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

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Theme for 1989: Arise and Build
(Neh. 2:20)
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Though I speak with the tongues of learning, and use the most effective methods known to men, and fail to be a personal witness, I am become a worn-out bell on an obsolete locomotive.
And though I have the best of administrative skills, and understand all mysteries of motivating men, and though I have all Biblical knowledge and lose not myself in the task of sharing Christ, I am as a cloud of mist in an open sea.
And though I read all the literature, attend all the conventions, assemblies, seminars and planning meetings, and, yet am satisfied with less than introducing a soul to Christ, It profiteth me little here or hereafter.
The Christian witness suffereth long, is kind, He envieth not others who neglect sharing their faith. He boasts not of himself but magnifies Christ; is not puffed up with intellectual pride.
He doth not fail to let the Holy Spirit control him daily, seeketh not his own comfort—is not easily provoked. Bearing all things, believeth all things, hoping all things.
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—Tal Bonham

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Make ten gates from corrugated cardboard or poster board. Prop these at regular intervals around the auditorium. A woman could stand at each gate and give her part in turn. Or one woman could do all of them by walking from one to the other.

The gates could be drawn on sheets of poster board and displayed on an easel.

Only one gate poster could be made with the titles of the gates printed on word strips.

The gates could be drawn on paper, backed with flannel and put on a flannel board.

Play bricks made from corrugated cardboard may be ordered from some specialty mail order houses. Or you can make your own by covering empty cereal and detergent boxes with brick-designed Contact paper.

Pile these bricks on one side of the platform. On the other side leave space for a "wall." During a song of commitment, the women come and remove one brick from the pile and place it on the wall, signifying her pledge to give, pray and go in obedience to the Great Commission.

Publicity and Promotion

The Emphasis program is designed to be given before the entire church, usually on a Sunday night. Prepare a bulletin insert announcing your program.

Make a poster or bulletin board display. Cover the board with brick or stone designed paper. Or cover half of it with the paper and cut the top in a uneven shape to resemble an unfinished wall. Cut women in various positions from magazines and paste on the wall.

Prayer reminders. Glue prayer cards to the backs of cardboard bricks and distribute to everyone. Label them:
**BUILDING UP OUR MISSIONARIES
THROUGH PRAYER**

Brick banks are available free upon request from WNAC. Plan to pick yours up at the Auxiliary booth in Tampa. Or if you order, specify the number needed. Distribute these banks a month or so before the meeting so the women can be filling them.

ARISE

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**Neh.
2:20**



Our Place on the Wall

By Diane Mitchell Thomas

Scripture: Nehemiah 2:17-18

Hymn: "I Want to be a Worker"

Study Text: The Book of Nehemiah

Home Resource: SPARKS INTO FLAME by Mary Ruth Wisehart

Introduction

When Nehemiah received word that the wall of Jerusalem lay in ruins and its gates consumed with fire, he felt compelled to help. He envisioned workers uniting the strength of their hands and restoring the wall to its original state.

Fifty-four years ago, in 1935, a group of dedicated Free Will Baptist women faced a similar situation. They, too, had a burden. The unfulfilled Great Commission burned

in their hearts. They wanted to join hands with women across the nation and build on the vision that Christ left us. They organized the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

Do you remember His vision, the one He shared just before He ascended? Each of us is to give His gospel to the world (Matt. 28:19, 20).

Their opportunity to share is what the early women saw. That, too, is our place on the wall.

The Task (1:3)

Great devastation lay over Jerusalem. The walls crumpled in disrepair, the gates burned, and the people afflicted. Nehemiah viewed the rubble by night. Most would have considered the job insurmountable.

Not so with Nehemiah, nor the early organizers of Woman's Auxiliary. Not so with our missionaries who willingly leave behind the comforts of home and loved ones to share the vision of Christ with those who are sin-afflicted. Not so with our Lord who gave His life for it all.

How do we view the task? Do you see the world crumbling, broken down—lost? Do you consider the task too overwhelming? Or do you see your place at the wall and stand with hammer in hand, ready to join hands with your Christian sisters?

Preparing for the Work (1:4, 6, 9)

Nehemiah did not act on emotion alone. He mourned for a time, but then he acted. The Bible outlines certain preparations Nehemiah made. Likewise history credits success to those early women because they:

Fasted and prayed (the foundation of the wall)

Had servant's hearts (In order to serve we must want to be used effectively.)

Had a confessing spirit (God cannot use us with sin in our lives.)

Sought God's Word (the blueprint)

Got others to join (There is strength in numbers. We are laborers together with God.)

It began with one person, one willing pair of hands, one willing heart. Nehemiah could have chosen to stay in the king's castle where he had obligations. No one really expected him to do the work.

We, too, can remain uninvolved in the Lord's work. We have many other things to do. Who expects us to achieve this worldwide mission? Who, but Christ?

Hindrances to the Work (2:19-20)

Before the work ever began, Nehemiah and his co-workers faced discouragement. The enemies threatened with fear and distraction.



God Needs Good Tools in Building

An Object Lesson

A WRENCH for opening. Are you a good wrench for opening your heart to do God's will? (Rom. 12:1) Do you open your ears to the teaching and preaching of God's Word? (Job 36:10) Do you open your mouth to give testimony to your faith in Jesus Christ? (1 Pet. 3:15)

A SCREWDRIVER for tightening. Are you a good screwdriver for tightening your faith in Christ by reading His Word and taking time for prayer? (Ps. 119:11; Rom. 10:17; Matt. 26:41) Do you tighten the fellowship between fellow believers? (Heb. 10:25)

A HAMMER for putting together. Have you used the nails of service to hold together the work of Christ in your church and Auxiliary? (Ps. 100:2) Are your gifts like nails holding together a missionary effort in another land? (Phil. 4:16, 17)

AN OIL CAN for smooth working. Do you use the oil of the fruit of the Spirit to keep yourself working faithfully for our Lord? (Gal. 5:22, 23) Does this oil make it easier to live and work with others? (Rom. 12:16-18)

A MEASURING TAPE for measuring. Have you seen that the blessings of God are unable to be measured? (Eph. 3:20) Do you thank Him for His goodness to you each day? (Eph. 5:20)

—Adapted from Sacred Literature Ministries



Some of the greatest opposition came from their own brethren. But Nehemiah reminded them that God was in charge and that the work would prosper.

Discouragement is Satan's most powerful tool for defeating Christians. We have a tendency to quit when discouraged; therefore, homes, churches and Auxiliaries fall apart. Missionaries must return from the field because we walked off the job. We become critical and dissatisfied when we cease building.

Nehemiah and his group overcame the hindrances. They held fast to God and watched incessantly for the enemy. We, too, must recognize that the moment we cease watching for the devil is the moment he chooses to subtly creep into our lives and hinder the building. Let's be on guard and not become distracted from the work at our place on the wall.

The Strength of Hands (4:14, 15, 17)

A frenzy of building activity characterized the work at the wall. They overcame all obstacles as they encouraged each other. While half worked on the wall, the other half, with weapon in hand, stood guard.

Are we standing guard over our missionaries with prayer and financial support. Is their work hampered because we have put down our weapons?

Because the wall was so far-reaching, the groups worked at great distances from each other. They blew trumpets to signal, "All is well. I'm here at my place, working on the wall with you."

When the women joined together in 1935 to organize the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, it was as the sound of the trumpet. Can you see the importance of district, state and national conventions? Can you see the importance of Christian retreats? The enormity of the job is lessened when we hear from our fellow workers. Our spirits are renewed. These times of encouragement say, "I'm working on the wall with you." It's the sound of the trumpet.

The Results of the Work (6:15, 16; 9:2, 3)

Nehemiah and his friends joined hands and trusted God to help them finish their task. They were committed. Together they overcame all discouragement and defeated their adversaries. The work on the wall was finished, a clear testimony to God before their enemies.

The Biblical story recounts other notable rewards. In chapters 8 and 9, we find the people more attentive to God's voice. Their hearts were full of praise and adoration. Their souls were humbled before the Lord. They walked a closer walk with God because they were more aware of who He was and what He could do.

Why are we awed by the names of Fannie Polston, Laura Belle Barnard, Eunice Edwards, Mom Willey? Is it because they joined hands with God and committed themselves to rebuilding the crumbled down walls of the lost?

Have you joined them with the strength of your own hand?

The Unfinished Task (Mark 16:15)

Nehemiah's work was finished. He completed the wall. Remember the task the Lord left us? There is much to be done. Our early women began a united effort. Their work at the wall is not yet finished. Our hands are needed for its completion.

Each of us is needed on the wall. No task is too small. Won't you pick up a hammer and take your place? Would you join hands and pray for God's strength on our Auxiliary?

Feel the strength of your sister's hand as you clasp it. Try to feel the hands of those who are joined state by state and over the nation and around the world.

Now extend them to God.
Dedicatory prayer with arms extended. ♦



LADIES! We Need Your Help!

August is Emphasis Month on the Auxiliary Calendar

Each of us is experiencing the fact that our dollars don't stretch as far as they once did. So it is not surprising that WNAC is facing stretching problems as well.

We urge you to give generously to this emphasis offering in order that our expenses be met. We are laborers together with God in getting the gospel to the ends of the earth. Supporting the national office helps support our missionary program.

Keepers of the Gates

By Myra Hill

Nehemiah 3 lists 10 gates repaired by Nehemiah and his crew. The city of Jerusalem probably had 12 in all since 8:16 mentions "the gate of Ephraim" and 12:39 refers to "the prison gate." The work was organized down to the most minute detail.

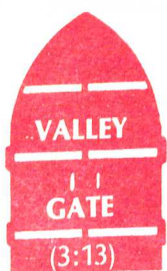
There is still a great task to do. Just imagine that Nehemiah assigned the Woman's Auxiliary the task of keeping the gates. Let's look at some of these gates and try to see how he might divide the responsibilities.



The priests helped build this gate near the temple, through which were led the sacrificial beasts. This reminds us of Jesus, our sacrificial lamb, who died for the sins of the world. This gate could be claimed by our WNAC executive committee and staff. The responsibility that comes with their job prompts them to prayer that Jesus would always be lifted up in our work.



Jerusalem's fish market. It was through this gate that fish from the Jordan River and the Sea of Galilee entered the city. This area was also utilized for politics, commercial endeavors, and a wide range of other functions and meetings. Sounds like a good place for Auxiliary enlistment.



The valley gate is named after the valley of Hinnom, a ravine where the worst heathen practices of all time was carried out—the sacrifice of human beings to the idol Moloch. Mission Prayer Chairmen everywhere need to guard this gate carefully as they hold up our mothers and leaders, guard against the web of cults, and undergird our missionaries as they battle the forces of darkness.



