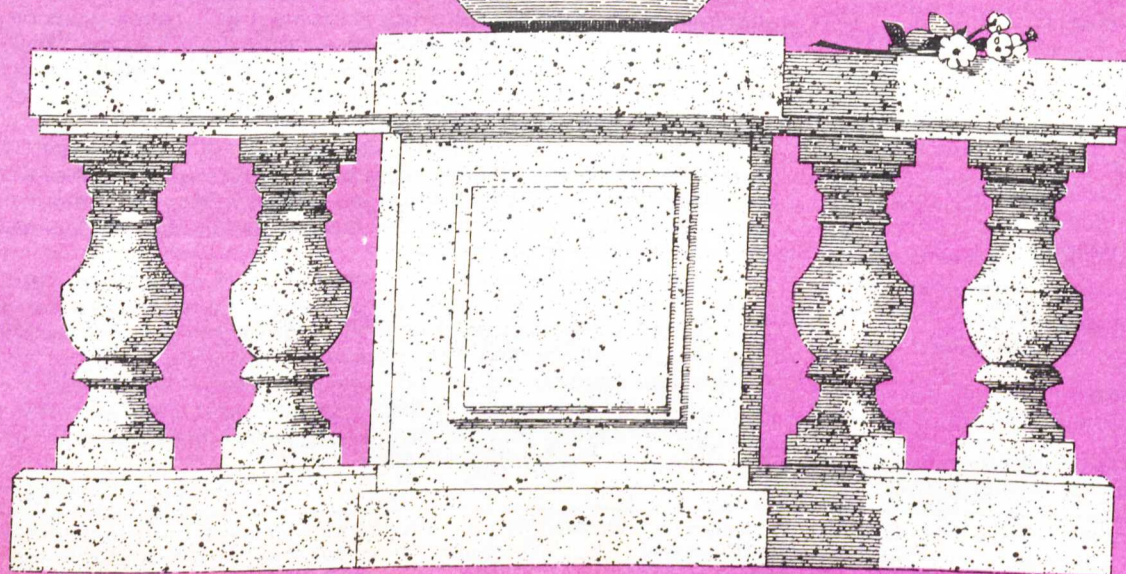


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Enjoy more Honorable Mention poems and enter some of your own in WNAC's creative arts contest. See pictures of the 1989 winners on page 14. A winning article, "The Cries of the Shackled," is featured on page 3. This fiction feature speaks to us all. Did you enjoy hearing Mildred Daniel give the story of Mary at Ridgecrest? Then you will want to read Eddie Payne's poetical version.

I just wonder how many pastor's wives can relate to the story in the *Crosswinds* feature. Christian mothers face a tremendous battle with peer pressure and TV. Is our church failing to mold our teens? What can our Auxiliary do?

Both programs in this issue have a missions slant. We pray God will use them to challenge our hearts.

Devotional

Corinthians 13 Paraphrased for Christian Writers

Though I write with the words of men and angels and though I have the gift of inspirational writing and understand all about characterization and dialogue, and though I can move people's emotions with strong verbs, without love it is worthless. And though I write without pay for some Christian publications, and though I pour out my heart in my writing and have not loved, I might as well save my ink.

Love is patient with those editors who do not answer my query letters promptly, and is kind in thought to those who reject my manuscripts. Love is not jealous when another's mailbox is stuffed with acceptance; love is not overly proud about winning contests; it does not brag. Love is not overly provoked when an original manuscript is returned with coffee stains on it. Love never rejoices when another writer does not make it into the "Slicks." Love bears with others and with their computer problems. Love encourages those with less grammatical ability. Love has high hopes for even the poet. Love is faithful at all times. Love never fails.

But whether there be perfect leads, they will fail. Whether there be flashbacks, they will cease. Whether there be forceful conclusions, they shall vanish away. For now I can read books on the craft of writing and write my personal experiences, but when I compose around the throne of God my present knowledge will seem insignificant.

When I was a child I wrote with many adjectives and adverbs. I used cliches. I did not vary sentence lengths and patterns. I did not understand viewpoint. But as I matured I realized I needed help. I attended seminars and writing conferences and checked out books from the library.

Now I often do not understand the true purpose of all this writing effort, but when I am in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, I will exalt Him with perfect understanding. He is the Author. My present manuscripts are just records of His acts in my day to day living.

— Barbara Hibschan

Rita stepped out into the cool evening air and locked the church door behind her. The Auxiliary meeting had been disappointing—again—and her spirits sank to near 0. This was her second year as Auxiliary president. The first year had proved quite rewarding, but now the meetings had gone flat. She sighed a heavy sigh and her thoughts spun in her mind like a merry-go-round.

As she drove home, she found herself regretting she had accepted the presidency again. "Well, what's done is done," she sighed. As much as she'd love to back out, she knew she couldn't. "At least I can forget it for awhile and get a good night's sleep."

No sooner had she lain down than she fell into a deep sleep, and with it came the dream. It was one she would remember for as long as she lived.

Penetrating cries punctuated the air about her, but she couldn't locate them. The sun, unbearably hot, beat down upon her as she trudged alone on a narrow beaten path. She knew instinctively this was not her beloved USA. Somehow she had been transported to the darkest parts of heathen Africa, a place she had consciously avoided all her life.

The cries continued to ring out around her. She shuddered, yet determined to learn their source. Suddenly, without warning, she stumbled upon a group of writhing bodies, bodies of men, women and children crying out in a tongue she had never learned, but somehow understood.

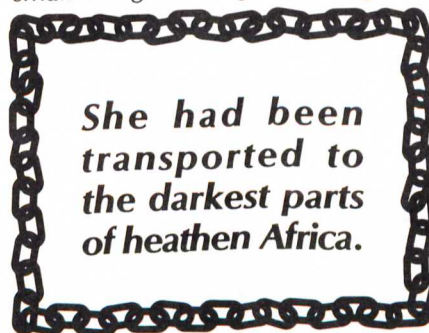
Help us, someone, help us,
We have no hope, no hope,
We're shackled, shackled,

These chains have bound us
Help us, please, help us.

Heavy chains bound their arms and legs and blood oozed from around the bands. The chains were chains of despair, chains of hopelessness, chains of eternity lost in hell.

Rita screamed and raced away as fast as she could, not daring to look back. At last, when she had reached a safe distance, she paused. The cries had subsided, so she sank down to rest. But after only a few short, agonizing minutes, cries from another direction pierced her ears. Not again! She drew back in fright, yet something deep inside compelled her to go on.

She followed the cries to an opening which seemed to be a small village. A large building



spread before her which resembled a clinic with a small mud hut attached. The cries seemed to be coming from the clinic, so she cautiously inched her way toward it. She blinked in puzzlement. Five missionaries were huddled together and crying in unison:

Help us, someone, please
help us,
We have no one to help us,
We're shackled, shackled
These chains have bound us
Help us, please, help us.

As the cries died down to muffled sobs, Rita found herself wiping away her own tears. How could these missionaries be bound with chains? Why, they were children of the One who broke the chains of sin and death and set the captive free! Then she realized these chains were unlike those that bound the natives. These chains that held the missionaries captive were chains of unconcern, chains of financial struggle, chains of neglect from their own people back home. Guilt stabbed her wounded heart. She had helped shackle these dear saints of God with chains. All those times she had satisfied her own wants instead of giving to missions. Those times she neglected to pray for their needs. Those times she had allowed other interests to replace missions in their Auxiliary meetings. She had to admit she had no genuine burden for missions.

More cries jostled her from her thoughts. These sobs sounded vaguely familiar and she followed them as in a trance. She stopped before the doorway of the small cabin, afraid of what she would see, but see she must.

She stooped and peered inside. It was she, herself, bound and shackled to her own wants by the chains of selfishness. She yearned to turn away but forced herself to gaze upon this ugly sight. As tears of remorse flooded her eyes, an unseen Hand seemed to place in her hands a key. The inscription read I John 2:15-17. She knew these verses by heart and they formed on her lips:

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love
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The Cries of the

By Teresa Hilton

WASHING FEET ON THE MISSION FIELD

Scripture: John 13:3-5, 12-17

Everyone take off your shoes. I am going to teach you how to wash feet. No, on second thought, don't. Let's just talk about it.

Free Will Baptists practice feet washing. John 13 is our chapter. We believe these verses give an example that we should follow. And most of us do. It is a precious service. We divide the women from the men, go into prepared rooms, tie towels around our waists and wash one another's feet.

Some churches practice feet washing more frequently than others. We observe it once a year following our annual communion. Some pastors reason that to have communion and feet washing more often reduces it to a meaningless ritual. Perhaps.

I sometimes wonder if the Lord looks down on our efforts in observance and shakes His head. Does He frown that we come together in this particular worship service and then go our busy way and never consider serving our fellowman? Somewhere along the way have we missed the point?

I have this feeling that the Lord was not trying to teach the technique of cleaning the dust from feet, but rather the spirit of serving one another in a humble, thoughtful way. To make His point, He demonstrated something that the disciples experienced daily.

In that day, a person going calling would naturally have bathed before leaving home. Yet after walking in the dusty street in the heat of the day his feet would be dirty. It was only a common courtesy of the host to provide someone to wash the feet of his guests.

The job of washing feet was given to a child or the lowliest of servants. This person met all who entered the door with a basin of water, removed the traveler's sandals and washed and dried his feet. Not one proclaimed this footwasher as having done a great deed. He only did what was expected

of him. Yet this humble service refreshed the traveler.

In this day and age people rarely come to our doors having walked any distance. We move from air conditioned and heated cars to air conditioned and heated homes. And yet there is still a need for us to wash feet, but in a different way.

If we consider washing feet a quiet, unreturned gesture of service, there are many occasions to bless others. Have you ever received a card from a friend just at the right time? Didn't you feel encouraged? Didn't you feel like someone had just given you a hug?

This is something we need to do for one another. When a friend comes to mind, take it as a reminder to pray or to call. Sometimes a card, a note, or a vase of flowers is just the right medicine for what ails us. It may be dry cleaning, but it is washing feet just the same.

It is easy to say "I Love You." It means more when followed by actions. Little acts of love are not expensive.

I had back surgery in March. I was in the hospital a week, then at my folks' house for five weeks before I was able to go home. Every mail day during that time, I received at least one card from someone in our church. Most days there were two or three. Some sent several. I thought about those who sent cards and prayed for them, and I knew they were praying for me. I felt refreshed and encouraged. They washed my feet.

It is a long way from our church in Tulsa to my dad's house east of Pryor, but I had visitors, too. Some came more than once. Two, in particular, came often and brought guitars and sang to me. They washed my feet.

Though I am now at home and doing so well, I still have trouble doing some simple things. Recently when my husband was away on a trip, a couple of special friends dropped in. One vacuumed the house, dusted the furniture and scrubbed the tub. The other

Our Lord gave us an example. That should be reason enough to go to work.

shaved my legs. Those friends washed my feet.

There is a special group of people who need this service. They are our missionaries, home and foreign. They live far from family and friends and home churches. They serve the Lord in isolation, chipping a church out of solid rock in many areas. Once in a while they need a good footwashing.

Of course, they meet with their congregations and have their regular communion and footwashing services, but a little surprise in the mail would make them feel blessed and loved and refreshed.

Unless you have lived outside the continental United States, you cannot know the depth of loneliness that can sometimes slip up on a person. You know that no one from home will unexpectedly pull up into the drive. You search crowds hoping to see some long lost friend from home. You eagerly anticipate regular letters from family and friends. What refreshing to hear from those who love you and pray for you.

Encourage them in little ways. Birthday and anniversary cards are nice. Short notes and letters are even better.

Do you find it difficult to write to a stranger? Pick out a missionary from the missions directory, write a note to introduce yourself and then you are no longer strangers. Then commit yourself to faithfully wash that dear servant's feet.

