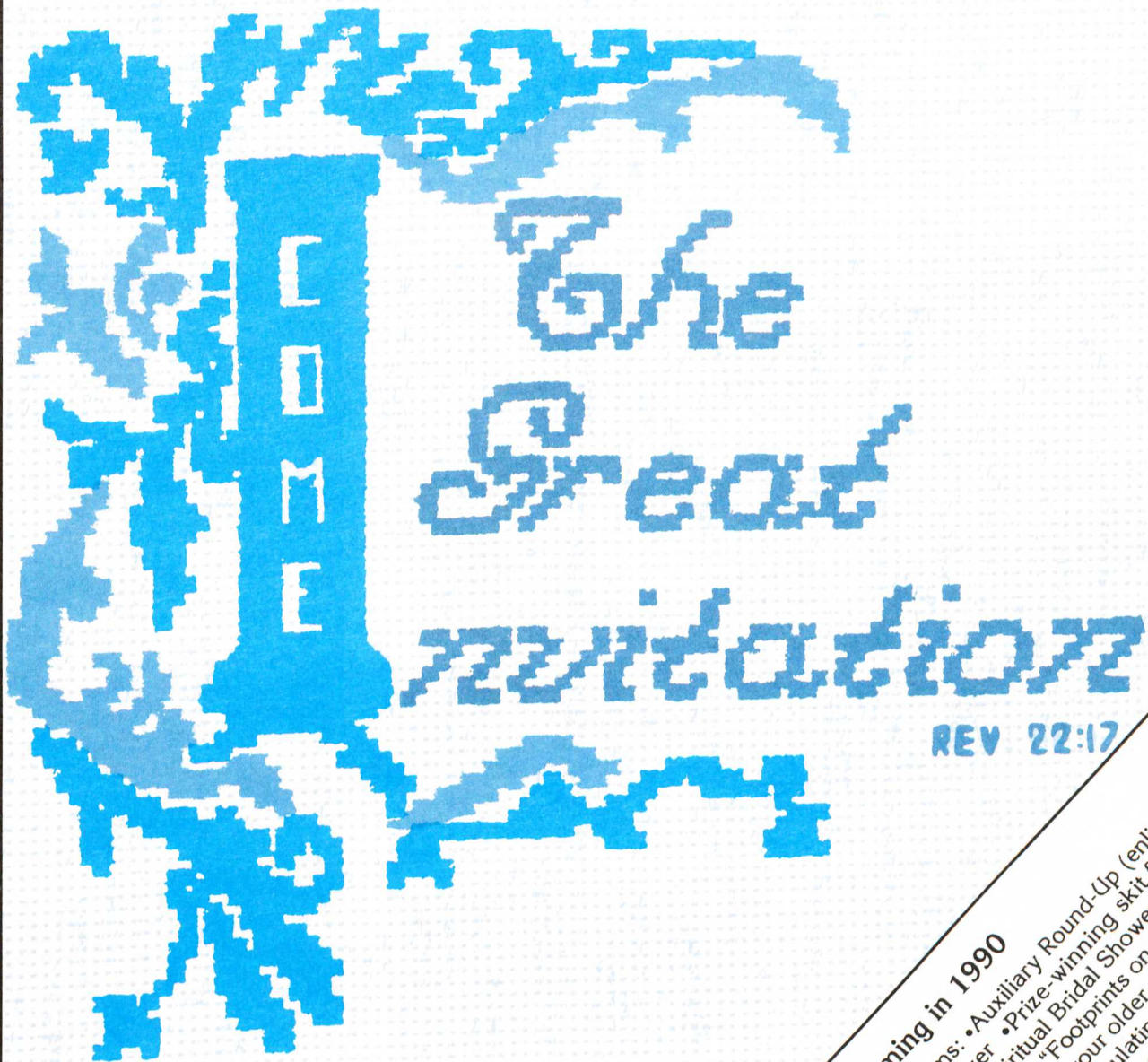


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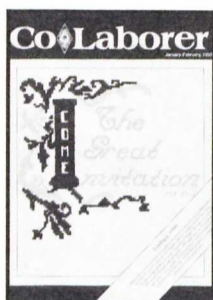
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The Great Invitation

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Editorial

Not everyone has the privilege of reliving some of his happiest memories, but that's what God did for us when He allowed us to return to Africa.

