Thou turn me all into love and all my love into obedience, and let my obedience be without interruption."

Tribute also should be paid to the author Elisabeth Elliott. Anyone accustomed to Elliott's excellent literary standard will not be disappointed—those unfamiliar with her style will soon be happily engrossed in the narrative. The pages are filled with excerpts from Amy's writings

A Woman God Has Used

Twin Cities Auxiliary of the Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia, unanimously nominates Rosa B. Hodges as a woman God has used.

"Miss Rosa" was married to Hoyt Hodges for 44 years. God blessed this union with three daughters. Brother Hoyt still serves as a deacon. Rosa faithfully served her church for 18 years as Sunday school and CTS teacher, choir member, and Auxiliary worker. Bible study and prayer were a vital part of her day. She arose at 5:30 each morning for her quiet time before going to her job.

Miss Rosa was not only respected by those her age, but the young people loved her as well. Her ready smile good cooking and warm hospitality left an indelible memory.

Perhaps Sister Rosa will most be remembered for her witness for Christ. In time of trouble, she was the first to say, "Trust in the Lord and He will see you through."

Sister Rosa Hodges, beloved wife, mother and friend.



The POET'S CORNER



A Missionary Remembers

Daddy,

My earliest memories cannot be
relived
Without you playing center
stage.

I remember you kissing your
chubby little girl
on her very first birthday—
Or maybe I just feel like I
remember
because I've cherished the pho-
tograph for a lifetime.

And I remember lots of other
kisses, too,
and playing "horsey" and
"helping" you work,
even though I'm sure you had
to do it all over again
when I wasn't looking.

I'll always remember your glow-
ing love
and your eagerness to tell
anyone who would listen
about the latest accomplishment
of your "baby daughter."
How I cringed to be called by
that name in my adolescent
days.

But now, a decade later, it
seems all right—
No, not just all right. It's
precious!

I remember as a little girl being
terrified during the night.
And I recall how Daddy's big
strong arms always made
my little mind's goblins flee, the
fears disappear.

And then, I remember crying
on your shoulder
over more grown-up hurts—
When my love life had
collapsed
and when I'd strayed far from
God's will for my life.
And I remember walking into
an empty sanctuary

and finding you in prayer
and knew you'd been praying
for me.

I well remember your godly
example of a person
whose life was sold out to
Christ.

You'd given 100% to follow His
leading in your own life.

And then I remember how you
joyfully and unselfishly
let me follow God's plan for my
life, too,
even though it led me thou-
sands of miles from home
and your hugs.

And I remember reading in the
Bible that
I can, through Christ, approach
God as my
"Abba" or "Daddy" Father.

And somehow I know that it's
easy for me to receive
and return my Heavenly Father's
love
because I've known the con-
stant, selfless, godly love
of an earthly father like you.

I love you, Daddy!

*Ruth McDonald, and her husband, Don-
nie, are first term missionaries serving in
Japan. Ruth's parents are Rev. and Mrs.
Johnnie Postlewaite, pastor of the Fordland
FWB Church, Fordland, MO.*

Mother

Mother—a word so simple
it can be pronounced by even
the smallest child;
But its full meaning
often takes years to unfold.

I've always known that mother
means
hot cookies and new dresses
stitched with love,
Surprises from the dime store
and long (but gentle)
spankings.

Mother has long meant some-
one to laugh with (and at!),
cry with
and get a great big hug from.

But lately new meanings have
sprung into being.
Mother—she gave me life and
love;

She taught me much of what I
now deem important
My first childish prayer
My first hymn of praise
How to be a lady (though I
wasn't always a good student)
And how to want without
hurting.

She taught me that it is not so
important what you have
as what you are;
Not how you look,
but how you act.

She made me into anything
good that I am today.

Thank You, Lord, for giving me
a mother
of whom I can be proud.
And thank You, Mom, for being
a mother
of whom our Lord can be
proud.

Appointed to Pray

Missionary Prayer Pointers

By Leilani Mortland

"Brethren, pray for us." What missionary has not used this verse in his presentation to churches? Many of us promise to remember that missionary in our prayers, but in a week or two our sincere resolve has dwindled to "... and bless all the missionaries as they serve Thee around the world." Our problem is not that we don't know how to intercede for others, it is just that we neglect to.