Missionaries enjoy letters about your family, garden, job, diet, and your newest recipe. A current ladies magazine or *Grit* newspaper is a special treat when you are far away from publications in English. Clip and send a particular comic strip, or some editorial you enjoy.

Postage is not that expensive if you mail a letter once a month. Don't always wait for a reply. Remember that mail gets delayed and that unanswered letter may be just the one they need to make it through a difficult day.

A small package or tape of some good music or a sermon can be a special treat. Each time a card or letter arrives, that missionary knows you are thinking about him. If you took the time to write, you are probably taking the time to pray for him, too. He is encouraged and strengthened to know that you care. He is not forgotten.

Footwashing was not a high paying job in the Lord's day; it was a task of a servant. But it was an important job. Jesus said, "If I your Lord and Master, have

washed your feet; ye ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you . . . If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Our Lord gave us an example. That should be reason enough to go to work, and yet He also promised happiness to anyone who would humbly serve another.

We can pick up our denominational publications and see the names and faces of people who could use a bit of encouragement. There is no shortage of opportunity for each of us to pick up a towel, gird ourselves, and wash someone's feet on a mission field.

Let's commit ourselves to thinking a little more about those faithful people who carry the Word of God to people around the world. Let's not just think of them, let's pray for them, and then let them know. Let's wash their feet.

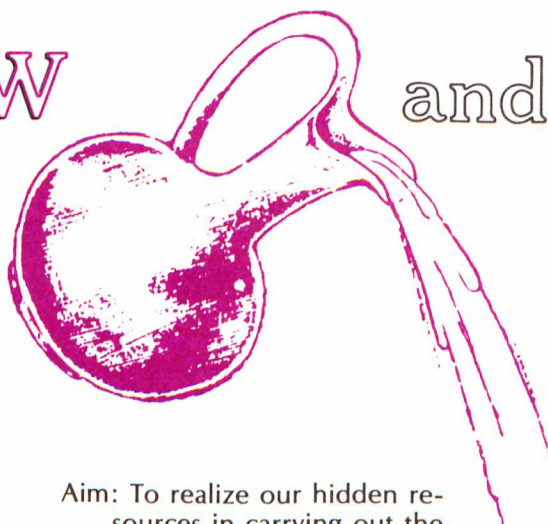
There is a funny thing about washing someone else's feet. You can't do the job right without getting a little water on yourself. Give it a try and see if it isn't true. If you know these things, happy are ye if you do them. ♦

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A servant washed the author's feet.

the WIDOW and her CRUSE of OIL



Aim: To realize our hidden resources in carrying out the Great Commission.
Scripture: 2 Kings 4:1-7
Hymn: "Work For The Night Is Coming"

Introduction

Christ commanded His disciples, "Go therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19, 20). Jesus doesn't mention age; therefore, He must mean the Great Commission is for all believers, regardless of age. How do we go about finding our place in this Great Commission, you ask? That's easy! Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Now the hard part: all we have to do is follow Him. What did Jesus do? "My meat," He said, "is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34). Christ finished His work, but He left us a task to continue.

Remember the story of Elisha and the widow with a cruse of oil? Let's look at the circumstances surrounding her life and see how she found her place in God's service.

The Family that seemed Forgotten

"my husband is dead . . . the creditor is come . . ." (4:1)

As the story unfolds, we find the poor widow in a dilemma: her husband dead, the creditors demanding payment, and she with no money. In lieu of money the creditors have demanded her sons as bondsmen. In desperation, she turns to Elisha.

Elisha was a prophet of miracles, and He could have performed one here. Instead he wanted to help her help herself. He observed her circumstances, then asks, "What hast thou in thy house?" Elisha was asking her to take charge of the situation and to look inside herself for the solution.

What circumstances are you allowing to rob you of joy in Christ and cause you to fail in fulfilling the Great Commission? Pain, sorrow, career, wrong attitudes, mate-

rialism, or plain old laziness? Above all people, Christians should radiate happiness, gentleness, peace, and a concern for the lost. Regardless of circumstances, we should "declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among the people" (Ps. 96:1, 3).

When was the last time you shared what Christ has done for you? If we don't reach out to the lonely, bereaved, and aching hearts, who will? Isn't our message greater than TV, sports, weather or other trivial subjects that characterize our conversation? Day in and day out, we talk about everything and everyone except Jesus.

Seek out that lost soul and share the message of Jesus.

The Flask that had been Forgotten

"... nothing . . . except a pot of oil . . ." (4:2)

When Elisha asked the widow what she had, she quickly assessed her meager possessions. She saw the bare cupboards and bleak furnishings, her husband's cloak, a few scattered pots, and yes, one cruse of oil, just barely enough for one anointing.

What did she have to give? The furniture had no value, not her husband's cloak . . . she could not part with that just yet. The destitute widow could barely see beyond her troubles and almost overlooked her most valuable resource. And it became her pot of gold. Of course . . . the oil! She hands the pot to the prophet.

What about you? What is your pot of gold? What talent or spiritual gift have you forgotten or hidden away? Musical abilities, teaching, writing, exhorting, hospitality or administration? Is some forgotten gift lying dormant in your soul? Wake it up, dust it off, and use it to advance Christ's kingdom here on earth.

"Oh, but I have so little," you say? Nothing is too little to be used by God. Remember the mite? And the little boy's lunch? Finding our hidden resources and placing them at the Master's disposal is the first step to victory.

Find that forgotten flask today and let it fill the lives of others.

The Faith that learned to Function

"... she poured out . . ." (4:5)

The widow did as Elisha commanded. She borrowed a room full of flasks, shut the door to her house, and began to pour the oil into the empty vessels. Imagine the joy that went on behind that closed door!

The oil in the pot began to flow when her faith took hold. Her soul sparked and burst into flame as she eyed the miracle before her. As she poured out her heart and soul to God, He poured out the oil for

her. God had been there all the time; only her faith had died. Now revitalized, faith triumphed over difficulty and she rejoiced in God her Savior.

What about you? When was the last time you poured out your heart and soul to God behind closed doors? When did you empty yourself so that He could fill you with His Spirit? The reason we accomplish so little for God is because our faith is so weak. Oh, that we might claim Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Also let's claim Psalm 37 as a psalm to live by. Then, no matter what our circumstances, we will have a faith that functions and brings glory to Christ.

The Flow that did not Fail

"... and the oil stayed . . ." (4:6)

After the widow had filled all the empty containers around her, she asked her sons for more. All those in the house were already filled! Only then did the oil stay. It was the containers that were exhausted, not the hand of God that was emptied. Had the woman realized her potential, she could have filled every flask in the city from her own pot of oil.

Notice the women did not regard the multiplied oil as her own unconditional possession. She went to the prophet of God for direction. "Discharge your debt," he told her. They were then to live off the profits from the rest.

What about you? When was the last time you filled someone's lonely soul with the good news of salvation through Christ? When was the last time you allowed Him to fill your own soul? Are you overflowing with the love of Christ or has the oil stayed? Christ promised to never leave or forsake us, but what is our problem? Why don't we witness more? May God help us to rise above our circumstances and

allow Him to live out His life through us.

The Challenge

May we say with Isaiah, "Here am I; send me."

We don't have to go across the world to win the lost.

We can start in our own neighborhood.

Forget your circumstances. Let Christ work those out.

Learn to wait on Him. Place your life in His hands.

Submit your will to His and determine to win the lost.

He has not moved or withheld His power. We are the ones who limit him.

The gospel is not for one segment of humanity. It reaches out to all people and all races.

You are not forgotten, but there are those around you who think they have been.

Find that forgotten vessel today and lead him to Christ.

Your faith can be as a grain of mustard seed, but unless you use it, it is good for nothing.

Use that faith today to share the love of Christ.

Your spirit can be overflowing with the love of Jesus, but unless you fill that empty soul today, you are like a stream going nowhere.

Fill someone's soul with the good news today.

Program Suggestions

THE WIDOW AND HER CRUSE OF OIL

- Make posters of the topic titles and display them about the room.
- Following each topic, conduct a discussion on some of the questions presented. For example:

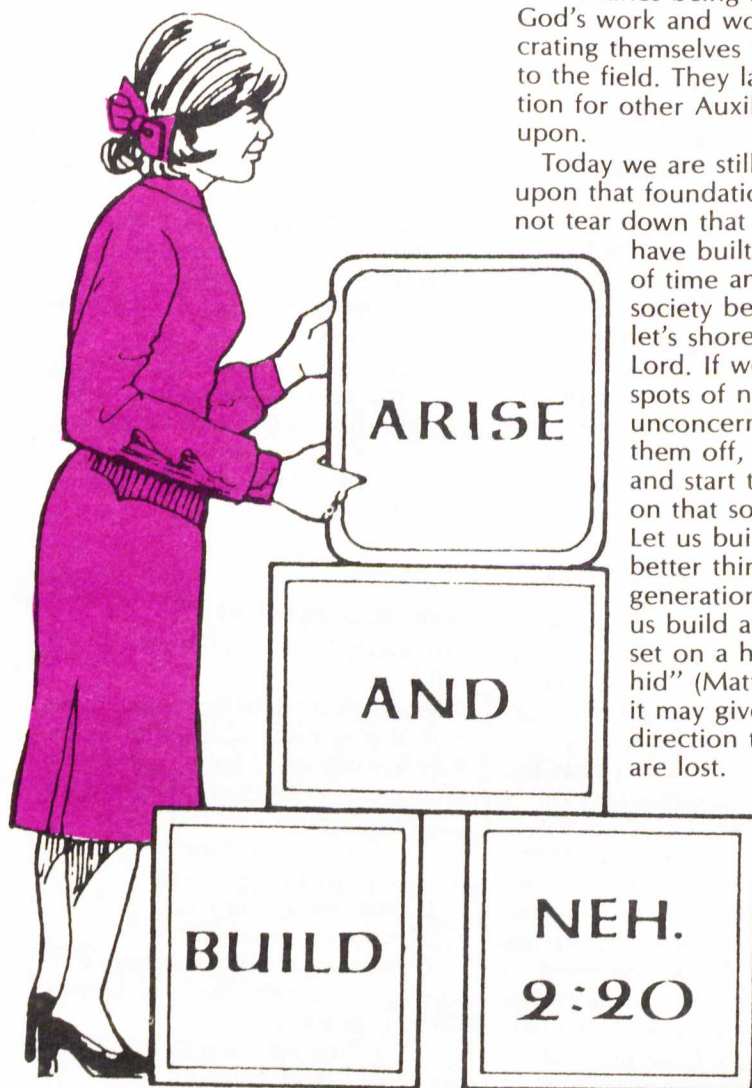
1. What circumstances tend to rob us of joy in our Christian walk?
2. Does everyone have a "flask" hidden away somewhere?

3. Relate a recent experience of sharing your faith with someone. What happened?

4. How do we keep the oil flowing in our daily lives? ♦

A Firm Foundation

By Betty Jane Jones



Some of you may be working in brand new churches, or in new Auxiliaries. You are laying the foundation for others to build upon. Many work in Auxiliaries established for years. Their foundations were laid by women now gone on to be with the Lord. Some are in nursing homes, or serving God in other places. We must not forget their labor of love, their missionary vision, or their godly influence.

As a young girl, I attended the Missouri State Auxiliary Convention. The summer sun shone through the windows on the pastel dresses and hats (yes, they wore hats then) of the ladies in charge. What a beautiful sight! As they conducted the business, I realized the dedication of these Auxiliary pioneers. They spoke of missionaries being set apart for God's work and women consecrating themselves to send them to the field. They laid a foundation for other Auxiliaries to build upon.