Our stay was all I hoped it would be, and more, except...

I did not see Suzanne.

Suzanne, our black daughter, is now 20. I packed things for her that I knew she liked—bath powder, finger nail polish, a new dress, undies, scarf, clutch, jewelry...

"You'd better take along some baby things," a voice told me. A girl without a baby is almost unheard of in Africa.

We didn't live in our old village—we lived 50 miles away—but we visited there almost immediately. We met Afia, Suzanne's mother, as soon as we drove into the drive.

No, Suzanne was not there, we were told. Lobis have a custom that if the young man cannot pay the bridal price, he can steal his girl and flee "down south" and stay until after the birth of the first child. She had eloped with a Christian boy and was pregnant with their baby.

We tried in vain to locate this one whose heart had once been so intertwined with my own. I felt sure if she knew we were there, she'd come to us. But she didn't. I waited until the last day then, with sad resignation, gave her things to the youngest student-preacher's wife, Esther, 18.

Lord, dare I hope for a "next time?"

—Lorene Miley

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Auxiliary women share how they observe their daily "Quiet Time" with God

When first asked to share about my devotional life, I felt reluctant to write about this very personal part of my life; however, if what I have written will help someone, I am glad to share it with our women.

I will always remember February 10, 1988 as a special day in my life. God used a friend that day to encourage me to begin enjoying a quiet time with Him each day. Until then, I was not in the Word consistently. I was more concerned about spending time for God than spending time with Him.

This special friend gave me a set of Psalms and Proverbs and encouraged me to listen to God's Word. I took the tapes to my bedroom, and every morning at 5:45, I listen to one side of each tape before getting ready for work. God's Word sets the tone for my entire day. His words are alive and powerful and I gain strength each morning before going to work. When the tape ends, I spend time in prayer. God's Word has prepared my heart for communion with the Father.

I enjoy times with God in the lab where I work, riding in the car and other times throughout the day. But I do want to cultivate the habit of spending longer periods with my Lord.

I keep Bible study tapes in the den and listen to these at night while ironing. Just before going to sleep at night I listen to one side of a New Testament tape. (Last week I checked on the price of the Old Testament tapes and hope to purchase a set of these tapes soon.)

To help me maintain consistency in my devotional life and double my joy, I call a friend each morning before going to work and share a devotional thought from MY DAILY APPOINTMENT WITH GOD, by Lucille Fern Sollenberger. This is one of the most refreshing devotional books I have ever read. Before using this one, I often read JOY AND STRENGTH and MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST, which are also excellent devotional books.

At the beginning of each year I put a 5x8 card in my Bible and head it "My Reading List" with the months printed along the left side. I try to read a book each month that will help me know God more intimately and provide nourish-

ment for my spiritual growth. In recent months, I have especially enjoyed QUIET TALKS ON PRAYER by S. D. Gordon, THE CHRISTIAN'S SECRET OF A HAPPY LIFE by Hannah Whitall Smith, PLEASING GOD by R.C. Sproule, THE NAMES OF GOD by Andrew Jukes, and SENSE AND NONSENSE ABOUT PRAYER by Lehman Strauss.

A few months ago our ladies Bible study group began using the SERENDIPITY BIBLE for our Thursday night study. This study Bible places tremendous emphasis on practical application of the Scriptures and is proving one of the greatest helps in my devotional life.

I am also involved in studying a book a month with a friend. While studying Philippians, we read and discussed BE JOYFUL by Warren Wiersbe. Two months ago we studied Ephesians and read his BE RICH commentary. This month we are reading 1 Corinthians and reading Wiersbe's BE WISE. Last week, we bought BE HOPEFUL, a commentary on 1 Peter which we plan to study this summer.