This gate is just what the name implies—the gate through which the refuse of the city was removed. Can't you see the godly women across our land carrying out these less-glamorous jobs, never complaining? Auxiliary women involved in mission action projects often come in contact with the scum of life as they demonstrate the message of forgiveness, the broom that sweeps filth from our lives.



This gate lay close to the pool of Siloam where water from the spring was stored. When the enemy surrounded a city and kept it under siege, the fountain was sealed or shut off to avoid tampering. State and district officers have the responsibility of Auxiliary work in their areas. When the enemy comes in like a flood to destroy the work, they claim God's wisdom and protection.



The Nethinims, the temple servants, settled around the water gate. These "drawers of water" had ready access to the source of water outside the walls. It was here Ezra read the five books of Moses. Mission Study Chairman are drawers of water, making living water available to all.



This gate speaks of struggle, conflict. When the army left the city of Jerusalem to do battle, they passed through this gate. They returned either in defeat or waving the victor's spoils. Those who keep this gate continually remind us that life is a warfare, but with Christ on our side, we are conquerors!

Nehemiah and his people rose up and built, for they had a mind to work. Just as the gates were sometimes far apart, so are our women. But the real purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission binds us together. So every woman to her work! Guard well the gates!

So Built We the House

Installation of Officers

Give each officer one of the following:

President—tape measure
Vice President—piece of wood
Secretary—hammer
Treasurer—brick
Mission Prayer Chairman—wire or cord
Mission Study Chairman—wrench
Mission Action Chairman—paint brush

Many decisions go into building a house. Plans must be made and carried out before the house can be completed.

The building process requires blueprints and many skilled laborers. Each one has a different job, but putting them all together results in a completed, well-built house.

Auxiliaries, too, have a plan to follow. We are all different with different jobs, but as we work together, we enjoy a successful, well-built Auxiliary.

BLUEPRINTS

Before any kind of construction is started, blueprints need to be drawn. The design is chosen with specific needs and goals in mind. From these blueprints, a house is built.

Christians have their very own set of blueprints to follow—the Bible. “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). All of us cannot actually go, but Auxiliaries around the United States strive to share the gospel through fervent prayer and sacrificial giving.

CONTRACTOR

After the blueprints are decided upon, a contractor is chosen. He is responsible for the construction of the house.

The first stage of construction is the foundation. A house cannot be built without a foundation, neither

will it remain standing without a firm foundation (Luke 6:48).

The key to a good Auxiliary is a good “contractor.” This is the job of the President. She keeps the Auxiliary on a firm foundation. She promotes the work of the Auxiliary as a whole and sees that each job is carried out.

A contractor hires sub-contractors who are responsible for certain parts of the house. Just like the contractor, the President works with different workers to help build an effective Auxiliary. What workers do we need to build this successful Auxiliary?

CARPENTER

A carpenter is hired to help the contractor build the house. He cuts wood and constructs the frame and flooring of the house. The job of the Vice President is like that of the carpenter. Though she helps the president, her main job is to enlist new members and publicize the meetings of the Auxiliary.

Without the carpenter, a house could not be built. Without a good Vice President, the Auxiliary misses the necessary framework.

ROOFER

The roofer has only one job—to lay shingles on the roof. It must be done accurately as he starts at the bottom edge and works his way up.

The job of Secretary compliments the President and Vice President. She takes minutes of each meeting and keeps records of all business. Accuracy is important to prevent wrong information from being recorded.

BRICKLAYER

A bricklayer lays the brick outside the frame of the house. His work is important. One mistake can throw the other bricks out of

By Jane Atchison and June McVay

balance.

The job of the Treasurer is like the bricklayer. She receives monthly offerings, records them, and channels them to the designated places. Like the bricklayer, her job is hard. One mistake in her figures will throw her records out of balance.

Now that the outside of the house is completed, let's look at three major inside jobs and see how they relate to our Auxiliary and the success of its program.

PLUMBER

Another major inside job is the plumbing. The plumber installs pipes for water and draining and connects them to the outside source.

The Mission Study Chairman selects books to help shed light on missions. She also recommends others to help the individual woman in her spiritual growth, as well as additions to the church library. Like the plumber, she makes a needed connection between books and the Auxiliary woman.

PAINTER

The third major inside job is the painting. The painter decorates the house with colors that enrich the look of the house.

Our Missions Action Chairman has the same job. She decorates our meetings with planned projects that help people or groups in need. She follows the Plan of Work suggested by our WNAC.

A good Mission Action Chairman stimulates her Auxiliary with colorful ideas to enrich the lives of each member. Without her, the Auxiliary would be drab and fruitless.

ELECTRICIAN

One major job inside the house is the electrical wiring. The electrician designs all the circuits and

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The Hannas in India



Aim: To learn more about these veteran missionaries, thus becoming more missions-minded.

Scripture: Mark 8:34-38

Hymn: "Wherever He Leads I'll Go"

Introduction

Travel back in time with me to the year 1952. It's October. Leaves are changing to brilliant hues of autumn. The scent of fall fills the air. You are 24 years old, and you, your husband and four-month old daughter are packing your bags. Tomorrow you're going on a trip—not a week's vacation to a neighboring state, or even a month. You'll be going thousands of miles leaving home, family and friends. You won't be back for five years. Your destination is India.

This is how it was in 1952 for Carlisle and Marie Hanna and their baby daughter, Sheila. Carlisle, a native of South Carolina, and Marie, native of Missouri, met at Free Will Baptist Bible College and merged their lives to evangelize their part of the world in India. When another's burden becomes more important than your own, that is the beginning of love. The Hannas left home with a love and compassion for the people of India.

The Command

God gave the commission in Mark 16:15: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The Hannas' part of the world was India. In 1952, there were over 400 million people in this land who needed to be told of Jesus. By 1992, it is estimated that the population of India will exceed 857 million.

The Hannas are the only Free Will Baptist missionaries remaining in India. There have been others. Our beloved Laura Belle Barnard first pioneered the field as early as 1935. Then came Volena Wilson, Zalene (Lloyd) Breeden, Paul and Nell Woolsey, and veterans Dan and Trula Cronk. These all contributed to building the church of God in India.

For over 20 years, since the late 1950's, the doors to India have been closed with no new missionaries allowed into the country. Because of the closed door policy and strict government regulations, the Hannas feel that all future furloughs until retirement must be limited to three months. They could be told at any time by the Indian government to leave the country.

The Hannas are careful not to draw attention to the fact that Hindus are being converted to Christianity. The offering of enticements, such as eternal life or blessings from God, could bring charges by the government and lead to their arrest. The Foreign Missions department is careful when reporting on the work in India. Certain Indians in this country watch for articles printed about India. They clip these and send back to their country. If the Missions department reports on converts in a certain area and the report ends up in the hands of the government, it could result in persecution of the Christians in that area.

Sacrifice, Adjustments and Problems

The Hannas have made many sacrifices and adjustments over the past 35 years. Perhaps one of their greatest sacrifices came just a few months after their arrival in India. Sheila, then about eight months old, came down with a virus which resulted in severe diarrhea and dehydration. Because of the lack of medical care, the baby died, the first casualty among our missionary family.

In God's grace, He has blessed this couple with three more children who have enriched their lives. All have aspired to return to India, but with no success. Don, the oldest, even completed his medical training to return, but even this did not give him entrance.

Distance often separated the family during the children's school years. They attended Woodstock, a boarding school for missionary children, about 1000 miles away. One Christmas Marie wrote that it was the time of the year when they were usually busy getting the children's rooms ready for vacation.

INDIA

Capital	New Delhi - 5,714,000
Population	752,938,000
Density	216/sq. km.
Peoples	14 major regional languages 1,600 other languages
Religion	Hindu 83% Protestant 1.4% (Evangelical .4%) Missionaries - about 2,000

Now, as far as the family is concerned, she and Carlisle are alone. Separation from their children, and now grandchildren, is a sacrifice they are making joyfully.

We often take for granted things that the Hannas cannot. Their electricity is unreliable. When it is off for an extended period of time, they use a generator as a backup.

The mail service poses another problem. Recently heavy flooding cut off all mail delivery for several weeks. Mail is often censored.

The area in which the Hannas live lies close to the Bangladesh border. Many Christians are within sight of the border. When fighting and unrest arise between the two countries, the Hannas are the target of potential trouble and danger.

If you saw the Hannas during their recent furlough, you would see the toll that malnutrition and poor health have taken on this couple. Yet the call of God to the lost of India took priority over even their own lives.

These are only a few of the sacrifices, adjustments, and problems the Hannas face as they serve in their part of the world. Their service is characterized by love.

Enduring—They have served for over 35 years.

Unselfish—They gave up family, friends, home, time with their children and grandchildren, and a comfortable way of life to serve thousands of miles away in India.

Never Forsaken—In spite of great sacrifices and adjustments, they have stayed to share God's love.

It has been said that when we do things from a sense of duty, we do them well; but when love compels us, we do them beautifully. A servant serves his master from a sense of duty. The Hannas have served, not only out of duty to their Master, but out of a tremendous love for their Savior and the people of India. They have served beautifully.

What Can I Do?

The Great Commission is not given solely to the Hannas. It is binding on each of us. We each have our part of the world in which we are commanded to serve. Jon-

ah's part was in Nineveh. Moses' part was the wilderness between Egypt and the Promised Land.

It isn't necessary for a Christian to go outside his country, his state, or even his own town. He must only go outside of himself. For us, our homes, neighborhoods, place of employment, schools, churches, or places of play may be the part of the world where we must faithfully show God's love and share the message of salvation.

Robert Young tells about listening to one of his daughters say her bedtime prayers. She went through her list of wants and "gimmes." Then she stopped, raised her eyes toward heaven and prayed, "And now, dear God, is there anything I can do for you?"

We need to start each day with that question: Dear God, is there anything I can do for you here on my mission field in my part of the world?"

Some Christians do nothing, but there are no Christians who have nothing to do. A Christian is:

A **mind** through which Christ thinks

A **heart** through which Christ lives

A **voice** through which Christ speaks

A **hand** through which Christ helps

We must be faithful and willing servants in our part of "Go ye into all the world." Let me not leave my space of ground untilled.

Program helps: Use a Roving Reporter type of presentation. The reporter moves to different individuals (briefed ahead of time) and asks relevant questions pertaining to the Hannas. For example, "Edith, how is life in India different from living here in America?" She should be prepared to discuss some of the sacrifices described in this topic. ♦

Draping a sari

You need a strip of material, five to six yards long and wide enough to reach from the waist to the ankle, with a bit more left for tucking in at the waist. Any kind of fabric may be used.

To drape a sari, begin in front by tucking one end into a band tied snugly about the waist. Work from the left, toward the back, tucking the cloth in all the way around until one complete circle is made. If the wearer is slim, tuck the material in once again, like a wraparound skirt.