Today we are still building upon that foundation. May we not tear down that which others have built. As the rages of time and sins of society beat against it, let's shore it up in the Lord. If we find weak spots of neglect or unconcern, let's dust them off, patch them up, and start to build anew on that solid foundation. Let us build to high and better things for the generations to come. Let us build a "city that is set on a hill cannot be hid" (Matt. 5:14) so that it may give light and direction to those who are lost.

Arise and build, the Master said,
I have a work for you to do.
Take up your cross and follow me,
Arise and build and fill a pew.
Hammer out the dents of sin
And brace a friend with words of
gain;
Saw a hole to let in love
Nail the Word to hearts in pain. ♦

The Cries of the
SHACKLED,
(Cont. from page 3)

of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust of it; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

The will of God—the key! In freeing the shackles from herself she would be unlocking the shackles from both the missionaries and the natives. She stooped down, took the lock and slipped in the key.

Rita awakened with tears wet on her cheeks. The dream had seemed so real. She knew God had sent it to break her selfish will. She slipped to her knees beside the bed and cried out for forgiveness. Only then did she feel the shackles fall from around her heart.

Set free, now she could be used in His ministry. ♦

Bible Study

2 Peter Chapter 3 Part 2

by M. M. Daniel

Overview: Peter, having warned the early Christians of the ongoing danger of being influenced by false teachers and their distorted doctrine, ends his letter with a prophetic and dramatic description of the "last days."

FIRE! (3:10-12)

3:10—The "day of the Lord" is NOT the rapture of believers. Rather, it begins with the tribulation period immediately following the rapture. Compare I Thesalonians 4:13-5:4. "But the day of the _____ WILL come, as a _____ in the night; the _____ SHALL pass away with a great _____, and the _____ SHALL melt with a _____ heat; the _____ also, and the works that are therein SHALL be _____ up."

Notice the positive words, "will" and "shall." God has declared it and all the scoffers of the ages cannot change it! This day will come, unexpectedly, as a "thief in the night" to unbelievers. A great noise, fervent (severe) heat and an all consuming fire mark the actual, literal event, though the "signs" are pointing even now.

3:11—Today, verses 10-12 are much better understood, since the splitting of the atom and the resulting invention of the atomic and hydrogen bombs. As we read about and witnessed on our TV screens, their deployment during World War II made the word "dissolved" most appropriate. The indescribable destruction, the great noise, the melting in the atmosphere, the fervent heat and burning are characteristic of this modern invention. However, our Creator knew all along of these components and their potential for destruction. "What _____ of persons ought ye to be in all _____ living and _____."

Christians awake! Let's not be lulled into insensitivity, the lowering of our standards or misplacing our priorities. God demands holy living on a daily basis.

3:12—"Looking for and _____ (literally, hastening the coming) of the _____ of God, in which the heavens, being on _____, shall be _____, and the _____ shall melt with _____ heat." We hasten the coming of the day of the Lord and His universal judgment of sin by heeding His final command in Matt. 28:19, 20.

NEW HEAVEN! NEW EARTH! (3:13, 14)

3:13—"We (believers of all ages) according to His _____ look for new _____ and a new _____ wherein dwelleth _____." Isaiah spoke of this time in Isa. 65:1;7. The apostle John, in prophetic vision, witnessed this future event in Rev. 21:1-5, describing it as best he could using human language. God made the promise. Therefore, we need not speculate about its fulfillment.

3:14—"Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye _____ for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in _____, without _____ and _____." Peter urges be-

lievers to take self-inventory in light of the imminent return of Christ for His bride.

Be "diligent" (persevering with a steady effort), keep the peace of God in your hearts and, as much as possible, with all others (Eph. 4:3; Rom. 12:18). Our daily lives should reflect the beauty and characteristics of Christ, without "spot and blameless."

How do others view us in everyday situations? The key to an overcoming life is found in Paul's sincere prayer for his Ephesian brethren (Eph. 3:16-19).

FAIR WARNING! (3:15-18)

3:15—Not only does Peter refer to the "long-suffering of our _____," but, he reminds us that Paul has written of this fact also.

3:16—Paul was used of God to pen at least 13 of the New Testament books. Peter says that Paul wrote "... some _____ hard to be _____." But, please note that it is only the "unlearned and _____ who 'wrest'" or struggle with some of Paul's writings as well as other Scripture. In the final verse of this chapter, Peter tells us how we can avoid being in that number.

3:17—When made aware of a pitfall ahead, a wise man will not stumble therein. Peter says, "Beware!" Addressing believers, he warns that it is possible to be "... led _____ with the _____ of the wicked" and to "_____ from your own _____." Christians cannot afford to become complacent and half-hearted in service, catering to "convenient Christianity."

3:18—"But _____ in grace, and in the _____ of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." The Christian life, as in the physical, is meant to be a consistent and continual growth and learning process. We limit our potential for service and spiritual growth by neglecting God's Word. (See Job 23:12; Ps. 119:11,27,97-105, 130,133,165.)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the difference between the rapture and the day of the Lord.
2. What parallel can you draw from the descriptive phrases of verses 10-12?
3. What is the significance of the word "look" in verses 13,14?
4. Who are the "unlearned and unstable" of verse 16?
5. Discuss ways to grow in grace; to grow in knowledge.

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

Communicator

by M. R. Wischart

Memorial Student Loan Fund

September is Student Loan Fund month.

Students have just started back to school and that should remind us that we have the opportunity and privilege to help students at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

In 1956 the women began a loan fund in order to help students train as Christian workers. In 1988 WNAC was able to loan \$15,652 to needy and worthy students.

The fund now has \$43,028.70. Gifts last year amounted to \$4,694.80. We had \$2,596.63 in repayments and \$2,918.41 in interest. The income did not quite keep up with the outgo.

Do something a little special for the Memorial Student Loan Fund this year. More and more of our young people need help with college expenses. We'd like to be able to help more.

You make loans possible for students by your giving to the Memorial Student Loan Fund.

1990 Retreat

The first national retreat convened in 1980 at the Smoky Shadows Conference grounds.

Since 1990 marks the tenth year anniversary of national retreats, the retreat September 20-22, 1990 is being planned as a reunion for all retreat attendees.

Have you attended all or some of the retreats? Did you attend that first one in Pigeon Forge or the second one in Hot Springs?

Plan now to attend the sixth retreat at Ridgecrest, NC and renew old acquaintances, meet new friends.

Have you missed all the retreats so far? Then join us in 1990 and help us celebrate our tenth anniversary.

Watch for information in the January/February, 1990 issue of CO-LABORER.

November—Home Missions Month

Prayer is basic to our missionary work—at home and abroad. Prepare now for the pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer for Home Missions.

Involve the whole church in giving to the Lizzie McAdams Offering for Home Missions.

Look for the special helps in the November/December issue of CO-LABORER.

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CHARACTERS: *The Auxiliary Officers*
New Member

NEW MEMBER: Is there a Woman's Auxiliary officer in the house?

PRESIDENT: Yes, I'm president of our local Auxiliary. Do you have a question?

NEW MEMBER: Yes, I have several questions . . .

PRESIDENT: (*interrupting*) I'm quite busy presiding at meetings and serving on the executive committee, arranging the monthly meetings, assisting the officers in their duties, being a fountain of encouragement and radiating the joy of Auxiliary, planning leadership training, making all those reports, and finding women like yourself to involve in Auxiliary, keeping up with the projects, and more reports, and . . . I'm so busy, I wish I had more time to talk to you and tell you what a joy Auxiliary is . . . but I really must go. Maybe _____, our vice president can help. (*She exits on a skate board*)

NEW MEMBER: _____, I understand that you are the vice president of our Auxiliary. I have a few questions regarding the work.

VICE PRESIDENT: I wish I could help, but everyone knows the vice president doesn't do anything.

NEW MEMBER: But you must be a vital part of the Auxiliary. You do assist the president and preside in her absence, don't you?

VICE PRESIDENT: Yes, I do that. And I have other duties I perform, like planning regular activities for reaching absentees, enlisting prospective members, publicizing regular and special meetings. And, of course, those reports. (*proudly*) I guess you're right. I want to thank you for your encouragement.

(*Secretary walks up*)

_____, have you met our secretary, _____? She's interested in learning more about Woman's Auxiliary. Tell her what you do.

SECRETARY: My main responsibility, of course, is keeping accurate minutes of our meetings—and making reports. Our treasurer, _____, takes care of the money. Here she comes now. Let me introduce you.

(*Treasurer approaches*)

What happened to you? You look terrible!

TREASURER: You'd look terrible, too. I haven't slept in a week. I keep having this frightening nightmare.

SECRETARY: Nightmare?



Is There A
Woman's  Officer
in the House?

TREASURER: Yes. All our secretaries in the State are picketing the State Treasurer.

(Several women enter carrying picket signs which read: NO MORE REPORTS! NO MORE REPORTS! NO MORE REPORTS! They shout as they wave their signs.

Then a sudden flash of light and thunder followed by total silence.)

VOICE: *(from offstage)* What would have happened had not the events of some 4000 years ago been recorded? Because of someone's reports, we can study about the creation of the universe, the flood, the great warriors of faith, the Savior of mankind.

May you follow an example that will strengthen your faith and preserve for generations to come the efforts you make for His glory.

NEW MEMBER: Wow! Reports are important, aren't they? Are there other Auxiliary officers in the house?

MISSION PRAYER CHAIRMAN: Yes, I'm the Mission Prayer Chairman. Is there something I can do to help you?

NEW MEMBER: I want to know more about the Woman's Auxiliary.



By Victoria Hidde

MPC: Prayer is the heartbeat of our Auxiliary. You are a young member and I want to encourage you to join our prayer group and enlist others to participate. Each morning at 9 a.m. we encourage you to take a moment from your busy schedule and pray for our missionaries around the world. We'd like to include you in our prayer chain as we intercede for special needs. Oh yes, we encourage you to read MISSION GRAMS and HEARTBEAT, two missions periodicals that burden us to pray. Prayer is the center of our Auxiliary work.

NEW MEMBER: You radiate such a joy in Auxiliary work that I can hardly wait to get started.

MPC: There's someone else you need to meet. ____ is our Mission Study Chairman and she can tell you more.

NEW MEMBER: *(extending her hand)* I'm ____, New Member, and I can hardly wait to hear more about our Woman's Auxiliary.

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN: I'm ____, and it's a special joy to meet you. What do you want to know?

NEW MEMBER: Everything!

MSC: I just finished reading this book ____ which I think you would enjoy reading. It would inform you of our missionary program and acquaint you with our missionaries. It's my responsibility to read material on world trends in missions and relate this information back to our Auxiliary. I also encourage support for the church library. It's such a joy to involve new women in this missions endeavor.

NEW MEMBER: I can hardly wait to learn more.

MSC: You've met the Mission Prayer Chairman and the Mission Study Chairman, but there's one more person you need to meet. Here she is right now.

NEW MEMBER: This is so exciting!
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Over My Coffee Cup



By Eunice Edwards

Missions waits on stewardship, so missions really waits on you. A missionary's salary might be in your pocket right now.

Let's take an inventory. Be as honest as you would if the records were to be examined by the Department of Internal Revenue. First, make a list of the things you need. Needs, now; not wants. Read God's promise regarding our basic needs of food, clothing and shelter found in Matthew 6:33.

Concerning food (Ps. 37:25 and Matt. 6:26).

Concerning shelter (Deut. 2:7 and Ps. 103:14).

Concerning clothing (Matt. 6:28-30).

Now let's balance the account. God has promised to supply every need (Ps. 50:10-12). All we have belongs to Him (Hag. 2:8; I Kings 20:3). The ledger is in His favor! The least we can do is tithe what He entrusts to our keeping.