The missionary who solicits your prayers really wants them. He faces loneliness, persecution, and other difficulties as he serves God in a foreign land. The power of prayer is a great uplifter to this

dedicated, though sometimes discouraged, servant of the Lord. The following practical suggestions will aid you in your ministry of prayer for missionaries.

First of all, remember that missionaries are human just like you. They have the same tight family budget, fussy kids, and flat tires that you have. When you catch yourself sending up a short prayer for strength and guidance for yourself at these times, ask the same for a missionary you know personally. This method works two ways. It provides the power of prayer needed for both of you, and it helps you get your eyes off yourself and your troubles.

The whole family can get involved in the following sugges-



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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.

May

- ** 1—Pam Hackett (IN)
- 4—Ron Moore (IC)
- ** 6—Rose Haggard (OK)
- * 7—Alvis Paul (AZ)
- **10—Delore Burns (GA)
- 11—Elaine Holland (IC)
- 13—Amy Robinson (UR)
- *14—Brenda Lewis (CO)
- 16—Dale Bishop (Japan)
- 16—Elaine Parker (TX)
- **17—Ora Booth (OH)
- 17—Steve Reeves (Spain)
- *18—Judy Runyon (VI)
- 21—Ernest Holland (IC)
- 25—Lynn Midgett (Spain)
- 26—Kenneth Eagleton (IC)
- 30—Alice Smith (IC)

June

- ** 2—Tim Trimble (AL)
- 2—Jean Deeds (Brazil)
- 6—Stan Bunch (Panama)
- ** 7—Bobbie Hensley (CA)
- **11—Kathy Donoho (IL)
- **13—Mabel Willey (TX)
- 14—Steve Lytle (Panama)
- **19—Tim Hackett (IN)
- 20—Paul Robinson (UR)
- **22—Bernice Hanna (SC)
- 24—Jim McLain (Japan)
- **28—Ron Parker (TX)
- 29—Steve Riggs (France)

tion. In family devotions, choose one missionary family each night and have each person pray for a different area of need. One person might pray that the physical needs of the missionary family will be met. Maybe you know of specific problems. If not, pray for good health and adequate medical care. Another family member could pray for the emotional needs of the family. It can be very stressful to be the only Americans and/or the only Christians in a community. One person might like to pray for the intellectual needs. There is often the problem of educating the children. Many veteran missionaries list this as the number one problem of the missionary service. Then, of course, remember the spiritual needs of the missionary family. They are in the midst of spiritual warfare and need your prayer support.

Utilize prayer cards. Put them in a place where you will be sure to see them and remember to pray. Many put them by the telephone, on the refrigerator, or in their Bibles. Others have a special bulletin board in a prominent

place in the house. When you receive prayer letters, post them with the praises and requests underlined.

One lady I know begins every day by praying for a specific missionary. She says the Lord never fails to bring that family to her remembrance throughout the day so that she might pray more.

Often we tend to remember only those missionaries who are presently serving on foreign soil, but there are other missionaries who need our prayers just as much. Have you prayed for those who work in the home offices of the mission boards? Their work is vital and demanding. How about those missionary children who are away from their parents in a Christian college—have you thought to pray for them? There are others we should remember: those on deputation, in language school, on furlough—all need to be upheld in prayer.

There is one group we must pray for although we may not know names. They are the potential missionaries. The Lord commands in Matthew 9:37,38 that we pray that the Holy Spirit might send forth laborers. Perhaps the lack of missionary volunteers today is because of our failure to obey this scripture.

Praying for missionaries is a ministry that needs many more workers. The rewards are plentiful. You will find your burden for the lost at home and abroad increasing. You may develop lifelong friendships with some of God's choicest servants. Souls will be saved, the work of God will be strengthened, and your faith will be increased—all because you remembered to pray. ♦



Ladies, Let's Pray

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and acquaintances' comments. As a result, Elliott's commentary is usually drawn by example, not supposition.