Make four to seven spaced pleats and fasten securely in front. This gives the needed fullness for walking.

Bring the rest of the yardage around under the right arm, across the front and pleated over the left shoulder with the end falling down the back.



The Stones

Cry

Out

By Wanda Powell

Aim: To bridge Biblical history with present-day Jerusalem; to appreciate our Biblical heritage.

NARRATOR: We invite you to go with us to the Holy Land. Our scene opens in Jerusalem at the Wailing Wall, or the Western Wall, as most modern-day Jews prefer to call it. To the Jews, the Wailing Wall is their holiest shrine. It is revered as the last relic of the Temple. Psalm 102:14 depicts this sentiment, "for thy servants take pleasure in her stone, and favour the dust thereof." Let us observe some of the visitors here today. *(Characters take their places in front of the wall with their backs to congregation.)* In Habakkuk 2:11a we read, "For the stone shall cry out of the wall . . ." What will they say unto us?

Memorial Stone: *(A Jewish woman in dark dress with scarf over head, turns from wall and comes to front of stage, holding "Memorial Stone" sign.)* Welcome to Israel, my beloved homeland. The most ancient monuments among the Hebrew people were great heaps of stones raised up for a witness to preserve the remembrance of some great event. The rabbi has told us how Jacob and Laban raised such a monument upon Mount Gilead in memory of their covenant. Also, Joshua erected an altar made of stones in Gilgal. He took the stones out of the Jordan to preserve the memorial of his miraculous passage over the river.

When the Roman army destroyed the last Temple, Titus ordered the soldiers to spare this portion of the retaining wall so that its huge blocks would serve as a memorial to show future generations of the greatness of the Roman soldiers who had been able to destroy the rest of the

building. But, I ask you, where is the once-mighty Roman Empire today? It has perished but the Jews still exist. For many years our people were not allowed to visit Jerusalem. Later we were allowed to come once a year on the anniversary of the destruction of the Temple to lament the dispersion of the Jewish people and to weep over the ruins of the Holy Temple. That is how this portion of the wall came to be known as the "Wailing Wall."

Today, Jews from around the world, save, pray, and wait for years for the opportunity to make their pilgrimage here. It has become a place of national rejoicing as well as a place of worship. These stones are not a memorial to the greatness of the Romans but we can say as Joshua said, "... let this be a sign among you, so that when your children ask later saying, 'what do these stones mean to you' then you shall say, '... these stones shall become a memorial to the sons of Israel forever.'" *(Returns to wall and places sign on stone.)*

Narrator: Jesus predicted the destruction of the Temple. *(Read Matthew 24:1, 2.)*

Burdensome Stone: *(Woman dressed in soldier fatigue green dress with rifle and carrying sign "Burdensome Stone".)* Fifty years ago Jerusalem was a place of little importance, forgotten by the world, except for the Jews. But in our time, the Jews are gathering once again into a strong nation. Israel has become a state. Jerusalem has been rebuilt and has become a political world center. In our country even young women are trained for our army. This Holy City has seen more terror, has fought more battles and lost more blood within her gates than any other city in the world. I have come here to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. *(Places sign on wall.)*

Narrator: Zechariah prophesied: "And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people . . . all the people of the earth shall be gathered together against it." What makes these people, God's chosen people, so extraordinary? Only God could have enabled them to survive the attempts to destroy them throughout the centuries. They've been driven from their homeland, scattered to the ends of the earth, without a home or language of their own except their Biblical prayer language of Hebrew. They've been hated by most and persecuted by many, even Christians. Jesus said: "Salvation comes from the Jews." We owe our heritage to the Jews. Jesus was a Jew. Our scriptures were written and preserved by the Jews. We must remember the eternal covenant God made directly to these, His people, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." We have also read in Psalms to "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you."

Cornerstone: *(An American tourist with camera and holding sign "Cornerstone".)* We have been in Israel for several days. I came with a Christian tour group from the United States. I've already gathered enough memories from all of the sights and sounds of this land to last for a lifetime. Somehow, I felt I had not been to Israel until I had seen the Wailing Wall. Today when I saw the young boy preparing for his Bar Mitzvah, I thought of Jesus coming to the Temple in Jerusalem at the age of twelve . . . "as the custom was." The Bible says he astonished the rabbis as he displayed his learning. They marvelled at his questions and answers. I learned that Bar Mitzvah literally means, "son of commandment." Jesus was

truly a Bar Mitzvah!

It was also in this magnificently rebuilt temple that Jesus walked, healed the sick, taught his followers and even drove out the money changers. Can you imagine what stories these stones could tell us if they could speak?

When I look at these massive stones, I realize what a tremendous feat it was for those builders who were appointed by Herod to rebuild the Temple. They had only primitive tools to work with, no bulldozers, cranes or lifts. They knew it would take a good strong cornerstone. Webster defines a cornerstone as a "basic element of foundation." Jesus, the true Cornerstone, was rejected by the builders of Israel. *(Place sign on lower right corner of wall.)*

Narrator: *(Read Isaiah 28:16; 1 Peter 2:7).* Jesus has been rejected by these people and has become their "rock of offense."

Adamant Stones: *(2nd Tourist, holding Bible and sign "Adamant Stones".)* All ages have been here today, young men, mothers and daughters, even the pious Orthodox Jews with their long beards and locks, dressed in black except for their white prayer shawls. Many of them wore tefillins, leather straps containing scriptures bound around their arms and forehead as prescribed by the Law of Moses, to symbolize the fact that God's Word must penetrate the entire person, from the hands, through the heart and to the head. They were rocking to and fro, reading from their scriptures, the Torah. Their expressions were gripping. They were praying so earnestly, so expectantly. So close to the Truth, yet so far away. *(Place sign.)*

Narrator: *(Read Zechariah 7:11-12).*

Lively Stone: *(Two Tourists holding sign "Living Stone"; First holds wilted flower and pieces of paper):* I stood there for some time watching the women. Some were crying, some were praying, some were just standing there touching the stones. I, too, felt drawn to lean over and touch them, those stones that had been touched by so many before me. Cold! That was all I felt as I put

my hand on those ancient sacred stones. Somehow that surprised me. I remember seeing, tucked in the seam of two of the stones, a wilting flower *(show)*. Perhaps, that is why they felt so cold. Cold as death! There was no hope in them! I am reminded of the passage in 1 Peter that says, "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the Word of the Lord endureth forever."

Almost every crevice held a small piece of paper with a prayer scribbled on it *(unfold small piece of paper)*. Some longing soul had placed it there and had entrusted it to God. I wondered as I gazed at all of them, does God still hear the cries of these people that He has delivered so many times before and yet who rejected His only Son? I wonder how many were there because of "tradition" instead of true worship. Do any of them know our "Living Stone?"

Narrator: *(Read 1 Peter 1:18, 19; 2:5).*

Second Tourist: We are His "lively stones!" We have seen Calvary and know the victory that is ours because of the Empty Tomb! We did not find the tomb to be a place of death and despair but of life and hope because the stone was rolled away. The resurrection of our Lord was a fact and not just a promise!

Now we must start to roll away the stone which hides our Savior from the lost world by telling others what happened when we gave our hearts to Christ. We must tell how we felt when His love came into our hearts and filled our lives with hope and glory. We can proclaim the joyful tidings that Jesus of Nazareth does not belong to the past or in the midst of these cold stones, but that He dwells alive among us, wherever His ministry is remembered and His Word proclaimed! *(Both go to place sign on wall.)*

Narrator: I tell you, that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out. ♦

Over My Coffee Cup



By Eunice Edwards

The children seem to enjoy taking me out to eat, and I enjoy going. When my preference is sought, I choose a restaurant that features a special salad bar. Their offering of salads, vegetables, fruits and breads is practically endless. It is a pleasure to make selections from such a wide range of foods.

Too, the salad bar offers new foods, or new ways of presenting certain foods. It is an added pleasure to sample these new textures and tastes.

Why do we avoid or refuse to try "new" things from God's table? Why do we consider it not worth bothering with when a new idea or plan is presented? Why can't we realize that God has not run out of profitable plans for us?

It's so easy to slip into a rut about the Lord's work. He has wonderful and fresh ideas that will help to interest both old and new converts if we only take the time to prepare for them. There are good ideas that can, and will, enhance a program if given a chance. Good, fresh programs will also dull Satan's hold on those who are perhaps not as enthusiastic as they once were.

God hasn't used up all His ideas or materials. He still has new ideas and ways to present old truths that are fresh, provocative and interesting. Why not try a new approach for your next presentation?

Each auxiliary program of the church is there to enhance the church. Always remember that Christ gave His life for the church! Don't ever overlook this vital truth. Falling into a rut, whether preaching, teaching, counseling, or whatever, is fatal as far as drawing into the body of believers the priceless souls He died to save.

His Word is alive! Let's present it as such.

Communicator

by M. R. Wisehart

It's Our Month

August is WNAC's emphasis month on the Free Will Baptist calendar.

It's your opportunity to promote Woman's Auxiliary in your church. Use the materials in the CO-LABORER. Take advantage of the new look in WNAC's free publicity materials.

Don't forget the special offering for WNAC's general expenses. In 1988 the Emphasis Month offering was \$12,317.31.

In order to keep the work going, income must keep up with expenses. Expenses, as you very well know, have a tendency to rise.

The Convention passed a resolution in 1986 that suggested each member give at least \$5 a year to the Co-Laborer Fund or the Emphasis Month offering. Have you given to the general fund this year?

Provision Closet Needs

Kingsize sheet sets, mattress covers, bedspreads

Towel sets

Coffee makers

Tupperware maxi-caketakers

Reminder

All state and district presidents and field workers plan to attend the special meeting in Tampa, July 17, 3-4:00 p.m. in the Riverside Hotel, formerly Tampa Hilton.

WNAC NEEDS

Chair at editor's
light table \$ 100

Personal Computer and
bookkeeping software \$2,000

Copier \$1,500

Typewriter \$ 500

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Brick of Love in Action

By Eva Bea Wood

When I sought medical help for my rapidly failing vision, I was told there was no remedy and no glasses could minimize my loss.

I adjusted psychologically in time and tried to resume normal activities. Though I could cope somewhat with my limitations, I struggled with weather conditions, garden pests and plant disease. Once I remarked to a neighbor that I probably would have no string beans to can that year.

"Oh, don't worry about that," she said. "Enough of us have extra beans that you'll have all you need."

That was nine years ago and I have not seen that neighbor since.

A few of my beans did mature, however, so I called another friend. "I have a few beans to can today," I told her. "Are you free to come help me? I fear I can't read the pressure gauge."

It was already hot, even that early in the morning. But soon this friend was in my kitchen. "I picked what beans I had ready so there would be enough to fill the cooker," she said as she began snapping.