Paul describes the first century Christians as giving "every man according to his ability" (Acts 11:29). Then he admonishes, "Let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (I Cor. 16:1,2).

Do you have any "gathering" in your purse right now that rightfully belongs in the Lord's treasury? It might be the missionary's salary you are holding, for missions waits on stewardship and stewardship waits on you. ♦



Provision Closet Needs

Hand towels
Kingsize sheet sets, mattress covers, bedspreads
Tupperware maxi-caketakers
cereal bowls
juice tumblers
Corelleware (8 place settings)



ctionettes!

Let's Get Together!

Actionettes? What's Actionettes?

Actionettes is an organization which promotes missions among the youth of our churches.

From the beginning, Free Will Baptist women have been interested in our youth. In 1945, when Cleo Pursell came into office as second vice president charged with youth work, she set about to organize youth Auxiliaries, especially GTA's (Go-Tell Auxiliary) for girls 9-12 and YPA's (Young People's Auxiliary) for girls 13-18. By 1963, these organizations were flourishing with 2,009 reported in GTA's, 2,314 in YPA's, 256 in BA's (Boys Auxiliary) and 535 in Missionary Midgets (ages 6-9). Each group had its own manual, program books and a book for leaders.

Stewardship declamation and essay contests were highlighted in those days. Indeed many attribute

the strong stewardship of that era to the teaching drilled through these contests, especially the declamations. Moms and dads, sisters and brothers, uncles and aunts all listened to their kids learn their speeches, and the message sunk it.

In 1964, the need arose for a full scale youth program in our denomination and the CTS board (first called Denomination Youth Board) was formed. A year later, WNAC's youth programs merged with this new one. For years, our mission Auxiliaries were virtually nonexistent.

Ten years later, in 1974, after numerous requests for helps and missions materials for youth Auxiliaries—and with approval from the CTS board—the Actionettes Auxiliary was formed and a constitution and by-laws was adopted.

Although the constitution lists

13-18 as the Actionette age, local groups are free to set their own age limits, and to decide whether or not to include boys.

So what of the future of Actionettes? It looks promising. One Actionette wrote, "I am disappointed that there are no other Actionette groups in our state. We were hoping there would be district meetings and retreats like the Woman's Auxiliary."

Well, why not?

How many Actionette groups do we have out there? Make yourself known. Send us a report of your activities and include pictures. Wouldn't it be nice to have a whole page of CO-LABORER dedicated to our Actionettes?

Meanwhile, here is what some are doing:

Tucson, AZ. Slumber party at the home of sponsors Betty Stooksbury and Eunice Rhodes had a missions flavor. Each of the 6 girls were assigned a foreign missionary. Not only did they report factual information, they led in a game played there and prepared a food common to the country. "We had a ball," was the unanimous conclusion.

Actionettes Learn To Pray. "With all the things we have participated in," writes one Actionette, "the one that means the most is the spiritual growth we have experienced." Karen Campbell of Florence, SC, said at their first meeting one of the girls was called upon to pray and she didn't know what to say. At their second meeting, they invited Rachel Rogers to come and teach them how to pray. "Now because of her teaching and through practice, it is easier for us to pray aloud," says Karen.

Florence, SC. Actionettes honored their church's grandparents by choosing a "Grandparents of the Year" and "Grandmother of the Year." These honorees, along with their mates and sponsors and their husbands, were guests at this special occasion. They plan this to be an annual affair.

Treasures from the Heart

By Pat Franks
Missionary to Brazil



While shopping in Barbacena, Brazil, a gorgeous hand-painted ceramic bowl and pitcher caught my eye. The set would look lovely in my living room, I decided—until I checked the price! The decorative pitcher with the delicate flowers was still gorgeous, but it was not a necessity. The practical, budget-conscious part of me won over my desire. I dismissed it from my mind and walked away. Someday when our children had finished college, perhaps then I could afford it.

Several weeks later a friend approached me after church. "Please come to my house soon," whispered this little seventy-five year old widow. "I have a *lembranca* for you to take with you to the United States."

When she repeated the request the next day, I planned time for a visit. What could it be? I remembered another seventy-five year old sister who had given me a present 20 years earlier when we left for our first furlough. In case we got hungry on the airplane, she had offered a live black chicken!

The door to their part of the house was the fifth door in a row of twelve houses built like a duplex. I guess it could be called a twelveplex. The door was opened when I arrived at the widow's house and she welcomed me warmly. She, her handicapped

son, and an older unmarried sister rented these four small rooms. "Please be seated," she gestured, and continued stacking old newspapers which friends collected for her. I added mine to her stack. She pointed to water marks on the walls where flood waters had invaded a week earlier. It was their third flood in the four years

I *magine my delight when I opened an expensive hand-painted bowl and pitcher set.*

they had lived there.

Soon Maria, her sister, joined us. One of them was almost always sick. Often they lacked money to buy needed medicine. But that day they both looked fairly healthy. "It's only by the mercies of God that we can still

walk and take care of ourselves," Maria openly acknowledged, and I had to agree.

After visiting for a time, they quietly slipped into the adjoining room. They returned, each carrying a beautifully wrapped package, and offered them to me. Imagine my delight mixed with consternation when I opened an expensive hand-painted ceramic bowl and pitcher set—the very items I had considered buying, but was unable to.

I could not keep back the tears. "Please do not cry," they consoled. "We give them in Christian love. We are so grateful that God sent someone to show us His love."

"I often cry when I am happy," I explained. "I accept these lovely gifts with a heart full of love."

Even now as I write this I am crying. My happiness is mixed with sorrow and a knowledge that I do not deserve these presents. These dear ladies deprived themselves of bread and milk, rice and beans, and perhaps even medicine, to buy their *lembranzas*. Had I refused them, they would have been hurt.

These ceramic dishes are my treasures. They are decorative, but they are precious because they were given with joyful, thankful hearts. They practiced the words of our Lord Jesus Himself when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." ♦

1988-89 CREATIVE ARTS CONTEST WINNERS

89 women from 25 states and 4 foreign countries submitted 209 entries.

1st Articles



Pat Franks
Brazil

2nd



Anne Worthington
Nashville, TN

3rd



Teresa Hilton
Norfolk, VA



Diane Thomas
Grifton, NC

4th



Louise Wampler
Edgewood, MD

Plays/Skits



Linda Coffman
River Rouge, MI

1st



Joy Price
River Rouge, MI

2nd



Sharon Brown
Skiatook, OK

3rd



Dorothy Hamilton
Waltonville, IL

4th



Margaret Ashcraft
Morehead, KY

1st Programs



Diane Thomas
Grifton, NC

1st



June McVay
Nashville, TN

2nd



Jane Atchison
Nashville, TN

3rd



Vicki Hubbard
Russellville, AR

4th



Wanda Powell
Nashville, TN

1st Poetry



Betty Jane Jones
Kirkville, MO

2nd



Jeannie Cool
Pikeville, OH

3rd



Pat Franks
Brazil

3rd



Lois Jones
Berryville, AR

4th



Mrs. Gary Dillon
Wabash, IN

Helps for Leaders

Ideas to Stimulate Your Imagination

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

September

- Memorial Student Loan Fund. This fund helps worthy students at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Promote it in September.

- How long has it been since you've had a Manual study? "Is there an Officer in the House?" adds interest. Also try playing the Auxiliary Game given on page 30.

- Warm relationships have been cemented through attending retreats and sharing the same cabin/room. Plan a group prayer time before retiring.

Publicity

Interest center—a basin draped with a towel.

Program Helps

Conclude the program "Washing Feet on the Mission Field" with a foot washing service.

The installation, "Elected to Serve," suggests cutting white terry cloth toweling in swatches and giving to each officer. Pieces may be cut for each woman attending Auxiliary as a reminder that our life is one of service.

Women in Action

Missouri women are on the move—again! Last year a prayer circle was launched that has united women from all over the state in prayer for missions.

Bimonthly newsletters inform circle members of urgent needs, requests and praise items.

Betty Johnson, Mt. Clemens, MI,

wrote an installation for the Wolverine District Auxiliary Convention. Her program, "Arise and Build," used children's blocks, one for each officer. These blocks were set up to form a wall and represented 1) the process of building; they would not stand up if they were not working together, and 2) since they are children's blocks, they represent the humility needed to work together.

September is usually a good month for a MANUAL study. For this study, give a visualized lecture and follow it with the skit on page 10.

Use the 12 visuals from the "Time for Everything" MANUAL study (\$1.50 from WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202). Color with colored pencils or magic markers. Place two sheets back to back and slip inside a hole-punched plastic sheet protector. You will need six of these sheets. Place sheets inside a three-ring notebook.

Place this opened notebook on a table and turn the pages as you teach the MANUAL. The notebook serves as a stand for your visuals.

October

- Begin working on plans for your pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer program. Watch for exciting plans in the next issue of CO-LABORER.
- Check your state Plan of Work for special emphases this month.

Publicity

Arrange a display of various sizes and shapes of vases.

Trick or Treat

"Trick or Treat for Missions" has been used for several years at the

Fellowship FWB Church, Flat River, MO. It started when some Auxiliary women dressed up and went to some homes of the church members, usually the Monday before Halloween, and collected money for missions.

When it became harder to get women volunteers, they switched to using the church children. They dress as Biblical characters and give the folks a treat by singing a song, reciting a poem, etc. When they return to the church the Auxiliary women have a "Trick or Treat" bag of treats waiting for them.

This project is advertised in the bulletin for several Sundays so the church family is expecting the children. Usually two children go together with one woman driving them.

Communicator, (Cont. from page 10)

WNAC Needs

One Auxiliary has sent in \$100 for the chair at the editor's light table. Thank you!

Personal Computer and bookkeeping software	\$2,000
Copier	\$1,500
Typewriter	\$ 500

The amounts mentioned are only approximate. Please mark your gift "Office Furniture and Equipment." In that way the money may be used wherever it is needed most at the time.

The Co-Laborer Fund

More Auxiliaries are giving monthly to the Co-Laborer Fund. This money helps keep the WNAC office open.

The WNAC office has always operated very economically and efficiently. Yet the cost of rent, supplies, insurance, and postage keeps rising consistently.

Like any business, we have to pay our bills monthly. When the money comes in monthly, we can pay our bills on time.

If your Auxiliary is not giving regularly to the Co-Laborer Fund, make it a part of your goals and plans for the coming year. ♦

MISSION STUDY CHAIRMAN

Books for Your Library

Below are listed the missions study books that WNAC has recommended over the past ten years. Do you have all of them in your library? *Most are now out of print.* (An asterisk indicates those you may still order from WNAC.) That's why it is so important to get the books as they are available, stock your library and have them ready for our next generation.

- *A MIND FOR MISSIONS by *Paul Borthwick*. A world Christian or a worldly Christian?
- A CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSE TO ISLAM by *William Miller*. A primer on the Muslim faith.
- A VISION FOR MISSIONS by *Tom Wells*. Our missionary vision follows our vision of God.
- BIBLE AND WORLD MISSIONS by *G. Christian Weiss*. A study on the Biblical basis of missions.
- EUROPE AT THE CROSSROADS by *Wallace Hinley*. Europe's spiritual crisis.
- GOD AND ONE REDHEAD by *Christian Plummer*. The courageous story of Mary Slessor, missionary to Africa.
- GOD'S TRIBESMAN by *James and Marty Hefley*. The Rochunga Pudaite story.
- *HOUR THAT CHANGES THE WORLD, THE by *Dick Eastman*. A basic, workable plan for prayer.

LET'S QUIT KIDDING OURSELVES ABOUT MISSIONS by *James Weber*. An eye opener to the real situation of world missions.

*I LOOKED FOR A MAN AND FOUND ONE by *Lorene Miley*. Biography of LaVerne D. Miley, first medical missionary to Ivory Coast.