Having a friend to hold me accountable for a consistent devotional life has been a great encouragement to me. We study the Word together, pray together (riding down the highway, in the den, bedroom, wherever) and we memorize the Word together. We also enjoy sharing discoveries with each other.

Someone has said that a joy shared is a joy doubled. So when I share God's Truth with a friend, my joy is doubled. ♦

Come into His Presence

By Lou Bullard



Auxiliary Round-up

by Vicki Hubbard and Velda Tucker

Invitation Monologue (for the Sunday before your meeting)

Howdy Pardner! Don't let the blues fence you in. Round up a herd of cowgirls (Co-Laborers) and head for Auxiliary meeting. We want ya'll to look your best so don your Western duds, pull on those boots, fasten those spurs, throw a blanket around your shirt and skirt and ride, ride, ride. Hitch the old Chevy, Dodge or Mustang to the hitching post and join the gang in the old corral (Fellowship Hall).

Let's all join the vice president in lassoing the strays who have wandered out on the range. Be mighty mindful, pardner, of the coyotes (forgetfulness, lukewarmness, slothfulness) who would like to devour us all.

We want to put our brand (WNAC emblem) on every "Buffalo gal" or young heifer. Many roam the prairie, but be on guard for the cactus (excuses).

Our missionaries cover a mighty big spread and need more prayer pardners posted throughout our land. We're saddened at so many deficit accounts. So

when pay day rolls around, let those mission dollars jingle as they hit the bread plate. Come on, pardners, let's start a stam-pede so they can feed the lost with the Good News! See you at the old gate post! (Give time, place and instructions.)

CHARACTERS: Cowgirl #1, a veteran Auxiliary member who loves to enroll new Auxiliary members Cowgirl #2, a neighbor of Cowgirl #1 who knows nothing about Auxiliary but has "heard" everything about it.

SETTING: Both women are dressed in denim skirts, western shirts, neck scarves, cowboy boots, hats, etc. Cowgirl #1 is sitting on a "fence" strumming her guitar and softly humming to herself as Cowgirl #2 enters.

COWGIRL #2: Howdy partner!

COWGIRL #1: Well, howdy there. Come over and set a spell. How are things going for you?

COWGIRL #2: Oh so-so. Kind of dry over at my spread. Not much rain lately, herds are getting rest-

less. You know, just the normal stuff. How about yourself?

COWGIRL #1: Couldn't be better! We're head over heels in plans for our annual Woman's Auxiliary Round-Up! Listen to some of the choruses we've come up with....

COWGIRL #2: Auxiliary...well, I guess not. I'd better be going. *(begins to walk away)* See ya 'round.

COWGIRL #1: Hey, pardner, I didn't mean to scare you off.

COWGIRL #2: Well, I really do have chores waiting...and I need to...

COWGIRL #1: *(interrupting)* ...and you're afraid I'm going to ask YOU to join up with our Auxiliary.

COWGIRL #2: How did you guess? Well, friend, you know Auxiliary is nice for some gals, but it's just not my cup of tea. *(turns to leave again)*

COWGIRL #1: *(begins strumming her guitar. As the singing begins, Cowgirl #2 returns to listen.)*

(To the tune of "Red River Valley")

Come and sit by my side,
won't you listen?

Do not hasten to bid me adieu.
Let me tell you about the
Woman's Auxiliary

WNAC's Enlistment Program for 1990

And the reason I love it so true.
Jesus Christ gave to us a com-
mission

"Go ye therefore, baptize and
teach."

The Auxiliary tries to fulfill
this—

Won't you help us the lost
souls to reach?

COWGIRL #2: (*stuttering*)
Oh...I'd love to help reach the
lost...honest I would. But,
well...you know me...I'm just not
talented. I have no gifts. You gals
down at the church, why, you're
always quilting and doing first
one thing and then another. I
can't do any of those things.

COWGIRL #1: (*Singing*) There is
more to our meetings than quilt-
ing.

Every gal is encouraged to
pray.

Mission Prayer Chairmen keep
members posted

Of the needs on the fields far
away.