She stayed until the jars were pressured and lifted from the cooker. She gave, not only her beans and time, but the pleasure of her visit. Love in action is far more therapeutic than vocalized love with no follow-up.

HAND ME ANOTHER

Brick of Empathy

By Nora McCarty

When I was nine years old, a retarded girl, about 15, attended our school in the sixth grade. Since she was larger than the other girls, she would often hide, then jump out and hit us. We were all afraid of her and ran from her, which probably caused her to strike us all the more.

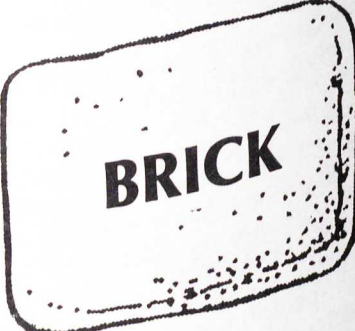
One day she fell on the playground and cut her knees. I stopped and asked cautiously, "Are you all right?"

"It hurts," she answered, then took my hand and laid it on her knee. "Feel how bad it hurts," she said.

I told her I was sorry, but I was most sorry that when I placed my hand on her knee I could not feel the real pain. But I did feel her hurt. I took her to the teacher who put a band-aid on the cut.

From that day on, I was her friend. She never hit me again. And in time I was able to persuade her to stop hitting the others.

There are many lost, suffering, hurting people in the world, especially in my small area of it. Lord, may I be willing to take the time to hurt with them that I may win just a few of them to you.



BRICK

Bible Study

2 Peter Chapter 3 Part 1

by M. M. Daniel

Overview: The book of 2 Peter deals primarily with warnings of the invasion of false teaching among believers. Peter vividly describes those given to the promulgation of deceit, wedding truth to error. The number of false teachers will increase as the second coming draws nearer. The secret of being able to discern between truth and error is found in 1:3-8. Note the "if" in verse 8.

THE REASON FOR WRITING (3:1, 2)

3:1—Peter states his overall reason for writing "this _____ epistle." It was to "stir up your _____ minds by way of _____." Repeatedly Peter has warned of the fact that false teaching had invaded the ranks of Christianity. Evidently his readers had not fallen victim to this heresy and still had "pure (sincere) _____." Humans, however, are prone to complacency, and Peter, before closing, warns them again to "remember."

3:2—"That ye may be _____ of the words which were spoken before by the holy _____, and of the commandment of us, the _____ of the Lord and Savior." This draws the prophetic teachings of the Old Testament and the apostolic writings of the New together in a unified voice.

RIDICULE AND DERISION (3:3, 4)

3:3—Peter prophetically describes our day as he peers down the annals of time. Emphatically, he declares "that there _____ come in the _____ days, _____, walking after their own _____." They will boldly ridicule the clear promise of Christ's imminent coming. How?

3:3—Being led by their lustful thought processes, rather than holding a firm and unwavering belief in the Divine decrees, they blatantly argue "where is the _____ of His _____?" The "logic" used to enforce this argument is "all things _____ as they were from the _____ of _____." How pathetically lacking is their knowledge of or belief in the record of history! Earth's population, minus 8, drowned, refusing to believe Noah's warnings. Some in Job's day presumed to refuse to know and obey God (Job 21:13-15).

NO PRECEDENT SET? (3:5, 6)

3:5—These scoffers are willingly "_____." This is the key to their folly. Stubbornly they refuse to acknowledge certain facts. Willful ignorance is without excuse. They base their refusal to believe on two premises: (1) that, due to the long passage of time, perhaps a mistake was made, and (2) the improbability of literal fulfillment. Supernatural intervention by a Supreme God is inconceivable to them; therefore, they scoff rather than believe. They err in saying that "all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." The flood (Gen. 7, 8) surely

brought about some changes. So did the confounding of language at the Tower of Babel some time later. The calling out of Abraham and the first advent of Christ has changed the destiny and life of millions. How can they say that all is the same since creation? Peter says "The world that then was, being _____ with _____, perished." Can such evidence be ignored? It can and it will be by those who are willfully ignorant, trusting instead their "superior intellect."

GOD'S REPLY (3:7-9)

3:7—"But the heavens and the _____ which are NOW, by the SAME _____, are kept in store . . ." The same God, who spoke the world into being and set the laws of nature, also holds all things "in store." Day follows night, summer follows spring, etc. But all this is subject to change by the Creator. Our world is "_____ unto fire against the day of judgment and _____ of ungodly men." God gave a visible promise not to again destroy the world by water in Gen. 9:13-15. However, a universal conflagration is ahead, to punish and to purify. The unbelief of the scoffer will not alter the pre-determined judgment of God.

3:8, 9—After describing the willfully ignorant and their ultimate judgment, Peter turns to believers and pleads: "be not _____ of this thing." What one thing? Simply that God is not limited to time and space as we are! "One _____ is as a _____ years and a _____ years as one day." As God reckons time, less than seven days have elapsed since He created man. Less than a week—think of it! The scoffers count thousands of years, ridiculing the promise of His second coming due to the passage of time. But the promise remains firm. God lingers because of His amazing patience and superior love for His created ones. He is "not slack (dilatatory) concerning His _____." Rather He is "long-suffering" towards sinful mankind, "not willing that any should _____, but that all should come to _____." In His own time, the patient and loving long-suffering will end. The door of salvation is still open. A merciful God offers even the scoffer the gift of repentance unto salvation and eternal life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is the "if" of 1:8 so vital to discernment?
2. Do you believe that false teachers had invaded the ranks of Christianity in Peter's day, or is this admonition for the "last days" only? (Compare 2:1)
3. What contributes to the complacency of believers?
4. Since Christ did not return in '88, as one man prophesied, will this give rise to increased scoffing?
5. Discuss the two premises scoffers use to "prove" a disbelief in the literal and imminent second coming of Christ.

One of our officers has held her office for "a hundred years." We love her dearly, but let's face it, she's getting old and has lost her efficiency. The work is suffering. How can we replace her without her taking it personally? We wouldn't hurt her for anything.

Become very active in your Auxiliary. Pray and support her. Make good suggestions to her and offer your help. Love and encourage her. As the work is accomplished around her, she will see you are truly interested in your service to Christ and want to be co-laborers together. It may take some time, but please be patient with her.

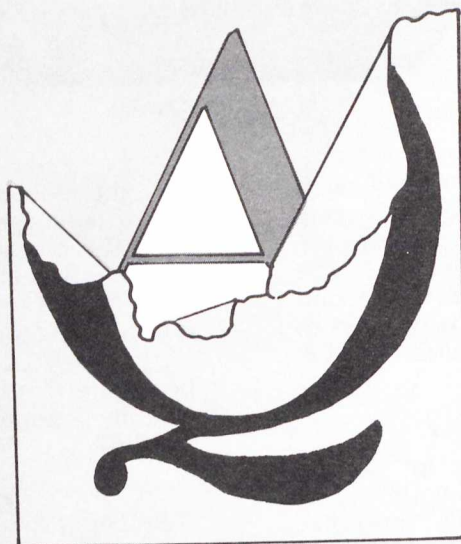
WNAC's membership hasn't varied much in the last several years (10,174 in 1982—10,388 in 1988). Why aren't we growing?

Why aren't we growing? Who says we aren't? Since July, 1988, WNAC has sent 56 complimentary packs to new or reorganizing Auxiliaries. At the same time we had 14 Auxiliaries disbanded. For the past several years we have increased giving to missions and missionary causes every year.

Membership total is a matter of reports. Sometimes one or more Auxiliaries fail to turn their reports in on time, and they do not get in the annual report. The members are not really lost—just unreported. Secretaries and treasurers at the local and district levels, rescue these unreported members and get them on the reports!

Membership figures reported to WNAC are made on the basis of \$1.50 dues per member (\$2 on the 1990 reports.) According to the church reports compiled by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, our churches have over 13,000 women in local Auxiliaries. Still, only 10,388 were reported in 1988 as dues paying members.

Perhaps we need to work harder at reporting. But we certainly need to work harder at enlisting more women, starting new Auxiliaries and retaining the members we enlist.



Your questions answered on:

Woman's Auxiliary

by Mary Neal
WNAC President

February is Foreign Student Scholarship month. Do the recipients receive gifts only from this month's offerings, or do they receive all designated gifts for a year? When does this year begin and end?

The guidelines approved by the Convention allow no more than \$3,000 to be distributed annually through this fund. Each student may receive up to \$1,000 a year. The Convention decides in July who will receive the funds collected the next February. For example, 1989 funds are designated for three Mexican students. The funds for 1990 are designated for students at the Bible Institute in Ivory Coast. Though February is Foreign Student Scholarship emphasis month, WNAC is obligated to direct funds exactly as the donor indicates whenever they arrive in the office.

Is it a good idea for a local officer to hold offices in the district and state—or even the national—all at the same time?

My present responsibility as our state president and national president of WNAC is a great blessing for me. Both of the offices work together and each one helps me with the other responsibility.

Some of the other national officers are district or state officers, too. This is a big help on the national board. In some cases they were elected to a state or district office after being elected to a national office.

They are all wonderful help on the national board and I appreciate their work. This is my own personal opinion. Of course circumstances and individuals vary. Each woman has to ask herself, "Am I trying to do too much or doing it for the wrong reasons?" The Auxiliaries should ask, "Are we expecting too much or overloading a woman?"

Does it say somewhere that WNAC's vice president automatically becomes the president after a couple of terms? When was the last time we had a president who was not first the vice president?

The Associational Manual, By-Laws, Article II, Elections states: "The general officers, with the exception of the executive secretary-treasurer, shall be nominated by a nominating committee, and elected every two years." Guidelines for the nominating committee do suggest that the executive committee does need some experienced members, as well as new ones. A quick review of officers' lists in *SPARKS INTO FLAME*, a history of WNAC, shows that several women became president without serving the previous year as vice-president. The last one was Mrs. Clara Picirilli in 1971.

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

Helps for Leaders

Ideas to Stimulate Your Imagination

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

July

● WNAC Convention in Tampa. See that your Auxiliary has copies of the resolutions passed. Ask a representative to stop by the WNAC booth and pick up some copies.

● Does your Auxiliary budget need overhauling? Are you supporting the Co-Laborer Offering Plan on a regular basis?

● The July program features the Hannas in India. Usually the summer months are so busy that Auxiliary attendance suffers. Check with your pastor about the possibility of having your program on Wednesday night and serving an Indian meal. Decorate the room with flags from India. Spread brightly colored cloths on the tables and decorate with Indian curios. Ask the Auxiliary members to wear saris.

Rice with curry is a good meal. For dessert, serve ambrosia.