MISSIONS USA by *Earl Parvin*. A valuable home missions handbook.

MISSIONS, MISSIONARIES AND THEIR MESSAGE by *Bill Jones*. An historical approach to Free Will Baptist missions.

MISSIONARY MESSAGES by *A. B. Simpson*. Eight missionary sermons from a great missionary statesman.

MISSIONARIES ARE HUMAN, TOO by *Nancy Perry*. Down to earth adventures in coping with another culture.

NO HARVEST UNTIL by *Bertha Hill*. Results of prayer in Indonesia.

NO TIME FOR TOMBSTONES by *James and Marty Hefley*. Life and death of Betty Olson, missionary in Vietnam.

PEOPLE TIME FORGOT by *Alice Gibbons*. Evangelization of the stone-age Damal tribe in New Guinea.

SAFARI SERVANT by *Genny Waddell*. Biography of Margaret Marsh, missionary to Tanzania.

*SECOND MILE PEOPLE by *Isobel*

Kuhn. This missionary to China profiles six who influenced her missionary career.

*TOUCHING THE UNTOUCHABLES by *Barnard and Hill*. Biography of Laura Belle Barnard, missionary to India.

THROUGH GATES OF SPLENDOR by *Elisabeth Elliott*. Missionary classic describes the martyrdom of five missionaries to the Auca Indians.

Other books by the same author: NO GRAVEN IMAGE. Novel based on her first term experiences of culture shock.

THE SAVAGE MY KINSMAN. Describes her life among the Aucas. UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY. A biography of Jim Elliott.

WHO'D BE A MISSIONARY? and WHO'D STAY A MISSIONARY? by *Helen Morgan*. Books to reassure missionaries and inspire support for them.

*WHAT MAKES A MISSIONARY? by *David Howard*. The same principles that guided Peter guide missionaries today.

WHO CARES ABOUT THE MISSIONARY? by *Marjorie Collins*. A practical handbook on how to support a missionary.

WORLD MISSIONS: TOTAL WAR by *L. E. Maxwell*. Fuel to fan a missionary flame. ♦

MSC: —, I'd like you to meet —, our Mission Action Chairman. (*She carries a bundle of papers*)

MISSION ACTION CHAIRMAN: I'm glad to meet you. Your face fairly glows. Our Mission Study Chairman's enthusiasm must be contagious.

NEW MEMBER: I've already learned so much. Now I'm eager to hear about Mission Action.

MAC: It's my responsibility to see that every woman is involved in

Is There A Woman's Auxiliary Officer in the House?

(Cont. from page 11)

some kind of missions outreach according to her unique abilities and interests. We plan mission action at our local church level through worldwide outreach. For example, neighborhood evangelism, community needs, children's homes, Missionary Provision Closet, Bible colleges, and many more needs. If you have a few more minutes (*begins rustling paper*) I will tell you a little more about some of the projects we are involved in.

NEW MEMBER: There is a new Auxiliary spirit in this house. ♦

MISSION PRAYER CHAIRMAN

September

Pin prayer requests to a large towel hung near the door and ask the women to take a request as they leave. Cut the requests in the shape of a basin, either elongated or round.

If you do not use the "Washing Feet" program, make prayer booklets with a seasonal flavor. Make copies for each woman expected.

October

Make a small clay vase, one for each woman expected. Roll up a prayer request and slip in the top opening. Vases may be made from Play Doh, salt dough, or bread-mâche.

Vases may be cut from construction paper with requests printed on the back.



Magic Dough

By Lois Smallwood

Pour 2 T. Elmer's glue in a small bowl. Add desired food coloring. Remove crusts from white, inexpensive bread slices and begin crumbling the white part into the glue and food coloring. Keep stirring and adding the fresh crumbs until thickened with some crumbs showing.

Scrape out the mixture onto a piece of plastic wrap. Rub hand lotion into the hands then begin working the dough until it is soft and pliable. Like bubble gum, it begins to stick together eventually and leaves fingers clean.

The dough dries out quickly, so keep unused portion in plastic. It will keep many weeks in plastic, placed in a baggie and refrigerated.

Objects made from this dough dry completely hard overnight, and if sprayed or painted with polyurethane, will last forever.

International Intercessors

The Christian's greatest privilege is prayer. International Intercessors is a fellowship of God's people in many nations who unite day by day in the ministry of intercessory prayer for the unreached and suffering millions on earth.

International Intercessors are sent each month, without charge, the following helpful tools to assist in building an informed prayer ministry:

- 1) A daily prayer calendar of prayer requests from around the world.
- 2) A study in the skills of prayer.
- 3) *World Vision* magazine, which focuses on the Christian church and its responsibility to minister worldwide.

To enroll as an International Intercessor send your address with your request to:

International Intercessors
Box O
Pasadena, CA 91109

Twenty Questions

Select a panel ahead of time and instruct them in how to ask questions in order to quickly determine the subject. Send them from the room while a category and subject is chosen—either missionary, mission field, or an object associated with missions. When the panel returns, inform them of the category. They have 20 questions which may be answered with "yes" or "no" to identify it.

Missionary—choose one from the profile sheet.

Mission field—select one from the field leaflets. It should provide the information needed to answer or ask intelligent questions.

Missionary object—choose one from a mode of travel; baggage or something packed in the baggage; passport, visa, tickets, Bible, slides, camera, Tupperware, etc.

MISSION ACTION CHAIRMAN

50 Auxiliary Projects

Some Auxiliaries begin their new year in September. New officers take office and new plans are set in motion.

Mary Maynard, Illinois, prepared a list of successful Auxiliary projects for missions and presented it to their state retreat. With a few alterations, here is her list.

1. Christmas Post Office. Charge a small amount for delivery inside the church family.
2. Collect items for recycling—newspapers, aluminum cans, glass jars, etc.
3. Thirty pieces of silver.
4. Traveling basket. Fill picnic basket with crafts, food items, etc. The items are replaced and sent to another.
5. Visitation to shut-ins, prospective members and hospital patients.
6. Nursing Home visits with gifts of CO-LABORER and other small gifts, as lap robes, bibs, cosmetics.
7. Monthly calendar (various styles, i.e. Lincoln logs, penny rolls)
8. Send cards to nursing home patients, shut-ins and prospective members.
9. Secret Shut-ins instead of Secret Sisters.
10. Sunshine Baskets to Shut-ins.
11. Christmas party in July (or October) for missionaries.
12. Soul winning outreach to jails and detention homes.
13. "Labels for Education." Collect labels and coupons.
14. Make bandages from old sheets.
15. Give a personal shower for a visiting missionary.
16. Collect medicine bottles, plastic spoons, and envelopes for the African hospital.
17. Make quilts for missionary families.
18. Make items for the Missionary Provision Closet.
19. Cook meals for denominational meetings.
20. Mini-monthly offerings—weigh purses, pay by the pound, measure waists—and give an offering in multiples of that amount.
21. Tax Forms.
22. Instead of buying a Secret Sis gift, give money to missions.
23. Special bank offerings. For example make firecracker banks from toilet tissue rolls.
24. Mile of pennies (84,484).
25. Progressive dinner (using an international menu).
26. International banquet.
27. International Fair.
28. Elijah's Closet (food pantry) for traveling missionaries, homeless or those in need.
29. Mystery supper. Designate menu items with quaint names.
30. Clothes swap.
31. Adopt a missionary family and remember them on birthdays and special occasions.
32. Tape (either audio or video) a special program and send it to a missionary or shut-in.
33. Send gum, Kool-Aid, seals or mixes with missionary letters.
34. Fix a basket of personal items and send to a furloughing missionary.
35. Missionary apron with pockets. Fill pockets with offerings and baste to the apron.
36. From Your Pocket to Ours. Use three pockets cut from fabric and attach to the bulletin board.
37. Send latest books, tapes, and videos to missionaries.
38. Encourage memorial gifts in honor of someone who has died.
39. Give a church kitchen shower. Also one for your pastor's wife.
40. Thank you jar offering (Jehoiada chest).
41. Valentine and Mother-Daughter banquets, annual birthday party, Christmas affair.
42. Make tray favors.
43. Distribute tracts.
44. Collect and trim used postage stamps.
45. Set up a talent fund. Any member may borrow an amount to invest in a project with the proceeds to go to repay the fund and the rest to missions.
46. Pastor and his wife appreciation.
47. Sponsor contests, as Lambs and Lions, Birds and Bees, to measure reading, visitation, or projects.
48. Stuff a new purse with \$1 bills and give to your visiting missionary.
49. Provide a home away from home for international students in your area.
50. Food poundings for home missionaries, children's homes, and visiting missionaries and evangelists.



Bible Study Books for Asian Pastors

The Need: The average monthly salary of a pastor or Christian worker in the Philippines is \$50 to \$80. A one volume inexpensive commentary is equal to one week's salary! Purchasing a study Bible is out of the question.

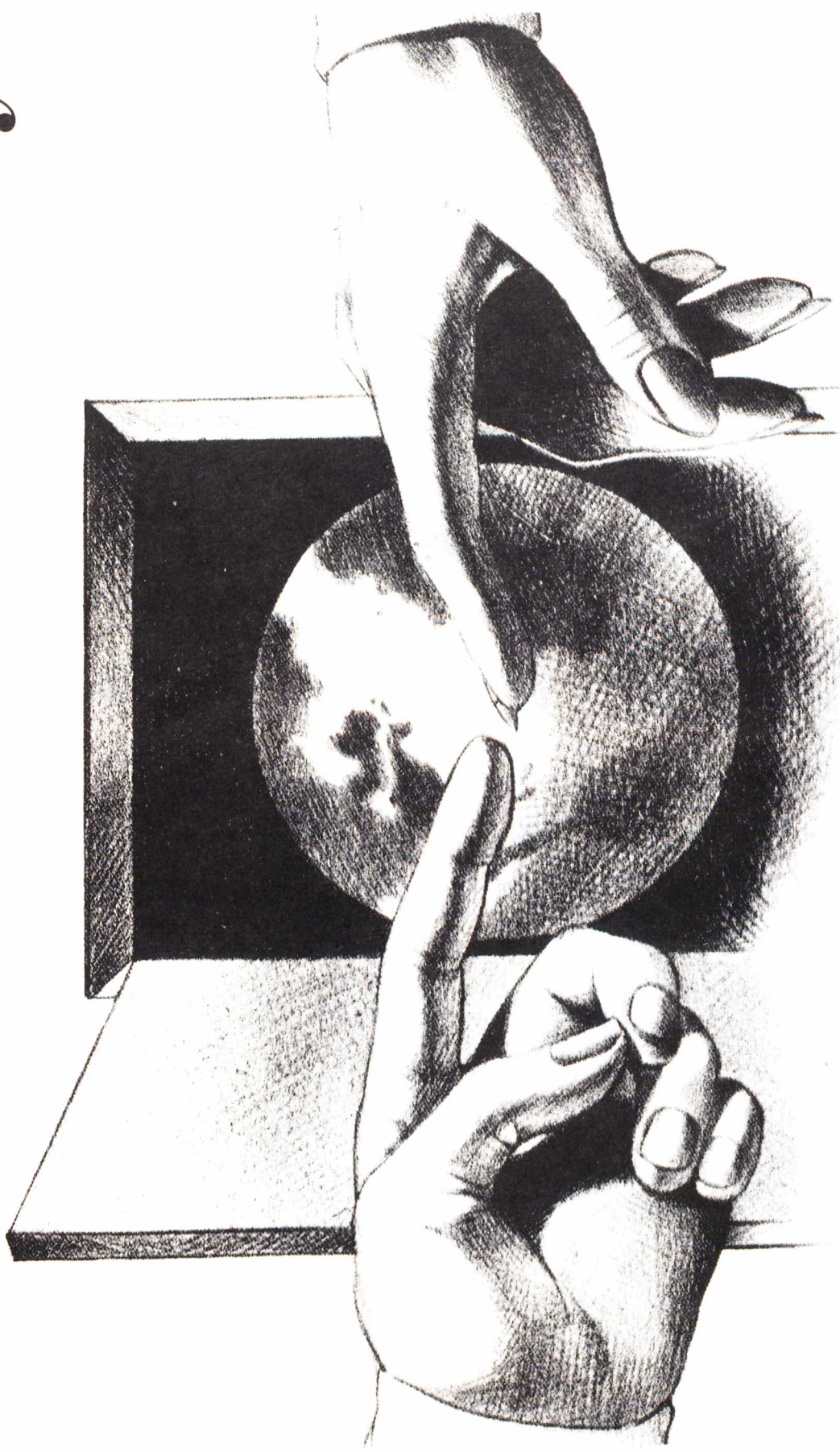
How to Meet the Need: Action International Ministries (ACTION) has begun a *Library Assistance Program* to enable Filipino pastors, Christian workers and ministerial students to obtain used English Bible study books to help in teaching and preaching the Word of God.