See here now, praying is one of
the biggest things we do for our
missionaries. They'd much rather
have us praying for them than
making quilts. I KNOW I can
pray. Each Auxiliary has a Mis-
sion Prayer Chairman who en-
courages things like family altar,
special weeks of prayer, and

keeps us up to date about who
and what to pray for. Now how
about it? Are you ready to join
up with us?

COWGIRL #2: Well, sure, I'd like
to pray for our missionaries.
But...well...to be honest, I don't
have a lot of time and I've heard
the meetings are such a bore...a
real waste of time. After all, I am
somewhat of an educated gal. I
need something to stimulate my
brain.

COWGIRL #1: (*singing*) Pleasing
God is our goal at Auxiliary,

And I hope we are never a
bore.

Mission Study encourages
learning,

More of God than we've ere
known before.

I've learned a lot since I joined
the Auxiliary. The Mission Study
Chairman introduced me to some
exciting books and encouraged
me to do the Bible study printed
in CO-LABORER, our bimonthly
magazine. She even talked me
into writing letters to our mission-
aries. I'm learning, making new
missionary friends, and learning
more about serving God and all at
the same time.

COWGIRL #2: Well, it sounds
okay for you, but I'm basically a

shy person. It's hard for me to
meet folks and fellowship. And
I'd just bet, if I was a betting
woman, that your (*whispering*)
"fellowshipping" is where most of
our church gossip begins. I hear
tell there's plenty of "action" at
some of your meetings.

COWGIRL #1: (*singing*) Fellow-
ship is indeed at our meetings,

But the "action's" not all in the
jaw.

We stay busy with Mission Ac-
tion projects

Doing our part to answer God's
call.

There is MUCH more to Auxil-
iary than fellowship. Our Mission
Action Chairman constantly in-
volves us with our own neighbor-
hood, state and world. She
helped me to reach out to others.
I've visited shut-ins, help support
homeless children, and even sent
birthday cards to missionaries.

Auxiliary has helped me find
my place in the Great Commis-
sion. Don't you see, Auxiliary
has something to offer every-
one—including YOU! What do
you say? Can we count on you to
attend our Auxiliary Round-Up?

COWGIRL #2: Well, I guess it
won't hurt anything. I guess I do
need to begin fulfilling my place
in the Great Commission. How
did that part of the song go?
(*She begins humming as Cowgirl
#1 supplies the words and they
sing verse 2 together.*)

*Please turn to page 14 for pro-
gram helps and suggestions.



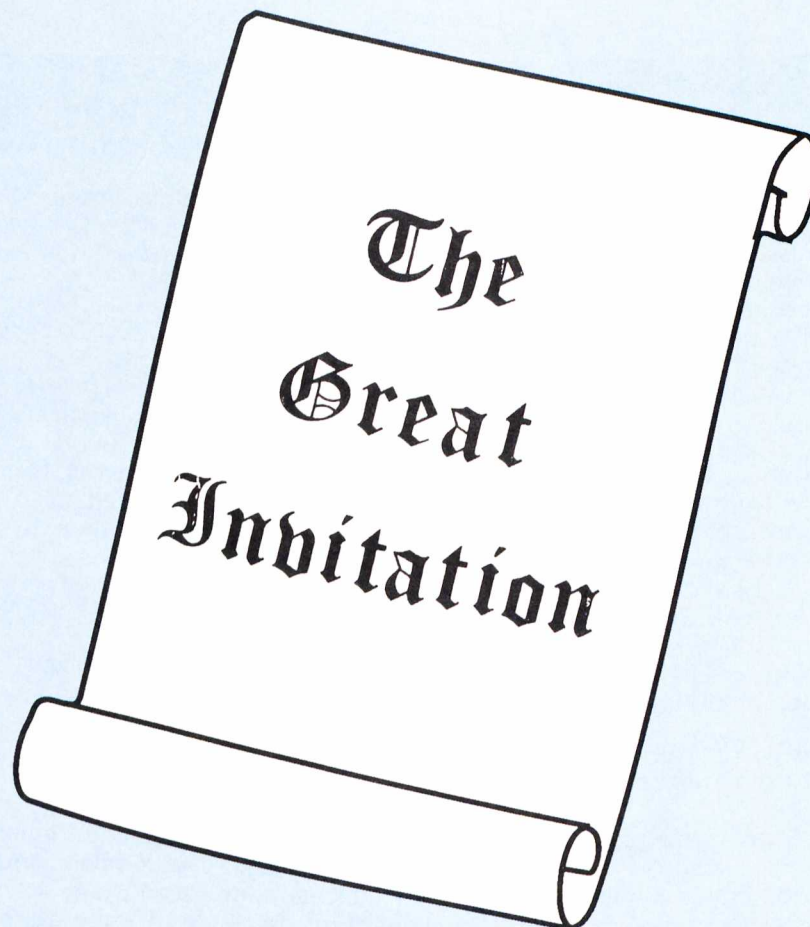
Velda writes, "We used the regu-
lar Emphasis program on Sunday
night before the entire church
and gave all non-members a
packet of leaflets and a Co-LA-
BORER magazine. The following
week, we invited the Master's
Men to join us in a western
meal."