August

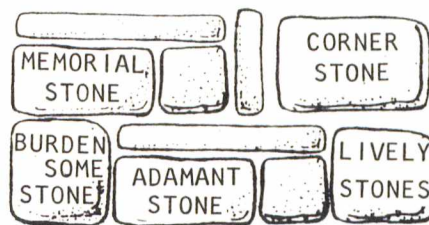
● WNAC Emphasis Month. Plan ahead of time with the pastor and get your Emphasis program on the church calendar.

● Plan to do something special for your Bible College students. Bring cosmetics, school supplies and money. Cofer's Chapel Auxiliary, Nashville, TN, does this once a year. A couple of weeks before the shower the entire church is asked to bring their donations and place in a specially marked container in the vestibule. (The container is emptied regularly.) Then the items are divided and placed in a plastic basket, laundry bag, waste basket, or some other item the student can use.

● Is your state having a fall retreat, convention or workshop? Encourage your women to attend.

Program Helps: The same wall used for the Emphasis Program could be used for this one (see page 3).

Make placards from poster board. Letter large enough to be easily read. Tape to the wall at the designated time. For best effect, practice taping to the wall.



Publicity

A seasonal poster is given in this issue. If you use the program on the Hannas, make a poster featuring them and their country.

*Use a map of India outlined with Hanna prayer cards.

*Attach various Indian curios to the bulletin board.

*Additional poster ideas and program helps may be ordered from Wright Studio, 5638 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46219. Please add \$2.00 handling fee to each order.

India Book Mark. The Lord's prayer in Hindi characters with literal translation.

SA4-bm (2¾ x 8½)..... Each, 10¢

23rd Psalm Program Cover. Indian motifs and scene, translation of the Psalm with Hindi characters, and an English version set to an Indian melody.

SA5-ppc (folds to 5½ x 8½) 10 for 65¢

Stick-pin flags

SA4-f (Specify India) Each, 10¢
Flags. Sized cotton 12 x 18. Mount on dowel stick.

SA3-umf (specify India) \$2.25

Cutout figures of Indians, mapkins, and other supplies are also available. Write for an order leaflet which describes these materials.

So Built We The House

Installation, (Cont. from page 7)

locates and mounts all the lighting and switch boxes. He installs the wiring and hooks it up to the outside wiring.

Our Mission Prayer Chairman is like the electrician. She leads the Auxiliary in a time of missionary prayer. She also encourages women to pray for each other and the needs of the church. Our Auxiliary would not run effectively without the current provided by our Missions Prayer Chairman.

Obviously the house is not finished even when these major jobs are completed. Everyone works together in other jobs.

Our Auxiliary isn't finished either. Faithful members must work together to complete a successful Auxiliary. Whether you have a major job or you are one of the faithful members, it takes everyone to keep an Auxiliary going.

How is your Auxiliary? Are you missing an important part in the construction of a successful Auxiliary?

Arise. Build an Auxiliary that can be used for the Lord. ♦

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN

Today more than at any time in history, we are swamped with reading material. Newspapers and magazines are delivered regularly right to our doors. Not only public libraries, but many church libraries make it relatively simple to check out books of our choice. Book clubs, discount book sales, and book stores compel us to join, browse, buy and read.

People read for many reasons: enjoyment, information, instruction, or to be put to sleep!

That which a person reads helps to influence what he thinks, says and does. If we can motive our Auxiliary women to read good books, we will help mold their thinking, change attitudes, arouse emotions and cultivate a world view of missions. The Mission Study Chairman should:

Make good books available. Get on the mailing list of publishers of mission books and keep abreast of what books are coming out.

Keep a File of Missionary Newsletters. Write to both the Home and Foreign Missions Boards (P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202) and request to be put on all the missionaries' mailing lists. Make copies of letters received and keep two files—one for each missionary and one according to fields.

Keep a Pamphlet File for each Country. File your *Heartbeats* and *Mission Grams* in a file folder. When you come across other material pertinent to that field, clip and file it. Then when you need help with a special program, there it is!

Boost Missionary Books Through Attractive Bulletin Board Displays.

Sponsor Reading Contests. Make a paper chart long enough to hold a symbol for each woman and wide enough to chart all the books you want to read. Rule off the chart.

Thread each symbol with a length of string and fasten it to the chart. Move each woman one space forward each time she finishes reading a book. Award a book to the first woman who completes reading the suggested books.

T'was the Night

T'was the night before Auxiliary
And all through the house;
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even my spouse.
The children were upstairs
All snug in their beds,
While I was downstairs
With feelings of dread.

I thought to myself,
"What am I going to do?"
My report on missions,
Tomorrow was due.
The list of missionaries
Lay somewhere on my desk,
Buried far under
A huge paper nest.

All of a sudden I knew
Just what I would do—
I raced to the phone
And dialed my friend, Sue.
Her phone was ringing
While I reminisced
On excuses I'd used
For meetings I'd missed.

Before Sue could answer,
I hung up the phone;
What I was about to do,
God would not condone.
Everyone in Auxiliary
On me did depend,
To take responsibility
And uphold my end.

Suddenly my mind
Was charged with static,
I dashed up the stairs
And climbed up to the attic;
I turned on the light
And what did I see?
A box of NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
Waiting there for me!

I opened up the box
And flipped through the pages,
I stayed up in the attic
For what seemed like ages,
Sneezing and wheezing 'til
I thought I would croak—
I found an old issue
On Africa's Ivory Coast!

Up like a flash, I dashed
Down to my desk,
And began scattering papers
With a new zest;
'Til the list of missionaries
Before me appeared,
I shouted out with glee,
My eyes filled with tears.

The rest of the night,
I cut, pasted and glued;
I typed up sheets of paper
'Til my fingers turned blue.
At the crack of dawn,
I glued in the last piece;
My project now complete,
I sighed with relief.

Weary and worn I fell into my chair,
I ran stiff fingers through tangled hair;
I pondered over what I had just done,
And knew that a battle had just been won.

My Christian duties I should never shirk,
But carry them through
Like a much mended shirt;
And should procrastination
Give me the "double-dare,"
I'll just simply utter this little prayer:

Dear Lord, help me not to use
tomorrow to stall,
But use today to give and to
do all of my all.

—Jeannie Cool
Piketown, OH

This poem was a winner in WNAC's recent creative arts contest.

MISSION PRAYER CHAIRMAN

July

Distribute Hanna prayer cards. These are free upon request from the Foreign Missions Office, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN. Stipulate how many you need.

Prepare lotus bud prayer reminders, one for each lady. Use these also as room decorations. Place them on a table near the door and ask the women to take one as they leave.

Lotus is the flower of India. You will need one white napkin for each flower.

Unfold the napkin completely. Fold each corner into the center, (see A).

When all four corners are folded, repeat the process two more times.

Turn the napkin over and repeat the process again.

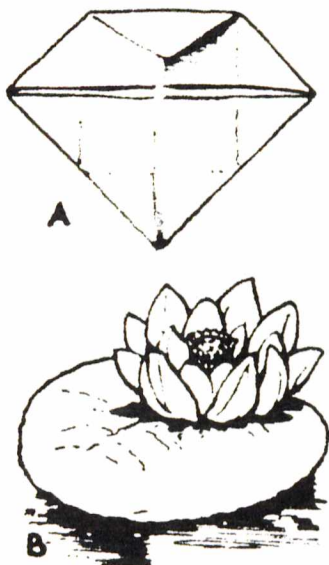
Tape the four corners together.

Turn the napkin over again and slowly turn each fold backward and up to form lotus blossoms (see B).

To make the center, fringe a piece of yellow construction paper and wrap it around a small cone-shaped piece of yellow Play-Doh.

Make lotus leaves from green construction paper. Set the flowers on the leaves.

Arrange the leaves on a mirror or sheet of blue foil.



August

A prayer reminder can be anything that compels us to pray, be it a picture, map, flag, object, poem, program or person. For reminders this month, make a display of smooth stones. Make a backdrop poster which reads:

**The Stones Cry Out
PRAY!**

On each stone glue, or tape, a picture of a missionary. Or using a crayon, write the name of a missionary.

Missionary Flashcards

Prepare a letter of the alphabet on sheets of 9 x 12 construction paper. The letters may be printed on both the front and back sides. Omit the letters W, U, X, Y and Z.

Divide your women into two groups, or as many teams as is desired. They stand facing each other and number off. As the leader calls a number, that number from each team takes one step forward. The alphabet card is flashed and the woman who answers first with the name of a missionary that begins with that letter (either first or last name) is scored a point for her team.

If a name has been mentioned once for a letter, it cannot be used again. For example, if you use Patsy Vanhook for a P, you cannot use her for a V.

The scorekeeper could keep track of names called.



Mobile (AL) Auxiliary observes the Pre-Easter Week of Prayer.

MISSION ACTION CHAIRMAN

Missionary Tracts

Many Auxiliaries have missionaries for whom they pray. Faith, Prayer and Tract League can help you supply your missionary with salvation tracts in either English or Spanish. Certain tracts in English have been designed to be useful in many cultures. Many missionaries have found these tracts to be popular in foreign countries since so many young people are learning English in their schools.

You can send your missionary a care package of 900 assorted tracts in English, Spanish, or mixed, anywhere in the world through this tract publishing house.

Inside the package, they will tell your missionary friend who sent the package so he or she will know of your support.

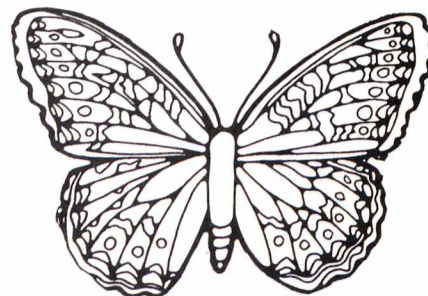
The cost for this is \$24.60 including postage. Indicate whether you want the tracts in English, Spanish or mixed.

Missionaries using the Spanish language are: The Callaways, Turnboughs, Sparks, Owens, Reeves and Lynn Midgett in Spain. In Panama, the Bunches, Lytles and Inscoes. In Uruguay, the Ellisons, Bowlings,

Robinsons and Molly Barker. (See *Foreign Missions Directory* for addresses.) In Mexico, the Joneses and Munseys use Spanish, as well as 21 national pastors. In Puerto Rico, the Veras. (See the *Home Missions Directory* for addresses.) Contact your missionary before sending tracts in English. Directories are free upon request from the respective mission board, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

Send your request for tracts to:
Faith, Prayer and Tract League
2627 Elmridge Drive
Grand Rapids, MI 40504-1390

A Luncheon for their Widows



Program covers were made from folded paper butterflies.

Widows present for the occasion: Doris Knight, Lois Sanders, Annie C. Bruner, Fay McGillis, Beulah Winge, Jewell Anderson, Manor Jane Waters, and Arena Davidson.