Because Elliott also was a missionary and because she regards Amy as a spiritual mother, her writing conveys a unique camaraderie with Amy's struggles. Her deep love for Amy adds richness to the text, but Elliott's admiration does not prevent her from sharing Amy's frailties. Amy, after all, was human, so her defeats are told as well as her victories, her weaknesses as well as her strengths. Since she is not perfect, we can, as Elliott says, "possibly walk in her footprints."

A CHANCE TO DIE is a challenge to obey Christ from a woman who knew the joys and sorrows of obeying that challenge. It is a book worth reading over and over again. ♦

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

●Russell Johnson plans to begin construction of a building in Cheyenne, Wyoming as soon as land is acquired. Pray for the "Land for Cheyenne" project.

●Each Thursday Jeff Turnbough leads a Bible study with Spain's professional soccer team. Pray for their salvation and outreach.

●Ken and Judy Bailey teach five classes weekly, plus two cooking classes in Japan. Pray that they will take in as they give out.

●Missionaries in Brazil battle 27.25% inflation. That means if you put \$1000 under your mattress three years ago, today it would be worth \$27. Put yourself in their place, then pray.

●Robert Bryan, Cote d'Ivoire, requests prayer that they can keep up with their production schedule at the Evangelical Publications Center where at least 25% of their books are out of print.

●Patsy Vanhook, France reminds us of the three elements necessary to an effective ministry: prayer, patience and praise.

●Mark and Donna Thomas are rebuilding the congregation in Greeley, CO. Pray for an eager response.

●Missionaries in Cote d'Ivoire praise the Lord for unity in their Association of Churches.

●Carlisle Hanna, India, included in his newsletter this prayer by Amy Carmichael:

Father, forgive the cold love of the years,

Here in the silence we bow:
Perish our selfishness, perish our fears

Kindle us, kindle us now.

Lord, we believe, we accept,
we adore,

Less than the least though we be;
Fire of Love, burn in us, burn
ever more,

Till we burn out for Thee.



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Letters

With the Lord

I lost my husband to cancer a year ago. Life has not been easy living alone, but God has never failed me in comfort and help. He has indeed been a Good Shepherd and a "friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

Dolora Johnson
Alma, GA

Provision Closet

When we were in Nashville for home missionary orientation, I was allowed to go through the Provision Closet . . . The Tupperware and other things were certainly a help. It made me feel good to think of the love behind the gifts.

Sandy Atwood
Wilmington, DE

Co-Laborer Response

Please send us 10 CO-LABORERS. Our ladies find they really miss it. (KC, WV)

Let me tell you all that the ladies in the church and also visiting ladies enjoying reading CO-LABORER. (FG, ID)

I like the new format, but wish there were a few more helps, anything to make it more interesting for the ladies; maybe something they could make or do or say. (AH, OK)

You are doing a great job with the magazine. I wish I could get more of our ladies to subscribe. (VC, IN)

We failed to send in the questionnaire, but our women all seem to enjoy CO-LABORER in the new form. (BR, MO)

I am dedicated to Auxiliary work and am so grateful for all the literature in the CO-LABORER. (DJ, GA)

I really enjoy the new CO-LABORER. It was kind of hard to get used to, but it sure is a blessing. (CF, AL)

Please add five more magazines to our subscription. Some cancelled a while back, but, praise the Lord, our Auxiliary is growing and we need more books. (EA, MO)

From our Missionaries

Wedding excitement as Abenan and Yeboua were married. In one of my weaker moments, I volunteered to make the wedding dress. She picked a picture from Penney's catalogue and I had to make my own pattern, everything. Mother and my Home Ec. teacher taught me well . . . She asked me to be her witness. What an honor!

*Arilla Wode
Cote d'Ivoire*

Another victory . . . the salvation of an 82 year old widow. One of our dear ladies had been witnessing to this precious soul for over 10 years.

*Paul Robinson
Uruguay*

Our return from France marked the end of our second term of service and beginning of an 18 month furlough—12 months of deputation with an additional 6 months to complete a program of studies begun 10 years ago.

Central church has offered us a rent and utility-free house in a recently remodeled home . . .

*Tom and Patty McCullough
France*

Ed. Note: If more of our churches would do this, think of the boost to the missionary's account.