A condensation of a sermon
given at WNAC's missionary hour
in Tampa, Florida

Aim: To introduce WNAC's
theme for 1990; to challenge
women to personally invite
others to Jesus

Scripture: Rev. 22:6-27

Hymn: "The Woman's Hymn"



Introduction

The invitation in Revelation 22:7 is two-fold: first, it reflects the heart cry of the church for Jesus to return according to His promise; and secondly, it resounds the call from Jesus to a lost world. His heavenly desire is for all men to come to Him.

We who have answered the call of Jesus now take up the chant and call for all unbelievers to come to Him.

The

PARTNERSHIP *of the Invitation*

"let him that heareth say come"

Christ seeks the church as partners in the task of delivering His invitation.

In our Lord's own ministry, He did not individually call each one of His disciples. Andrew called Simon and said, come. Philip called Nathanael, and the woman

at the well returned to her village with "Come see a man who told me all things that I did."

In Acts 8, we read of Philip and the Ethiopian. This African had the Word of God and an intensive desire to know Him. So God placed a man in his path—Philip—in order that Philip would become a partner in the gospel.

The most vivid example of partnership is the incident of Peter and Cornelius found in Acts 10. Cornelius was a man whose heart yearned for God. God commanded him in a vision to send for Peter who would preach the gospel. God could have written the Romans Road in that vision; it wasn't necessary for Peter to go. But our Lord understood the partnership of the invitation.

He has issued the invitation, but He has given to us the delivery of the invitation. In France, Paule brought Edward, who brought Madeline. Madeline, in turn, brought Jeanne and Marie, who brought Jean.

What we say, what we believe, and how we act are ways people are going to know about Christ.

The

PEOPLE *of the Invitation*

"him that is athirst...whosoever will"

Contrast Christ's invitation with those we send, or even receive. The purpose of invitations is to tell who to come. In a negative form, it also excludes those you don't want to come. If you invite six friends to your child's birthday party and prepare for only six, then you don't want the whole neighborhood to come.

In Christ's universal invitation to come, He describes the condition of man as being thirsty. There are two kinds of thirsty people: those who know they are thirsty and those who do not.

Those who know they are thirsty desire God as "the hart pants after the waterbrook" (Ps. 42:1). For these, one only need show them where to drink. Those who do not know they are thirsty are like the prodigal who wasted his life in debauchery.

Do you know any thirsty people? Convince them by your life that your thirst is quenched. Then show them where you found water.

The watchword of the gospel is whosoever. No one is too old, young, mean, good, late, early, black or white. The cry is loud, long, large and all inclusive—whosoever.

Kings, princes, politicians, and even families all limit those who come, but the King of Kings says, "If any man...." Whosoever will may come.

The PURPOSE of the Invitation

"Come, take (drink)..."

Our message: All must come, must drink, and must believe if they are to partake of eternal life (Rom. 10:14).

In order to accept the invitation, one must come. He cannot remain where he already is. God told Noah, "Come, enter." When he obeyed, God became his care and protection.