Books Needed: *one volume commentaries; Bible dictionaries; Bible handbooks; systematic theology and doctrine; study Bibles; Bible concordances; Bible survey.* They could effectively use several hundred of each.

Packaging and Sending Directions:

1. Pack in small boxes 1' x 1' x 1' and tie securely.
2. Print "Free Religious Literature" on each package.
3. Send by surface (sea) mail.
4. Write "no commercial value" on customs declaration on package (if required).
5. Send to ACTION, P.O. Box 110, Greenhills, 1502 Metro Manila, Philippines.

Woman's Auxiliary



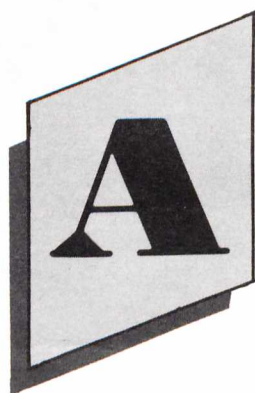
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Women in Action

A record attendance of 146 ladies representing 17 churches in the Beaver Creek district, SC, met for their annual convention with the theme "Victory in Jesus." They rejoiced in the completed project of \$13,534.15 for missionaries Ron and Linda Moore, Cote d'Ivoire. Certificates of appreciation were presented to the presidents of the Auxiliaries assisting in reaching the goal. Other missionary projects included support for Lena Pittman, Bolivia, and Joel and Hope Nason, student missionaries to Cote d'Ivoire.

Blue Point Auxiliary, Cisne, IL, sponsored a "Change the World Through Missions" campaign. A bulletin board with quarter folders and other containers for loose change highlighted the vestibule. Money from the project was divided between Illinois missionaries Dennis Owens (Spain) and David Burgess (Bloomington).

Ladies attending the West Virginia State Auxiliary luncheon brought three yards of fabric plus whatever notions needed for making a dress. These were given to their missionaries. Susie Elliott, Beckley, helped plan this festive affair which also featured Susie's Silly Style Show. Women made their own fashions with prizes awarded to the most original, funniest and prettiest.

A "Labor of Love" Valentine banquet, sponsored by the Philadelphia Woman's Auxiliary, Mt. Clemens, MI, helped provide tools for our missionaries. A recipient of some of the tools commented, "It was very timely since we were going to paper our bathroom."

Women at the Northwest Women's Retreat learned how a wise woman builds her house with the theme "Be a Wise Builder."

LOVE KNOWLEDGE FAITH
JOY SELF CONTROL HOPE
GOODNESS

Lynn Midgett, Spain, was guest speaker.



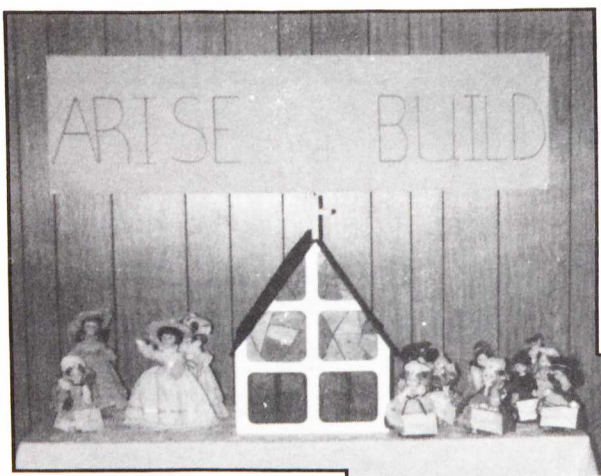
New officers of the Jasper (AL) district: Joyce Henry and Nancy Mayhall, mission prayer chairmen; Linda Silas, president; Betty Hawkins, vice president; Paulette Scott, secretary-treasurer; and Brenda Purser, mission study chairman.



Jasper district executive committee in action.



President Sheila Johnson and Marge Fulbright, treasurer, of the Calvary Fellowship Auxiliary, Fenton, MO, present a check for \$3,064.00 to LaVerne and Lorene Miley to help with deficit accounts in the Ivory Coast. The Clint Morgans, daughter of the Mileys, is one of the beneficiaries of this generous response.



Progressive district (AL) features a salad luncheon with the Rick Bowlings (Uruguay) as special speakers. Dolls from different countries promoted the theme.



Etta Jean White, center, district president, with Linda Woodruff, secretary-treasurer, and missionary Linda Bowling.



Ducks added to the decor. Lavender roses were made from coffee filters.

Heads Auxiliary, Cedar Hill, TN, honors missionaries Tom and Patty McCullough (France) with a money tree. Tom poses with Mrs. Alice Ellis, oldest member and Judy Watts, Auxiliary president.



Vernon district (AL) consists of 39 women from 3 local Auxiliaries. New officers are:

*Elwanda Oakes, Mission Action
Chairman
Jean DuBose, Secretary-Treasurer
Barbara Smith, Field Worker
Joyce Gibson, President
Noble Taylor, Vice President
Kathy Shelnut, Mission Prayer
Chairman
Burma Jordan, Mission Study
Chairman*

The Minister's Wife

Compiled By Cleo Pursell

Pastors' wives have unlimited opportunities to be used as God's instruments.

They are helpmates to our pastors and mothers of PK's (preacher's kids). They serve as hostesses for church guests, visiting evangelists and missionaries. Quite often, they teach Sunday School and/or CTS, work as counselors, nursery workers, youth or bus workers, Woman's Auxiliary officers, choir leaders, and pianists or organists; the pastor's unpaid secretary, even the volunteer janitor.

Wives who have helped their husbands pioneer new churches, or pastor smaller churches, have probably filled most of these positions, and sometimes all at the same time! They are commonly termed the "general flunky," the "catch-all," or "file 13."

As you journey through life as the wife of a pastor, I would encourage you to take along some Christian graces to help guide you as you serve.

The first, faith, is represented by the cross: Someone has said that faith will not always get for us what we want, but it will get what God wants us to have.

As basic as it may seem, you first must have accepted Jesus as your personal Savior and given your life to God. You cannot be used as God's instrument if you do not belong to Him.

When the going gets tough, as it sometimes will, trust in God to guide you through. When bills mount up and you see no way out, trust God to supply. When people hurt or disappoint you, trust God for comfort. When you are tired and lonely, trust God to uplift you. When you fall into the depths of despair, trust God. Cling to Him. Take your burdens to the Lord and leave them there.

On your journey, take hope along with faith. Hope is repre-

Pastors' Wives God's Instrument

By Hope Van Winkle



Hope (Mrs. Bill) has been a pastor's wife for over 25 years. They have two daughters, Faith, a junior at Free Will Baptist Bible College, and Charity, a high school senior. Their current pastorate is First FWB Church, Fulton, MS.

sented in God's Word as an anchor, steadfast and sure (Heb. 6:19). With your faith in God, you can be a beacon of eternal hope to a dark world.

In I Corinthians 15:58, Paul tells us, "... be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord ..." Be steadfast, dependable, faithful, trustworthy, humble and devoted to God. Others should be able to count on you. Support God's work and your husband's ministry 110%.

Someone has said, "God is not as concerned about your ability as He is your availability." You have a talent; use it for God. You may not be blessed with as many talents as the pastor's wife before you. Perhaps she had a million talents all polished to perfection—and your church members never fail to remind you. Don't worry about it! Give your one little talent to God and He will use it as an instrument to bless others and bring glory to Himself. Who knows what blessings may multiply from one small talent in the hand of God!

Be steadfast in your family life. Your first responsibility is to your home and family, not the church. If God blesses and entrusts children to your care and keeping, do not neglect them. Your children are your only earthly possession you can take to heaven with you.

It has been said that love is a four-letter word spelled T-I-M-E. The same holds true for your husband. Do not neglect him. Spend time with him. Take care of God's servant. He is often so busy thinking of others that he neglects himself.

What do you do when you have family problems? (The pastor's family never has problems, does it?)

Several years ago, Fred and Jill Renich held a workshop at the Woman's National Auxiliary Con-

As you journey through life as a pastor's wife,
you need Christian graces to help you serve.

vention. When we have a problem with an appliance, they reminded us, we usually return it to the manufacturer. By the same token, when we have a problem with a mate, child, friend or neighbor, they encouraged us to take it to the Maker/Creator. God made them and knows them better than you. He knows the problem.

Of course, there is always the possibility that you could be the problem. Sometimes there is nothing wrong with the appliance itself, but we are not following the manufacturer's instructions. Spend time in God's Word and in prayer. Leave God to work it out in His time. Do not nag.

Ask God to help you manage your time and establish priorities. You may have to put on hold some things that you would like to do, especially if you are in the busy and demanding child-rearing time of life. Trust God to lead your life in His perfect pattern.

Along with faith and hope on your journey, take charity, or love. Without love you cannot be God's instrument.

Years ago in our February Auxiliary meeting, each of the ladies presented me with a hand-made valentine. I have kept them over the years. One in particular touched me in a special way. She wrote: "Love is many things to many people. Love for our pastor's wife to me is: Being a good friend, Being a good listener, Remembering that she is a real person and not a superwoman, Remembering to say a prayer for her. Always remembering that she is our first lady." Then she included the verse taken from John 13:35.

Pastors' wives share those same sentiments with all the wonderful people in their congregations who have allowed God to use them as His instruments. And blessed are they who love their pastor's wife in return and allow her the freedom to be God's instrument.

A definition of love is often seen stitched on samplers:

Charity (Love) is:

Silence when our words would hurt,

Patience when our neighbor's curt,

Deafness when the scandal flows,

Thoughtfulness for other's woes,
Promptness when stern duty calls,

Courage when adversity falls.

Faith, hope, charity, and the greatest of these is charity, or love. Use these graces in your journey through life.

The path of a good woman is indeed strewn with flowers, but they rise behind her steps and not before them. This describes any woman who allows God to use her as His instrument, but it is especially true of the pastor's wife. ♦

A Former Pastor's Wife

Willa Bullard
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

In 1939, Willa Bullard married Seldon Bullard. Little did she know that when she said "I do", she was promising to become the wife of a pastor. She fulfilled

this role for more than 38 years until she was widowed in 1977.

Mrs. Bullard is a gentle lady and a woman of prayer and dedication. Her special sense of humor is a delight to all. Her warm gift of hospitality has encouraged countless missionaries and evangelists.

Her love for Auxiliary led her to organize many Auxiliaries and serve as state secretary-treasurer. Her talents also include music (piano and organ) and teaching. Her example of a surrendered life challenges all who cross her path.

Willa has one daughter, Carolyn, who is also a minister's wife.