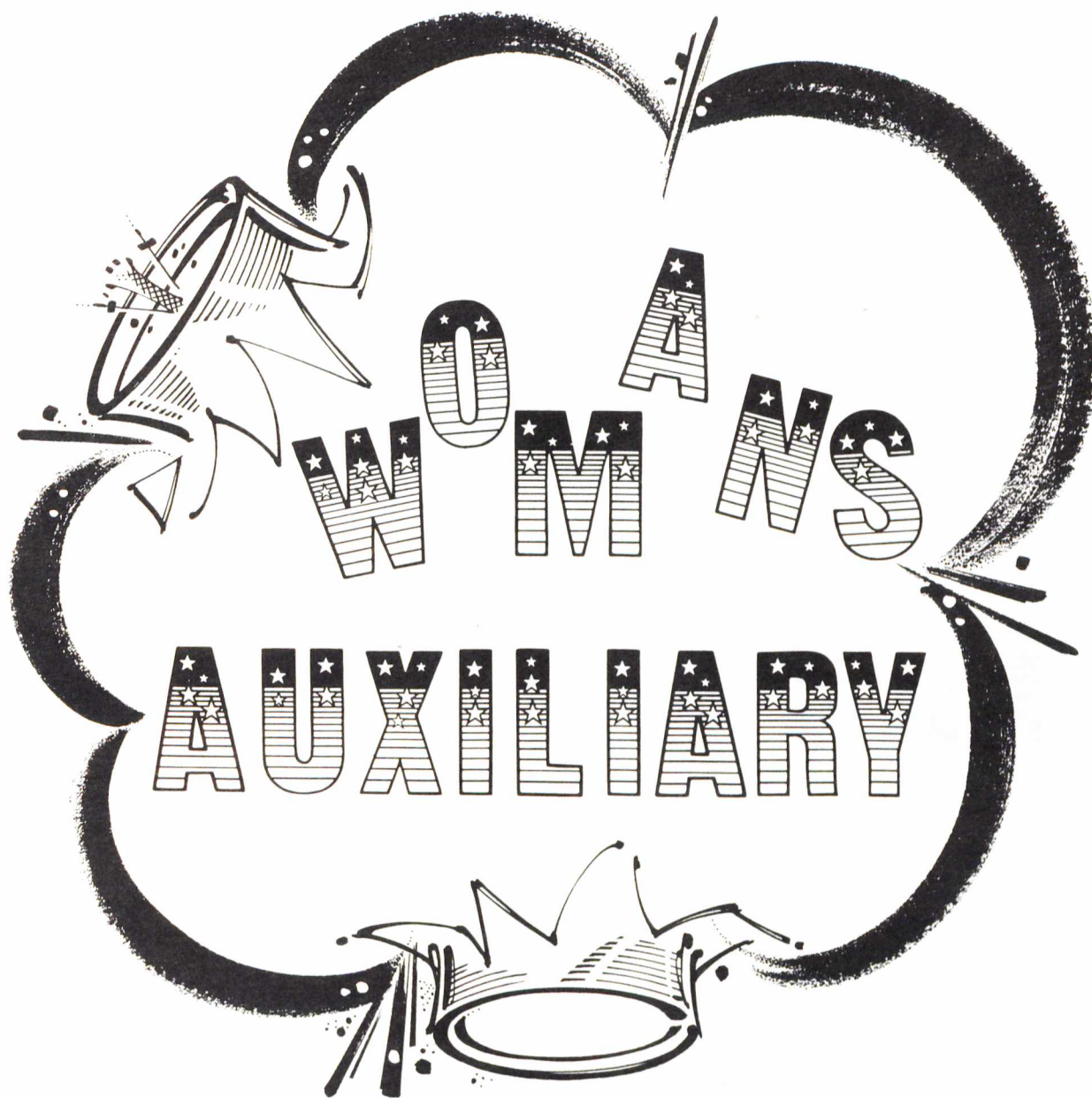
Glennville Auxiliary (GA) honored their widows at a special luncheon. Guest speaker, Lois Sanders, spoke on "Weathering the Storm—A New Beginning." The widows participated in the program by telling how they met their husbands. Manor Jane Waters won the prize with her experience of meeting her husband in the pea patch followed by an invitation to his home to shell peas.

According to the pastor's wife, Julia Thomas, a terrific time was had by all, and the widows expressed their gratitude for being remembered and honored in this way.



Early wedding pictures are displayed.

Celebrating . . .

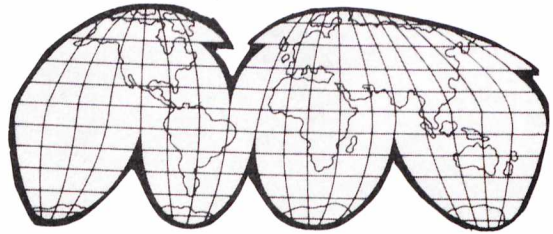


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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY



**WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY**

HEY!



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PRAY



LOOK

EXCITEMENT!

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PLACE

Women in Action



Central Auxiliary, Royal Oak, MI, showers missionaries Tom and Patty McCullough, France, with over \$750 in personal gifts. Milton Worthington, pictured, pastors this missionary church.



Officers of the newly organized Heartland Auxiliary, Elizabethton, KY: President—Charlene Hall, Vice president—Lela Bennett, secretary-treasurer—Rose Drinkwater, and mission action chairman—Willa Johnson, wife of the pastor.



New Castle Auxiliary, IN, regularly supports Charolette Tallent, France, and sent her a birthday box. Marla Ritchie, top, is president.



"Mom" Willey and Mary Ruth Wisehart from the States participated in this memorable event. Here the tables are set with miniature clay pot souvenirs inscribed for the occasion.



CO-LABORER printed this picture with the wrong caption. It should have read: The First Woman's Auxiliary, Morehead, KY, pays tribute to their pastor, John Runyon, on Pastor Appreciation Day. Darlene Mynhier baked the cake.

"United in Service and Love" was the theme for the first national women's retreat in Panama, March 3-5, 1989.

Every Free Will Baptist church in Panama was represented at the retreat on the Baptist camp grounds at Santa Clara, near the Pacific Ocean.

The women furnished special music, including a combined choir with Judy Lytle directing.

On Saturday women could choose from 8 seminars and workshops on such subjects as Christian etiquette, evangelism, teaching children, keeping in shape and groups for singles, senior citizens, married, or young women.

Mabel Willey and Mary R. Wisehart joined the women in address-

ing the theme. Mrs. Willey did a series of Bible studies on love and the group for senior citizens. Miss Wisehart spoke on unity and conducted the group for singles.

A highlight of the meeting was the banquet Saturday night with lavender and white decorations. The flower arrangements were made by the women in a workshop on Saturday afternoon and given as door prizes to a woman at each table. The women wore typical Panamanian dresses, creating a display of lovely colors and styles.

The 81 women present enthusiastically voted for another retreat in 1990 and selected officers for the national organization and a planning committee for the retreat.



"Kneel, Arise, Build" is the theme chosen by the Vernon district for their annual missions banquet. Joyce Gibson presents missionary speaker, Linda Bowling, Uruguay, with a floral arrangement.



Missionary Judy Lytle directs a musical group.

The Minister's Wife

Compiled By Cleo Pursell

A Blessing or a Hindrance?

By Nadine Hood

Two areas in which the preacher's wife can be either a blessing or a hindrance are in the areas of thankfulness and faithfulness.

Thankfulness

The wife of the minister must adapt to many personalities and areas where she is called to serve. This can be exciting as she commits the situation to the Lord and submits herself to His leadership. It can also be sad and frustrating if she allows herself to be unhappy in her place of service.

Majoring on the wrongs or unfairness of some people is easy for us. Our duty, however, is to see the good and emphasize their positive traits.

In Ephesians 5:20, we are told, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." We must be thankful and think on the good.

The minister's wife must guard against placing too much importance on material things. A good guideline is to live moderately, but well. It has been suggested that the pastor's family live as well as the average member of the congregation. The pastor's wife must develop (if she does not possess it already) a thankful heart for small things and pray she will not desire an elaborate lifestyle.

Our effectiveness for the Lord depends on our attitude in serving. Let us be thankful for the privilege.



Glen and Nadine Hood, married 35 years, have four married children and six grandchildren. Both native Okies, they have pastored in six states, and in Colorado since 1987. Professionally Mrs. Hood is a teacher with 21 fifth-graders at Bellview School in Westminster. She enjoys crocheting, reading, and working in the Mile High FWB Church. She says, "I love being a pastor's wife."

Each preacher's wife must daily give thanks to God in ALL things, not just during the Thanksgiving season, but always.

Faithfulness

Another trait of the utmost importance for the minister's wife is faithfulness in attending the regular services. Many pastors have been criticized and their work hindered because their wives were not faithful. It is our duty and privilege to be in our place of service.

When small children are involved, it may be necessary to limit some of the extra activities. Many churches have so much going on that it is hard to fulfill the role of mother. The Lord gives us children and it is our responsibility to teach and train them.

Some think there is a double standard for the preacher's wife and for the other women of the church. Perhaps. As leaders, however, it is our duty to set the pace for the other women. It is hard for the pastor to preach and teach faithfulness if his wife does not attend regularly.

Opportunities abound for the faithful minister's wife to be a blessing, a help to her husband, and a real joy to their congregation. She must constantly put self to the side and remember that she is, first and most important, a Christian; next she is a wife and mother; and third, she is the pastor's wife. Somehow she must fit all of these into her schedule. She has the choice of either meeting it with joy and happiness, or with frustration and a complaining spirit.

Sue Winchester wrote a poem which describes the attitude which all ministers' wives should strive to attain:

Opportunities abound for the minister's wife to be a blessing to her husband.

Count Your Blessings

Count your blessings when troubles surround you,
When times are hard and evil's around you.
Count your blessings though trials may beckon;
God has been good—look back a second.
He's given life and health, and so much more,
And the future holds a lot in store.
He's given His Word and a worshipping place
Where you can praise Him for His matchless grace.
What about your clothing and the food you eat?
Life for you isn't bitter—it's sweet!
A place to live and family to love,
All given to unworthy you from God above.
Memories more good than bad, Especially those of Mother and Dad.
How can you think life is so bad,
And live as if never a friend you've had?
Look to Jesus, the greatest Friend of all,
And count your blessings great and small.

—Sue Winchester

Paul could say in 1 Cor. 9:22: "... I am made all things to all men that I might by all means save some." So it is with the preacher's wife who wholly commits herself to the Lord. Let us remember Psalms 121:2: "My help cometh from the Lord which made the heavens and the earth." Phil. 4:13 also gives us help to face each new challenge: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." ♦



Nadine Hood with other ministers' wives in the Rocky Mountain District: Nadine Hood, Brenda Lewis, Barbara Myer, Rosa Lee Thomas, Pat Brunson and Nancy Harris. Two other wives, Vonda Johnson and LaVelle Reeves were absent.