The gospel attracts:

Come and see (John 1:39)

Come and learn (Isa. 2:3)

Come and hear (Ps. 66:16)

Come and live (Ps. 66:16)

Come and find rest (Matt. 11:28)

Come and die (Matt. 16:24) Live unto Christ; die unto self.

Come and drink because the source is limitless. Rutherford said, "I have been sinking my bucket down into the well full often, but now my thirst after Christ has become so insatiable that I long to put the well itself to my lips and drain it all, and drink right on."

The invitation is open to all. There will always be enough.

The PRICE of the Invitation "freely"

What cost? Nothing! The penniless are invited to come buy "without money and without price" (Isa. 55:1). The only price he charges is the one everyone can pay—nothing. Although the invitation has been issued from heaven, it is delivered by willing partners. Those who've heard, let them say "Come!"

Innumerable restaurants of all nationalities line the cobblestone streets of the Latin Quarter in Paris. At the door of each stands a gentleman with a black vest, white shirt and dark pants. He calls to passersby to enter for the food is great, atmosphere wonderful, music romantic, and you can't beat the price. Each one seems to be better than the other.

We, too, as believers stand at the door of Jesus Christ and invite those outside to come in. Rev. Shoemaker gives this poignant challenge in his poem, "I Stand By The Door."

Program Helps

Prepare a large poster with the words: "The _____ of the Invitation." Prepare four word cards with the words: Partnership, People, Purpose and Price. Give to those with topics. As the topics are given, the words will be inserted in the blank. ♦

I Stand By The Door

I stand by the door.

I neither go too far in or stay too far out.

The door is the most important door in the world.

It is the door through which men walk when they find God.

There is no use my going way inside and staying there when so many are still outside.

And they, as much as I, crave to know where the door is.

And all that so many ever find is only the wall where a door ought to be.

They creep along the wall like blind men with outstretched groping hands, feeling for a door, knowing there must be a door, yet they can never find it.

So I stand by the door.

There is another reason why I stand there.

Some people get part way in and become afraid lest God and zeal for His house devour them.

For God is so very great and asks so much of all of us, and these people feel a cosmic claustrophobia and they want to get out.

"Let me out," they cry and the people way inside only terrify them even more. Somebody must be by the door to tell them that they are soiled for the old life.

They have seen too much already. One taste of God and nothing but God will do anymore.

Somebody must be watching for the frightened who seek to sneak out just where they came in, to tell them how much better it is inside.

So, I stand by the door.

You can go in too deeply and stay too long and forget the people outside the door.

As for me, I will take my old accustomed place, near enough to God to hear Him, and know He is there, but not so far from men as not to hear them, and remember they are there, too.

Where? Outside the door, thousands of them, millions of them. But more important for me, one of them, two of them, ten of them whose hands I intend to put on the latch.

For those who seek it, I would rather be a doorkeeper.

So I stand by the door.

the BREASTPLATE of RIGHTEOUSNESS

A Bible Study with a Valentine Message

Purpose: To compare the two Biblical breastplates; to create in our hearts a hunger for God.

Scripture: Exodus 28:29-30

Hymn: "More Like the Master"

Introduction

Once man enjoyed the most intimate fellowship with His creator God. Then sin entered the world and severed this relationship. Man's heart became desperately wicked and incapable of doing good. But God left in each sinful heart a deep hunger after Himself. The Holy Spirit took up the task of wooing them to God. When we invite Jesus into our hearts, once

again that fellowship is restored and we enjoy intimate fellowship with the God in heaven. At least, to a degree.

It's not the same as it was in the beginning and never will be until our bodies are freed of their vile, sinful nature. Still, He calls us to holiness. And He even provides the power to enable us to live holy lives. Then why don't we?

The flesh and the spirit wage constant warfare in the life of every believer, and too often, the flesh emerges the victor. Our growth stagnates and our service is rendered unfruitful.