Mrs. Bullard now lives alone among the flock of her husband's last pastorate. "She is an inspiration to our church family," they say of her.



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.

But She Isn't Even Dating Yet!

By a Pastor's Wife

When I learned Michelle* wasn't having her periods, I made an appointment with the doctor. I shouldn't be concerned, I told myself. She had skipped periods before, as is common with many 15 year olds. Yet I knew even before we went that things would never again be the same.

"Your daughter is 6½ months pregnant," the doctor told me as Michelle huddled in tears. I sat in shocked disbelief. Why, her father—our pastor—and I had forbidden her to even date until her 16th birthday.

Jeff and his sister came from an unhappy home situation and sought refuge in ours. Along with our three other children, plus those I babysat, two more were hardly noticed. I knew Jeff liked Michelle, but they were rarely alone.

Both Jeff and his sister early expressed a desire to follow Christ. My husband went through the plan of salvation with Jeff, and I, with his sister. Their professions seemed genuine and they rarely missed a service. They rode with us.

Somehow we got out of the doctor's office and into our car and began the 15 minute drive home. Michelle seemed so small and scared. A jumble of questions churned in my mind but could find no expression. She had shattered my dreams for her purity, but I tried to assure her that I

loved both her and the baby and we would stand by her all the way. Sometimes we disappoint our Heavenly Father and cause Him heartache and grief, and He never gives up on us.

Michelle went straight to her room while I broke the news to her dad. As shepherd of the flock, he often encounters hurting sheep, but never had one of his own been so wounded. Later he went to her room and assured her that he loved her. "Now go eat your supper," he told her, "and take good care of the baby." Abortion was never an option.

Eleven days later Michelle went into labor and delivered her son prematurely, weighing 5 lbs., 3 oz. Jeff and I sat with her and shared this experience. He and my daughter had become one flesh and his blood flowed through the veins of my new grandson. I could not reject him.

"Marriage is for life," we counseled them and they both agreed this was what they wanted. Although Michelle did not come to her marriage a virgin, we felt she deserved a church wedding and did the best we could. God could bless this union in spite of its fragile beginning.

Almost overnight Michelle had to go from a carefree teenager to a wife and mother. We let her know the baby was hers and she was responsible for his upbringing. But someone helped me as a young mother and showed me what to do. Teenage mothers especially need all the help they can get. We did babysit the baby

while she finished school and Jeff worked while completing his GED on the side.

We were never ashamed of Adam. We showed him off and flashed his pictures just like any other proud grandparent. Children are precious in God's sight and are not to blame for how they come into the world or how they are raised.

Our children have now been married 8 years and Adam has a 4-year old brother. They have their ups and downs—as in most marriages—but the marriage is bonding.

For several years I have counseled young girls at youth camp. When the lights are out, we talk about boys. I tell them:

When you're old enough to date, date only Christian boys. Sex is for marriage.

Don't let boys talk you into it before marriage.

It only takes one time to get pregnant.

You pay for your mistakes.

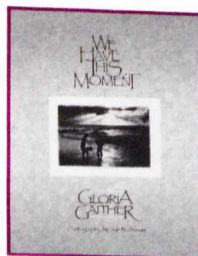
Our God is a holy God, yet a forgiving One.

I hope I never have to go through this experience again. Only prayer got us through. And we learned that there's nothing too great for the Lord Jesus to help you handle it.

**Due to the sensitivity of this article, all names have been changed.*

Book Highlights

WE HAVE THIS MOMENT
by Gloria Gaither, Word Books



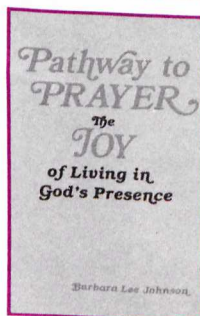
Maybe you think of Gloria Gaither as only the third person of the famous Gaither Trio, but she is also a prolific writer with six other books to her credit.

Gloria Gaither has coauthored seven major musicals and been lyricist for more than 400 songs. *WE HAVE THIS MOMENT* reads like a lyric as we are allowed to browse through the pages of Gloria's personal journal.

If you think reading journals is a waste of time, skip this book. But if you've ever had a hankering to express yourself in words and capture some of your exciting moments on paper, the author shows you how.

A PERSONAL NOTEBOOK, a companion to *WE HAVE THIS MOMENT*, is included with the book to encourage you to capture your own moments.

PATHWAY TO PRAYER
The Joy of Living in God's Presence
by Barbara Lee Johnson,
Total Life Ministries



It's easier to read about prayer than to actually pray. But as you read this illustrated book you find yourself actually communicating with the Father.

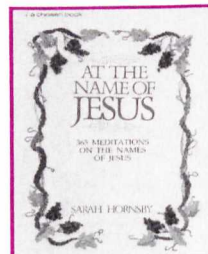
Written in the

Amy Carmichael style—"Her heart said . . . Her Lord said . . ."—the book causes your heart to burn, sing and worship as you read.

Delightful illustrations preceding each chapter capture the reader's attention and hold it through the entire 26 chapters. Indeed the illustrations could be enlarged as flash cards for a group study, or they could be transferred to transparencies for the overhead.

PATHWAY TO PRAYER may be ordered from the publisher, P.O. Box 536221, Orlando, FL 32853-6221. Please enclose \$4.95 plus \$1.00 postage and handling.

AT THE NAME OF JESUS
by Sarah Hornsby, Fleming H. Revell



What do you do when you can't sleep? Count sheep? Pray? Count backwards from 300? Or go through the alphabet reciting titles attributed to Christ?

If you experiment with the latter, *AT THE NAME OF JESUS* provides rich resource material. This devotional book is an astounding collection of 365 meditations, each one built upon a scriptural metaphor or title for Jesus Christ.

This convenient-size hardback book is designed with intricate bordered pages with space to write your own additions.

Suggestions are given for using the book in your Quiet Time, leading you deeper into the riches of your faith and inspiring you to worship "at the name of Jesus."

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

A Woman God Has Used

For nearly 50 years, at the First FWB Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Edna Young was a trusted, loved and faithful member. She was a woman God used in the background.

Edna was faithful in every sense of the word. She never missed a service or an Auxiliary meeting as long as she was able to go. She faithfully attended the district, state and national meetings as well.

Missions and the Auxiliary were extremely dear to Edna's heart. During the 1950's, with a teenage daughter at home, she directed both the GTA's and YPA's. Seems her house overflowed with teens both day and night. Her quick wit, sense of humor and warm hospitality endeared her to both young and old alike.

When Edna was widowed in 1953, she raised her family alone. She taught her three children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren—by word and example—that the most important thing they could ever do is to accept Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior.

A long time friend, Lela Crow, sums her up: "Edna was always the same, always Edna, every day and all the way around. She was the Rock of Gibraltar."

On June 27, 1987, Edna's precious Savior called her home. Her memory remains as a woman God has used.

— Becky Massey

I Trusted Jesus

When I was a little girl of ten
My life for Jesus then began;
Had I not trusted Him that day
I could have easily lost my way.

My parents were saved, and Granny,
too.

They trusted Jesus to take them
through.

And taught us to love and how to
live

And prayed to Jesus our lives we'd
give.

How well I remember although I'm
old

Just how I felt when He saved my
soul;

I loved everybody, both good and
bad,

When I trusted Jesus, the best friend
I've had.

My family and friends are all so dear
We love and laugh while we are
here;

We're trusting Jesus, I know He is
real

Because His presence tonight I can
feel.

— Ruby Southerland

What He Did For Me

When I knelt down at an altar of
prayer,

My heart was so heavy, my soul in
despair;

Then I called upon Jesus, and He
heard my plea,

I'll never get over what He did for
me.

My life was so empty, it seemed all in
vain,

The things of this world, they only
brought pain;

But I gave it to Jesus while down on
my knees,

And I'll never get over what He did
for me.

Now life is worth living, all things are
new,

My burdens are lighter, heaven's in
view;

I'll sing His praises through all
eternity

And I'll never get over what He did
for me.

— Ruth Shoemaker

The poet's CORNER



Prayer

P is for the problems that I handle
every day,
Husband fed and off to work,
Children out to play;
Pots and pans, clothes and toys,
Thoughts of prayer—with all this
noise?

R is for revenge on husband and on
friend
How could she call when she must
know
These things I need to tend?
Husband home and loves me, SURE,
Maybe fighting is the TV cure.

A is for adventure in the jungle of
my home—
That noise inside the disposal
Is from regions yet unknown;
Boys and girls, frogs and curls
Ball through picture window hurled.

Y is for yesterday in retrospect
observed—
The things upon my list I missed
And for today reserved;
Yesterday—today—sometime—soon,
Only so much one can do before
noon.

E is for ecstasy of uninterrupted
bathing
Requests from little mouths that
For this moment they've been
saving;
Soap and suds, yells and hugs
Who sent to me these little thugs?

R is for rejoicing in all my daily strife,
In and out and everywhere
I live my hurried life;
Laughing, loving, caring, giving
This is ALL a part of living.

— Diann Henson

Returning Home

I remember many years ago when I
sat at Mother's knee,
And in fancy lived the stories as she
read God's Word to me.
My tender heart was troubled when I
heard for me Christ died;
No one else had loved me so, and for
my sins I cried.

But yesterday has faded and I've
wandered far away,
Worldly friends and pleasures are my
desire today.

My heart no longer tender is full of
discontent,
There's no hope for the future unless
I will repent.

I must return to yesterday before it is
too late,
Tomorrow belongs to Jesus, He'll
make my pathway straight;
With open arms He's waiting to lead
me home today,
Sheltered there within His love I'll
never stray away.

— Virginia Weber

Hush Your Mouth

"Listen, did you hear?"

"Tell me, dear, tell me."

"No, you don't say!"

"Now that's not anyway . . .

Not anyway to act at all;

I think that's too bad."

"No wonder she can never smile,
She's too busy being mad."

Busy tongues are wagging, but what
do they say?

Nothing good for anyone, they wag
the day away.

Keep your peace, the Good Book
says, now think on that a spell;

That's country talk for "Hush Your
Mouth!" In other words, don't tell.
Don't tell everything you know to
everyone you meet;

Keep your business to yourself, learn
to be discreet.

Death and life are in our tongues,
let's learn to guard them well;
Remember this and then next time,
maybe you won't tell.

— Addie Rynes

Creative Arts Contest

Poetry Division

Send in your poems now for the new contest
deadline: March 1, 1990

BROKEN Woman

By Eddie Payne

BROKEN WOMAN

Sixty years of toil
Had extracted a heavy toll.
Wrinkled hands grasping her til-
ling hoe
She struggled to coax life from
sterile earth.

FUTILITY

Almost all of them had gone on
ahead of her,
The children she agonized to
birth
Against hopeless odds.
Malaria
Dysentery
Tetanus
Unknown killers
Swiftly dispatched her little ones.

ANGUISH

The tiny forms wrapped in soiled
rags
Laid under the hard clay.
Soon forgotten memories to all
But her,
Mother
Who had carried them under her
heart.

HELPLESS WOMAN

Wealth all spent on
Futile attempts to do
Just the right thing.
Chickens
Sheep
Cattle
All freely offered
And too eagerly accepted by
charlatans
Who hope, too,
But do not really believe.

LIFE

A burden
Carried along an obscure
Uneven path
Growing darker
More senseless every day.
When will it end,
And the incomprehensible village
of the dead
Open wide her cold arms

To welcome another voyager
In eternal embrace?

HOPE

For the few who survived
The first grain harvest
Then the second,
Only to be snatched away
Before the third.

KNOWING LOOKS

From those who shared her role,
Giver of life
Receiver of death.
Was it never satisfied—
This open-mouthed demon, death
Greedy gobbling her reasons for
living?