One of the reasons we were able to leave (for Cote d'Ivoire) so quickly was the wonderful response of the Woman's Auxiliaries across our nation. You were the first to respond when we learned we had to come home . . . We couldn't go without you.

*Ernest and Elaine Holland
Cote d'Ivoire*

Words for Women

Mary R. Wisheart



The tiny, white death's head sat on the book shelf where my friend had placed it earlier. The cereal box claimed it was a "talking skull." I could make its jaws move to simulate speech. Its real attraction, however, was its ability to glow in the dark.

Sure enough, when the lights were out, I opened my eyes to see a greenish glow on the bookshelf.

Later that night I awakened, and the bookshelf was dark, no glow whatsoever. The little skull had exhausted its absorbed light. It could not glow on its own.

How like the Christian. We spend time in God's presence and absorb the glow from His lovely face. We then reflect it to those about us.

But what if we miss that time with Him?

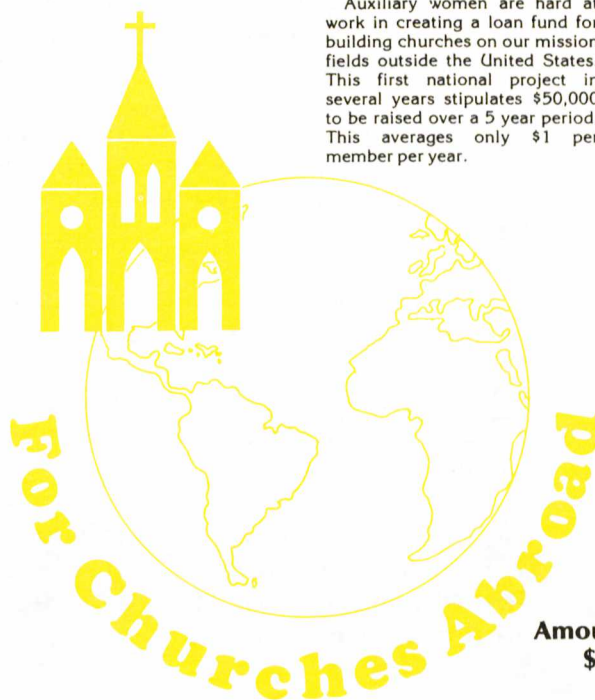
Gradually the glow fades. Those about us begin to notice that we worry more. We're cross. We don't have time for things that count. We're tired. We complain. We've lost the glow.

Perhaps all we need is some quiet time alone with Him. Time just to talk to Him and listen to His voice. Time to catch a new glimpse of the beauty of His holiness. Time to absorb the light.

Have your friends missed the glow lately? Maybe it's time to sit still and absorb. We have no glow of our own.

Eunice Edwards Loan Fund

Auxiliary women are hard at work in creating a loan fund for building churches on our mission fields outside the United States. This first national project in several years stipulates \$50,000 to be raised over a 5 year period. This averages only \$1 per member per year.



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Be A Missionary Sender

By R. E. Waddell

Adopt a missionary family and treat them as though they were members of your family. Develop such a close relationship that they can feel free to ask you for personal items they need on the field, i.e., watch band, medicines, repairs, etc.

Correspond regularly. Insert a church bulletin or your midweek reminder. Remember the missionary's schedule is more hectic than yours. You might write, "I'm just passing along some news. Don't feel obligated to answer."

Remember the missionary's birthday, anniversary, etc.

Pray for him and his family daily. Many of their needs are similar to yours.

Share significantly, even sacrificially, in their support.

Be a special personal representative of your missionary family to your church, Woman's Auxiliary, Master's Men, Sunday school, quarterly meetings, etc. As a general rule, no one is assigned to voice the needs of the missionary here.

Send tapes. Most like audio and video tapes of services. Some missionaries like sports and certain TV shows. Ask what your missionary family likes and how best to get the tapes to him.

Print, mail and pay for the postage of the missionary's newsletter. Keep his mailing list current.

Subscribe to a magazine for the missionary. Be sure you pay for the postage or he is socked with the bill personally.

Adopt an MK (missionary's kid). The cost of education overseas is outrageous. College expenses are high, too. The MK needs a lot of love, acceptance and support when he returns to our country.