How can we more perfectly know God and what He wants for our lives? Perhaps an application from the Levitical law of the priesthood will help.

the BREASTPLATE of Judgment (Ex.28:29-30)

The breastplate was an elaborately decorated square of linen worn on the breast of the high priest as part of his priestly attire. The front of the 9" square of folded cloth was set with 12 precious stones in 4 rows of 3, and each stone was engraved with the name of one of the 12 tribes of Israel. The 2 upper corners were permanently fastened to the ephod, a vest-type garment made from the same fabric. The 2 lower fasteners were attached to

the girdle. The rings, chains and other fasteners were of gold or rich lace.

The breastplate was fashioned as a pocket to hold the Urim and Thummin, probably two stones, whereby God made known His will to His people. It is unclear how this worked, but to "ask of Urim and Thummin" was synonymous with to "ask of Jehovah." It is also mentioned in Deut. 33:8; Ezra 2:63 and Neh. 7:65, but only briefly and is very mysterious.

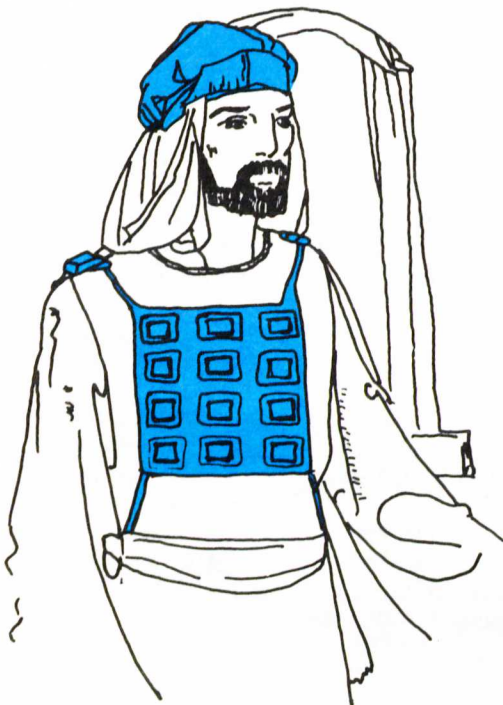
Thus we see that while the priest wore the breastplate, he carried the names of the sons of Israel into the presence of God. This precious stone-studded pouch served as a continual memorial before God. The needs of the people, represented by the priest, were constantly before Him.

The stones of decision, the Urim and Thummin, which were concealed inside the breastplate and closest to the priest's heart, reminded him of his awesome responsibility in making known God's will to His people.

Now let's put all this in perspective. How does it relate to us?

the BREASTPLATE of Righteousness (Ex.28:29-30)

Because of our position in Christ, we are a holy priesthood. Paul commands us to put on the breastplate of righteousness



(Eph. 6:14) and of faith and love (1 Thess. 5:8).

Paul gathers up the whole sum of Christian character and conduct in this one phrase—the breastplate of righteousness. The full righteousness of God is available to every believer through Jesus Christ. We receive—put it on—by a simple act of faith.

Righteousness is worn over the heart and implies a mind decision to do right. We can choose what

we wear close to our hearts. We can allow flesh to rule (1 John 2:16). The “lust of the flesh,” or cravings of this world, will cause erosion to set in and a once-firm stance to crumble.

Our hearts may succumb to the “lust of the eyes,” the sin that made Lot’s wife turn back and long for Sodom. It darkens our thoughts, clouds our spiritual vision and corrupts our minds.

Perhaps we cherish the “pride of life” with all its envy, jealousy, nitpicking, hypocrisy and greed. A judgmental spirit can disrupt friendships and split churches. What we keep close to our hearts consumes us.

In contrast, we can choose to walk in the Spirit and allow Him to direct our steps. Only then can we experience stability and growth in our ministry outreach.

In these eloquent symbols of the priesthood attire, we see the true significance of intercession. The high priest entered the holy of holies bearing the names of God’s people.

To us has been given the glorious privilege of intercession—for our family, church, community, nation and our missionaries around the world. Are the needs of brothers and sisters and unsaved people close to our hearts?

God doesn’t speak to us today through Urim and Thummin. Urim (light) is often revealed to us as light breaks forth on some special scriptural passage. Thummin (perfection) takes on meaning as the Spirit of God illumines our path and gives clear direction concerning some problem or decision.