THEY FAILED

Fetishes, amulets
Idols of clay
Wood
Stone
Soaked in the blood of a thou-
sand roosters,
Mute witness to motherhood's
desperate attempts
To stop the futility of soon ended
lives.

THANGBA

So far away
Beyond the clouds and stars.
He made us
But soon went away to stay.
We live
And while we wait to die,
We seek a sacrifice
That He will accept.

HOPELESS BROKEN WOMAN

What is that sound?
A whispered rustling
In the leaves of the shea nut tree.
A melodic sweetness from the
doves
Foraging grain on the housetop
thrashing floor.
A symphony of light
Cracking the blackness of the
eastern sky.
Voices from once helpless
Doomed sons and daughters of
mankind
Rising and falling in praise.

A WORD

From beyond the darkened limits
of comprehension.
A whisper
A voice
A shout
That penetrates deaf hearts.
With incredible clarity
It speaks,
Then speaks again.
And hope springs alive
In spirits long thought dead.

LISTEN

Hear the speaker with strong
bright eyes
And stammering lips.
Thangba is not far away
As we had thought.
Feel the inexorable pull of the
heart
Toward new words and meanings.
Sense the surge of hopeful
anticipation
That this is true,
Not just another lie to lead
Farther from life and hope.
And in that moment of
acceptance
Marie
Became our sister in Christ.

Eddie Payne, missionary in Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa for 25 years, now heads the missions department at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN.

Missionary Prayer Calendar

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

September

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

October

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

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

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

The Power of Prayer

By Donna Daniel
Missionary to Cote d'Ivoire

It was during one of those long winter months in France when you wonder if you'll ever thaw out. The snow piles higher on the ground and stacks one to two feet deep on roof tops. As the snow melts and refreezes several times over, it forms a thick crust of ice underneath. When that stuff decides to descend, it packs a powerful wallop.

One day after we had wracked our brains in French, Mark went to the nursery to pick up Amy, then 2½. I went to the laundry room to get our clothes.

With Amy in one arm and French books in the other, Mark walked alongside the building. Suddenly without warning, a huge bank of snow and ice descended, hitting Amy and knocking

her completely out of Mark's arms. Books flew everywhere.

As I came from the laundry room, I saw Amy crying and one side of her face like hamburger meat. My first reaction was to panic, but I realized I couldn't undo the incident, neither could I have prevented it; but I could pray.

The next hour and half as we sat with Amy, we had a real sense of not being alone. Others were interceding in our behalf.

Before we had time to write a letter and get a reply, we received a letter from my best friend, also one from my mother. "Donna," they wrote, "about a week ago"—and they gave the exact date—"we had a strong burden to pray for you."

God used that experience to teach me the power of prayer which I needed when we reached Africa.

PRAYER REQUESTS



● Ron and Linda Moore, Jalayn Martens and Glennda Leatherbury have completed language study and are settling in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). Pray for their adjustment to another culture, health, and witness among the Ivorians.

● Katy Minor, Rhode Island, continues to suffer from respiratory problems. Pray for her and Bill Reagan, Canada, who recently underwent heart surgery.

● The David McGowans replaces the Dooleys in Hamilton, Ohio. Pray a strong church can be established here.

● Cathy Crawford and the Dennis Teagues are opening a new work in St. Sebastien, a suburb of Nantes, France. Pray for fruitful contacts.

● Pray for Steve and Judy Lytle in the midst of political turmoil in Panama.

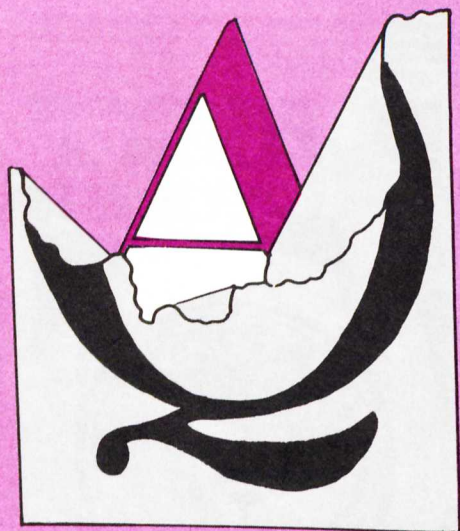
● Leon Gibson, Tecumseh, MI; Richard Hendrix, Huntsville, AL; Bill Johnson, Elizabethton, KY; and Russell Johnson, Cheyenne, WY are all in building programs. Pray for wisdom in all decisions.

● Rick and Linda Bowling have returned to Uruguay. Pray for the witness of their son, Chris, a high school senior.



Missions
Hot Line

615-361-5005



The Auxiliary Game

Preparation

Arrange two long tables longways with 10 chairs facing the audience. In front of each pair of chairs place a holder for the answer cards. Or the players may hold the cards in front of them.

Write the answer possibilities on flash cards about 9 x 12. You will need 27 of them. As the answer is given, place the appropriate card in the holder, or the player may hold it. You can play without these cards, but these extra visuals enhance the teaching.

The Auxiliary Game is played like the Newlywed Game.

Call five Auxiliary officers to the front and ask them to choose a partner with whom they are somewhat compatible. As one group leaves the room, you ask the remaining group questions to which they are to answer as they think their partners would answer. The members leave the room first as officers are seated at the table. Each one answers a separate question. As she answers, place her answer card in the holder.

Choose your own questions or use the following:

1. If you had to be one of the six basic officers of the Auxiliary, which would you be?
2. Some Auxiliary meetings are divided into business, program, prayer and refreshments. Which one interests you most?
3. The Auxiliary has 7 goals, among which are: Mission Study, Mission Prayer and Mission Action. Which one is most emphasized in your Auxiliary?

4. WNAC sponsors 3 weeks of prayer annually—one each for home missions, foreign missions and state missions. The offerings are named for an Auxiliary pioneer. Name one of these offerings. Laura Belle Barnard, Alice Lupton or Lizzie McAdams?

5. Correct reporting is vital to our Auxiliary statistics. Your local Auxiliary reports only to: District Convention, State Convention or directly to the National Convention?

Remove the answers (or turn them over). The members return to the room and are seated beside their partners. Ask them the same questions. If their answer is identical, replace the answer in the holder. If it is different, leave it blank.

Now the officers leave the room and the members answer their questions as they feel their partners would.

1. August is Emphasis Month on the Auxiliary Calendar. February is Foreign Student Scholarship Month and September is Memorial Student Loan Fund. To which of these does your Auxiliary contribute the most?

2. How much are our national dues—\$1.50, \$2.00, or \$2.50?

3. It costs a lot of money to operate the WNAC office. How is it largely supported? a. a percentage of the cooperative fund of the National Association, b. Co-Laborer Offering Plan and Emphasis Month offerings, c. projects promoted by the national officers.

4. CO-LABORER, our magazine for all Free Will Baptist women, contains many interesting features. When you receive your copy, which feature will you probably read first? Woman God Has Used, The Poet's Corner, Letters, or Women in Action?

5. If you could choose one word to describe the purpose of a Woman's Auxiliary, would it be Fellowship, Inspiration or Missions?

A small piece of candy, or some other small token, could be given to those who answered both their questions identically.

Letters

Avid Co-Laborers

Maybe I am a miser, but I save all my CO-LABORERS. Ever so often I look through them, read and rejoice, or get a new idea. I remember so many ladies who took part in our programs who have now gone on to be with the Lord.

*Myra Hill
Russellville, AR*

I really enjoy the new CO-LABORER. I read it through the night I get my new issue.

*Bessie Simmons
Cordele, GA*

Our Auxiliary meets on the third Wednesday night each month. The children have a Bible story time and the men meet together. Our attendance is up and the interest of our young women is such a blessing.

*Barbara South
Leighton, AL*

Please increase our order. We have two more women who wish to receive CO-LABORER. We enjoy the new format and read it from cover to cover.

*Kathryn Rapp
Piketon, OH*

Please Pray

Tragedy hit our family. My husband developed throat cancer and had to have surgery, removing his vocal chords, voice box and larynx. He is having a battle coping with this . . . My father developed leukemia with a limited time to live. Please pray . . .

*Barbara Otwell
Ventura, CA*

Missionaries

The Lord has provided us a fur-lough house in Tifton, GA—rent free. What a help for our account . . . Hopefully this will help us return to Japan in one year.

Dale and Sandra Bishop, Japan

I am responsible once a month to teach four classes. This is a real

challenge because my language is still so limited that it takes days to prepare each lesson. But I have been thrilled to see how the Lord has fulfilled His promise to strengthen me.

Debbie Griffin, Japan

Thank all you ladies for your cards and letters. They remind us that you are holding us up in prayer. One wrote, "Your birthday is a special day of prayer for you in our Auxiliary." What an encouragement!

*Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson
Cote d'Ivoire*

The special effort made so we can return to Brazil goes far beyond the ordinary measure by many of you, and especially on the part of some. Prayer support and offerings are greatly felt and appreciated.

Dave and Pat Franks, Brazil

Our annual Vacation Bible School . . . averaged 65 for the week and 16 of the children accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior.

Steve and Judy Lytle, Panama

Contest Winners

I received your letter telling me that my skit had been selected as a winner in the writing contest. I was totally surprised because this was one of my first tries at writing.

*Margaret Ashcraft
Morehead, KY*

I was so excited to learn my poem was a winner, especially since poetry is not really my specialty. I've probably only written four or five in my lifetime.

*Jeannie Cool
Pikeon, OH*

My mother (now 81) has written poems all her life. My older sister used to bring books home from school for me to read. So I guess that is where I got my love of writing.

*Betty Jane Jones
Kirksville, MO*

Words for Women

Mary R. Wisehart



The dying time. That's what many people think about the fall. Plants dying, leaves drying and falling to the ground. Grass turning brown. Trees standing bare.

Depressing? Not at all to me. It's one of my favorite seasons next to spring, summer, and winter.

I love the crisp coolness and the brilliant colors of fall. I like the sleepy fog and mist. I like tramping through dry leaves. I enjoy the October blue sky and the need for a sweater. I even like the bare branches.

But most of all I like the reminder that fall gives of the life to come.

Under the dry leaves lies the seed, just waiting to come to life. In the cold earth the plants still live, just waiting to send up shoots and leaves, buds and blossoms.

On the bare trees—haven't you noticed?—the buds for next year have already formed. They are just waiting and you can almost feel the anticipation, the life, just under the surface, but very much alive and powerful.

In his time of questioning, Job mentioned this natural sequence. "For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease." Job 14:7 Even if the branches are cut off, underneath, in the ground, the tree still lives and at the right moment will burst through the soil.

And so it is for the Christian. Job voiced the question for all of us. "If a man die, shall he live again?" Job 14:14 But he moved beyond the question to "I know that my redeemer liveth, . . . And though . . . worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Job 19:25,26

Even now in the valley of the shadow of death we are life, strong, powerful, vibrant, waiting. Waiting for that day when we shall grow and blossom as God planned from the beginning.

Fall is simply life in hushed expectation.

We may rejoice at any season, but especially in the fall as we remember that Jesus died and arose again, becoming the first fruits.

Fall is a reminder that we, too, shall know life in its fullness. Even now it abides within us.

Eunice Edwards Loan Fund



5 year goal
\$50,000

Amount Received
\$20,756.62

Congratulations Grad's



Thanks to the
Memorial
Student Loan Fund

Established in 1958 as a tribute to pioneer Auxiliary women, the Memorial Student Loan Fund helps needy and worthy students complete their training at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The Auxiliary is a missionary service of the church. One of the best ways to reach our goal is to help prepare students to carry out our Lord's last commission.

September is Student Loan Month. Each Auxiliary is requested to receive an offering and send it through regular channels to the WNAC office. Help somebody today.

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