A Former Pastor's Wife

Ruby Kelly

Phenix City, Alabama



Once she was a pastor's wife with eight small children. She worked in Woman's Auxiliary and held each office at least once. She helped start other Auxiliaries. She worked at Camp Mt. Bethel, even to washing dishes in a wash tub.

Then God called her husband home. She worked hard and raised her children in God's path, also her 15 grandchildren

Eight great grandchildren And one great, great grandchild. She is a blessing to all who meet her.

We at White Rock love our Sister Kelly.

—Cindy Foster

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.

One Out of Ten

By Carolyn Saverance Lane

That Sunday night in November began as just another wonderful day with my family. Before it ended, I would never again be the same.

I had been a Christian most of my life and had learned to trust God in every situation. My first husband, a preacher, had died in his mid-30's. My second husband and I had just lost our six-and-one-half month old son with Downs Syndrome.

I lived a full life as wife, mother, active church and Auxiliary member, as well as teaching at our church school Academy. Being busy, I often put myself last in my priorities.

That night in November I remembered to do a belated breast self-examination and felt something about the size of a golf ball. My mind raced—How long had it been since I had even thought to check myself?

When I told my husband, he became alarmed and made me promise to see a doctor. The next day I made an appointment with my gynecologist who sent me for a mammogram. The results indicated something suspicious, so he referred me to a surgeon. I prepared for a needle aspiration because this is what a friend had had done. The doctor explained that this was not that kind of lump.

He left the room, and I lay staring at the ceiling. Surely this was a dream! He returned with some pamphlets on tumors and began discussing them with me. This could

be cancerous, he said, and advised a biopsy.

I drove home, almost in a daze. My mind refused to think of the possibility of cancer. Once home, it was hard to break the news to my family. We were still recovering from the loss of our baby just six months earlier.

I knew something of the terror surrounding this problem. Two women from our church had gone through mastectomies. I had talked to several who had had biopsies. Now it was happening to me.

I entered the hospital the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Along with my Bible I took a cross-stitch kit. I needed to be doing something with my hands as well as my mind. When I am upset, I can "work up a storm," as the saying goes.

As the time drew nearer, I experienced a wonderful peace, that familiar comforting peace that only God can give. I had confidence in my doctor, but I fully trusted in the Lord. He is the Great Physician and the unknown lay in His hands. I rested in Him.

In the recovery room after the biopsy, I opened my eyes and focused on my husband. It was cancer, Bob told me, and I began to cry. I didn't want any visitors. I needed time to pray and adjust to the situation. Until just a few short days ago this was the furthest thing from my mind. I had never had a lump before. I had nursed three children, which I had read would decrease one's chances of having cancer. There was no history of cancer in my family. This couldn't be happening to me!

Though the tears flowed, His inner peace did not subside. I submitted to what I believed was God's will for my life. He loved me, and

for some reason, He had allowed this to enter my life. He would see me through it.

Two days later, before the mastectomy, I had time alone in my room. It was the last time I would see my body whole. I didn't know how far the cancer had spread or how extensive the surgery would be. But His promises surrounded me. "My child, I am with You," He seemed to say. "I will protect you. I will comfort You. My grace is sufficient for every need." With the psalmist, I said, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me."

They performed a modified radical mastectomy which means the muscles were left. No malignancy was found in the lymph nodes that were checked.

Chemotherapy treatments were painful and made me sick. But there were some bright spots. The nurse said I would probably need a wig. I bought one, but never had to use it!

After countless check-ups, X-rays and blood tests, on November, 1988, my oncologist, for all practical purposes, pronounced me cured. The Lord be praised!

Two and one-half years after chemotherapy, God gave us a baby girl, which we were told would probably not be possible. Our little Ruth is one healthy, active gift from God.

This has been a learning experience. I've had to learn to face it, deal with it, and with God's help, to keep on going. Words are inadequate to express God's almighty power, His all-sufficient grace, abounding love and abiding peace. I pray that I will be used for His glory as long as I live. ♦

Book Highlights

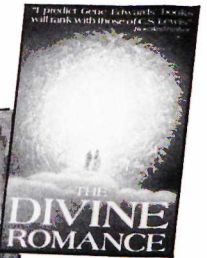
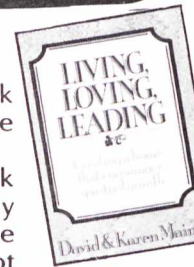
THE DIVINE ROMANCE

By Gene Edwards, Christian Books Publishing House
209pp, \$7.95. Reviewed by Lorene Miley

Of this book, Rosalind Rinker says, "The mark of a really good book is that you want to give it to

your friends. Offhand, I can think of a dozen people I'd like to give THE DIVINE ROMANCE."

I know. I'm not sure I can think of a dozen, but maybe half. Rarely have I read a book that moved me as this one. Not quite allegory, not quite parable, this is the most beau-



tiful story on the love of God that I have ever read. The author unfolds the only purpose for which God created all things, a love story seen through His eyes.

Not only did I appreciate more the love of God when I finished reading this book, a renewed flame was kindled in my heart for Him.

THE TALE OF THREE KINGS

By Gene Edwards, Christian Books Publishing House
105pp, \$5.95. Reviewed by Lorene Miley

This book may easily be read in one sitting. If you've ever suffered through a church split or a broken relationship, this book has a message for you.

THE TALE OF THREE KINGS is an analogy of Saul, David and Absalom—a powerful study in brokenness. This book opens a whole new vista on the subjects of leadership, submission, authority and God's dealings in our lives.

David shows us how, even under the most impossible circumstances, to be a man after God's own heart.

These two books may be ordered from the publisher, P.O. Box 3368, Auburn, ME 04210.

LIVING, LOVING, LEADING

By David & Karen Mains, Multnomah
244pp. Reviewed by Anne Worthington

LIVING, LOVING, LEADING is a humorous, down-to-earth book on how to create a home that encourages spiritual growth. The co-authors explore workable solutions to the crucial question, "How can we become the spiritual leaders of our family that God wants us to be?"

A Woman God Has Used

I do not remember the first time I saw Jean Saetor nor even our first conversation, nor the second, or third, or fourth. Jean was not the kind of person who exploded into your life. She was the one who wrapped you in the dry towel after you'd been baptized. Or brought the sack of empty clean tuna cans or pop bottles or unbroken walnut shells following your plea for these for DVBS. If you ran out of yarn before you finished your afghan and there was none to be found, sooner or later, Jean found you some. She was alert and caring about the needs of others, not just now and then, but every day in every way, materially, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

She was such a great "giver" that I assumed she lived in a leisurely grand manner. At Christmas, bridal or baby showers, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, or community occasions, there was a beautiful handmade creation from Jean. She made each person feel special. I doubt you'd find many homes in her community without one of her loving gifts, but her own home was humble beyond compare.

I was amazed to discover she worked in a meat packing plant. I'd heard about the chilly unpleasant working conditions. I never heard her mention it or complain, so I asked her. She laughed merrily and assured me it WAS cold and miserable. Sometimes you were sure your fingers would freeze off, she said. Then she switched to talking of funny things at work, the people, the friendliness, and I forgot the cold she endured. She walked in sunshine no matter how great the darkness.

She had been ill a long time before I realized how seriously ill she was. Like the meat packing plant's cold, she never mentioned her cancer. She had plans for living. I visited her the day before she went to the hospital for the last time. She was working on a baby quilt, almost finished, for a coming shower. She showed me a tablecloth she was crocheting for her daughter's coming anniversary. She said nothing about "if I live to finish it." She was so thin her skin just stretched over her bones and she had to be helped to a sitting position. She never mentioned her appearance nor her pain. I told her I was still praying for a miracle, and she said simply, "So am I."

Her husband said as long as she was conscious, she was smiling. I don't know why God took her. A lot of sunshine went with her. But God used her in a mighty way to show us all that we can "Rejoice and be glad for this is the day the Lord hath made."

Oh God, help me to be more like Jean.

—Lois Smallwood
Cabool, MO

The book is divided into two sections. The first deals with the husband/wife relationship. At the end of most chapters there are self-examination and discussion questions to see how you measure up.

Part Two examines the parent/child relationship. The authors call the home the "nurturing center." David and Karen admit they were never very successful at maintaining a family altar. Instead they used every opportunity in their daily lives to model and instill in their children the truths and precepts of scripture.

LIVING, LOVING, LEADING offers a tangible, "seeable" model for encouraging our family's spiritual growth. They suggest helpful, Biblical ideas for raising the spiritual temperature in our homes.

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

Death—Where is Thy Sting?

Death—you awful enemy
From whom we flee.
We run from you, we hide
We buy our ticket, disregard the fee.
Escape your grasp we plea
Still thinking you to be
Our worst and feared-most enemy.

Life—you glorious friend
From whom we good demand.
We grab you, hug you, give all,
defend
To grapple your reward.
Your fears strain us,
Your years train us,
Your tears stain us.

Whiter in soul and head, we behold
That worst enemy become best friend.
Life—you mystify, bewilder, baffle,
frustrate, massacre.
Our friend life gives a cup of woe,
While facing the foe brings deliverance,
And death means being in God's presence.

—Pat Franks
Brazil

The poet's CORNER



Five poems were selected as winners in WNAC's annual creative arts contest. Here are three of them. The fourth, on prayer, is on page 28. The fifth is on page 18 under Mission Study. WNAC has already begun receiving poems for the new contest. Why not send yours in now?

A Greater Wealth

John Doe was a man content with his life;
He had a good home, a good job, a good wife;
He was also blessed with very good health;
And besides all that, he had very great wealth.

He felt very sorry for the family next door
For it seemed they really must be quite poor;
Their clothing was certainly not up to par
And they had to make do with only one car.

The society page never saw their name,
And stocks and bonds was not their game;
It seemed that the only enjoyment they had
Was when the kids piled in with Mom and Dad.

And the battered old car would pull away
As they headed out for a family fun-day.
And always, it seemed, that dressed in their best,
To church they went on the day of rest!

That happiness doesn't come from things that are bought
Was one of the things the children were taught;
They learned true value because of their sharing,
And all of these things resulted in caring.

The more he watched them, the more he could see
That they really were much richer than he;
For while not too well-supplied with material things,
They had the great riches a close family brings.

—Lois Janes
Berryville, AR

Called to Serve

I could have been a lot of things
In this day and age;
Women working in men's jobs
Seems to be the rage.

I could have donned a judge's robe
And reigned upon the court;
I could have put on jockey silks
And rode a champion horse.

I could have sailed the seven seas,
Or sought the highest star;
My hands could have healed the sick,
Or fought a flaming fire.

But the job I chose includes these all,
And many, many more;
For I can do all these things
And not go very far.

Within the home I chose to be
Raising up a family;
A believing husband by my side
Together we can wade the tide.

Whatever life may bring to me,
It's in His will I want to be;
My Father has put me to the test,
By serving them, I serve Him best.
—Mrs. Gary Dillon
Wabash, IN

Appointed to Pray

Senior Citizen With A Purpose

By Judy Lytle

Missionary to Panama



Haydee Rivera, Panama, with her Sunday school class.

In our Betania Free Will Baptist Church in Panama, we have a lady who has found her place of service and serves her Lord with all her might.

Haydee (Eye-day) Rivera did not receive Christ until she was 60 years old. Even with this late beginning, she is a fast and willing learner. She did not become involved in any local church until some two years after her conversion experience. Then one day, over seven years ago now, she and her daughter realized that our church was very close to their home and began attending.

Three qualities characterize Sister Haydee—love, faithfulness and prayer. She is everybody's "grandmother." She expresses her genuine love for all her brothers and sisters in countless caring ways. She knows she is loved in return.

Even though her health is not the best, Haydee is faithful in church attendance. I doubt she has missed ten services in the past

seven years. If she misses, we know she is too sick to get out of bed.

She teaches a class of primary boys and girls. What she lacks in teaching techniques, she makes up for in love and consistency. The students are faithful in attendance because they know she is always there for them.

Perhaps the most important role Haydee fills is that of a prayer warrior. Because of her age and home responsibilities, she doesn't get out much, except for church; but she can pray. When someone has a need, she calls Haydee, who is available both day and night to pray for others. Not only does she pray at home, but every Thursday morning she walks to the church to pray with three or four other prayer warriors.

Sometimes I think we take Haydee's presence and ministry for granted. Would you pray that God would raise up many, like Haydee, to strengthen the mission fields of the world? ♦



Attention:

The National Home Missions Board (P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202) has a limited number of 1989 calendars available. The birthdays of the entire home missions family (children, office staff, national pastors and chaplains) are listed for each month. Addresses are also included. These calendars are free upon request on a first come first served basis.

Missionary Prayer Calendar

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

July

- 1—Ken Eagleton (Brazil)
- ** 2—David Burgess (IL)
- ** 3—Mark Vandivort (AZ)
- ** 6—Kathy Conlon (OK)
- * 7—Wanda McClary (NB)
- 9—Linda Bowling (Uruguay)
- ** 9—Luther Burns (GA)
- ** 9—Don Sexton (TN)
- *11—Barbara Jones (Mexico)
- **20—Paul Thompson (AZ)
- 20—Robert Bryan (C'I)
- 20—Fred Hersey (Japan)
- **22—Roy Roach (OH)
- 26—Sharon Ferguson (C'I)
- 27—Lynette Morgan (C'I)
- 27—Ron Callaway (Spain)
- **29—Larry Haggard (OK)
- 29—Dennis Teague (France)

August

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

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 or deputation missionary.

The Power of Prayer

On March 17, 1953, about 2 a.m. Mrs. Maude Jones, near Pamplico, South Carolina, awakened from a deep sleep. Carlisle and Marie Hanna! Pray!

It was a burden that would not be stilled, so she arose from her bed and knelt to pray for this young missionary couple beginning their first term of missionary service in India. For some time she interceded for a need she knew not, but her God knew.

Later she wrote to the Hannas. "On such-and-such date I had a tremendous burden to pray for you. Were you in particular need at that time?"

The Hannas checked the date and correlated the time change. They found it to be the very hour their little 8½ month old baby,

Sheila Marie, went to be with the Lord. How they had needed upholding at that time.

Thank God our Auxiliary women are sensitive to our missionaries' needs and can be counted on to pray. At the WNAC retreat last year at Ridgecrest, Marie thanked her women for praying and commented, "Had not Miss Maude prayed for us, we probably would not be returning to India now."

I cannot tell why there should come to me

A thought of someone miles and miles away,

In swift insistence on the memory

Unless a need there be that I should pray . . .

—Marianne Farningham

Ladies, let's pray!

Prayer Partners

I'll pray for you,
Please pray for me.
You need not bow
On bended knee,
But take my needs
Before the Lord.

I'll feel His grace
Upon me poured.

Please pray for me
Within your heart
That in His work
I'll do my part.
I'll ask for you,
Please ask for me
That in His will
We'll always be

—Betty Griswold Jones
Kirkville, MO

Prayer Requests

- Bobby and Sue Aycock, newly reappointed to Brazil, need funds to get there. Pray for a ready response.
- The John Turner family is replacing the Mike Mutchlers in Portland, Oregon. Pray for this struggling mission.
- Dan and Nina Huddleston are replacing the Robert Wests (Cote d'Ivoire) during their furlough. Pray for a smooth adjustment and effective ministry.
- Returning student missionaries are seeking God's direction for their lives. Pray for definite leadership.
- Navy chaplain, LCDR Robert Cooper, is away on a six-months tour of duty aboard the USS Belleau Wood. Pray for his family as they deal with the loneliness and separation.
- Missionary builder Howard Gwartney and his volunteer crew of lay workers travel to the building sites of home missions churches constructing buildings in just a few days time. Pray for their safety in travel and on the job.
- The Bobby Pooles, Brazil, have begun a Sunday school class for young professionals. Pray for new contacts and enthusiastic participation.
- Judy Smith, Japan, teaches three classes at the Hokusei University. Pray for this outreach.

Plays/Skits

Each 32 page booklet contains an installation plus at least one each on Christmas, Easter, Missions, Auxiliary and Christian Living.

Volume 6 No Room

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Contents:

An Auxiliary, A Place Setting by *Malzie Sevlts* (Installation)

Are We Thankful? by *Frances Owens* (Thanksgiving)

Eternal Friendships by *Maurine Lee* (Missions)

Do What You Can With What You Have Where You Are by *Dorothy Hamilton* (Mission Action)

Go and Do Thou Likewise by *Anne Worthington*

No Room by *Rubenia Dobbs* (Christmas)

Rejoice! He's Alive! by *Lee Ann Wilfong* (Easter)

The Gospel According to the Auxiliary by *Genny Waddell*



Volume 2 Let Suzie Do It

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Let Me Go by *Ruth Bivens* (2 characters) Missions

Party Line by *Kathy Lay* (radio announcer) Auxiliary Work

Aprons of Service by *Malzie Sevlts* (Installation)

Let Suzie Do it by *Cindy Vandivort* (9 characters)

Good News From Bad News by *Frances Owen* (8 characters)

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Letters

From our Missionaries

Since you can't hear me when I say "Thank You" to the office staff, I decided to write a little note to let you know how much we appreciate the many things you have provided us through the Provision Closet.

Evelyn Hersey, Japan

You are stewards of the things the Lord has given you and we are delighted that He has prompted you to share part of your life with our ministry.

Dennis and Trena Owens, Spain

Donna has been as busy as a squirrel gathering and making various items to take back to the Ivory Coast. In between services, Mark has been updating our mailing list . . .

Mark and Donna Daniels, Cote d'Ivoire

After 17 years of gentle nudging to daughterly pleading, my mother came to Brazil . . . I was sure we would enjoy being together, but I did not expect her to be my mother-nurse. I had a bad reaction to arthritis medicine at that time.

Tom and Nancy Hughes, Brazil

I don't know what we would do without our Michigan Auxiliaries. From Lucille Steward to each woman in the local church, we sense a strong commitment to missions in general and a love for their missionaries . . . What would Free Will Baptist missions do without our ladies? I shudder to think of that eventuality.

Tom and Patty McCullough, France

On the Home Front

We have 11 active members and with the help of our new pastor and his wife, we hope to double our membership. We all enjoy the new CO-LABORER magazine.

*Susie Lee Lindle
Tulsa, OK*

God bless you as you work on the CO-LABORER. I like the way you challenge us to keep busy.

*Reba Ritter
Marion, IL*

Thank you for a great magazine. Our Auxiliary loves it.

*June Glover
Albany, GA*

I truly enjoy CO-LABORER. I read it from cover to cover. I especially like "Crosswinds" because it lets me know that God still works through our pain, sorrows and discouragements, and with His help, we can defeat them.

*Annette Water
Garner, NC*

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know what a blessing Auxiliary is to me. The missions program is very important to me. This conviction was instilled in me while I attended California Christian College . . . Auxiliary allows me to express my concern for missions in a tangible way.

*LaWana Hamrick
El Sobrante, CA*

The CO-LABORER magazine just keeps getting better and better.

*Brenda Wills
Tulsa, OK*

My husband just took a church where the ladies do not use CO-LABORER. I, as a pastor's wife, cannot do without CO-LABORER. I hope to introduce it to our ladies' group:

*Deniece Nance
McEwen, TN*

I recently read a CO-LABORER magazine that someone gave my daughter while she was in the hospital. I liked it very much. Enclosed is a check for two subscriptions, one for a friend as a birthday gift and one for myself.

*Wanda McKinter
Louisa, KY*

Words for Women

Mary R. Wisehart



We are approaching the beginning of the end. That is, we're approaching 1990. The beginning of the last decade of the Twentieth Century.

Some of us can say it's been our century. The next will belong to someone else.

This century has brought a lot of drastic changes to our society. My parents courted in a horse and buggy, but lived to see men travel to the moon.

I have lived from the wood cook stove to the microwave. We once gathered around a battery radio. Now we sit back to watch television.

Many opportunities, comforts, and conveniences are available to us today—some our mothers never dreamed of and wouldn't be able to comprehend.

Women just received the right to vote in this century. Since then many doors have opened to us. Some of those open doors closed doors behind us, never to open again.

Small women's groups, the basis of WNAC, just started forming around the beginning of this century. WNAC organized in 1935. The women in those days dared to believe God and stepped out on faith to accomplish for Him.

Now we have just one more decade of this century. What shall we fill it with? Some of those goals the women started out with have been accomplished.

Free Will Baptists have a college training our young people in Nashville. Women have contributed much to Free Will Baptist Bible College. But let's move it into the 21st with a lot more than ever before.

WNAC now has a national office with workers and equipment. Still, it needs more support and we need to be equipping it for the next century with both workers and machinery.

We are publishing a bimonthly magazine at last—the women voted to begin a monthly in 1944. Let's make it monthly for the 21st. Wouldn't it be lovely if we could send it complimentary to all Free Will Baptist women?

In 1988 we reported 10,388 members. Can we double before the end of the century?

In 1988 women gave \$450,682.62 to missions and mission causes, including support to the national office. In addition, they gave \$70,962.04 directly to the missions departments. Shall we make it a million by the 21st?

Just a decade and that time will rush by us quickly. Who knows what a group of women dedicated to God and seeking to do His work can accomplish in just ten years? Let's seek Him and keep on working.

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