God becomes all light and perfection, grace and truth, mercy and righteousness. Are we allowing Him to speak to us through His Word?

Conclusion

What about you? Does your heart cry out, “Oh God, I want to know You?” He can flood that emptiness with His presence.

What are you wearing closest to your heart?

Over My Coffee Cup



By Eunice Edwards

We were blessed at church last Sunday by a duet singing, “I Feel Like Traveling On.” This old song took on a new meaning for me as I listened to the words and looked on the faces of those singing. Their smiling eyes reflected a heavenly glory that expressed more than their words—their intended destination at the end of their travels.

The thought came to me about our hoped-for destination. Is it the same as described in the song? Are we enthused about it? Do we “feel” like traveling on? If so, where are we going? Are we traveling on or floating with the tide?

In her newsletter, missionary Charolette Tallent said, “An ominous cloud of spiritual apathy reigns in France.” One doesn’t need to travel to France to see its devastation. It is in America also. It is in Free Will Baptist churches. It is in the obvious responses and calls for renewed dedication and service.

Is this wave of seeming indifference irreversible? Can we “buck the tide?” Indeed we can if we will:

Confess our own indifference to His commands.

Ask God for forgiveness for it.

Realize that selfishness (and that’s what spiritual apathy really is), is not His plan.

Finally, resolve that His priorities will be our priorities from this day forward and act that way in our daily lives.

We serve a risen Savior and a coming King! His promises are sure and certain. We can claim His promises and rise above the humdrum, the coldness that is paralyzing us and our work. We can renew our commitments to Him. He waits to receive the Christian who truly loves Him and who renders obedience to Him because of her love for Him.

It’s not too late to change traveling directions. Are you traveling on or just traveling?

Program Helps

This program was used with a Valentine theme. Each lady was given a pocket heart made from cloth. Each heart contained three slips of pink paper and the women were instructed to write on each slip:

1. The deepest desire of my heart

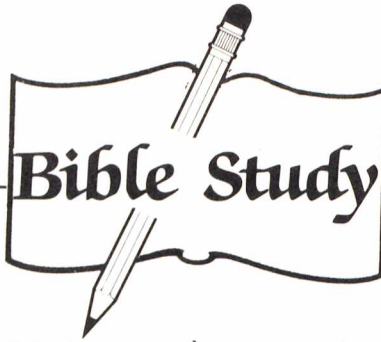
2. One specific sin from which I seek deliverance

3. The name of an unsaved person I want to be saved

The author also constructed a larger model of a heart to demonstrate the effects of filling one’s heart with either good or bad. She chose a yellow slip of paper for lust of the flesh, a blue for lust of the eyes, and a green slip for the pride of life. Other visuals that she used included a sandwich bag of wood chips and one of fragrant wax chips. Two paper plates imprinted “Burned” and “Fragrant Servant” were also used.

The ladies were asked to keep their pocket hearts in a prominent place, as in their Bibles, to serve as a reminder to seek the Lord concerning their requests. At the end of the year, they plan to check back and see how they were answered and evaluate how their faith has increased.

This interesting program could be developed into a full Bible study. Assign the passages the month before and pass out work sheets. You may compile your own work sheets or copy them from some prepared studies.



I John Chapter 2, part 1

REVIEW: To refresh your memory, please reread the background material in the previous issue. John's 3-fold reason for writing this epistle is found in 1:4, 2:1 and 5:13. Fellowship, or a family-relationship with the Father, is not possible without an honest acknowledgment and confession of known sin (1:8,9).

THE COURT IS IN SESSION (2:1,2)

2:1—The writer desires that all God's children "_____not." However, recognizing that our desire to live a sinless life is, at times, not reproduced in everyday life situations, believers must practice the 3 steps required when sin has been committed: (1) face it honestly (1:8), (2) confess it quickly (1:9a), and (3) claim God's forgiveness (1:9b). To further emphasize the promise of forgiveness, we are reminded that "we have an _____ with the _____, Jesus Christ the righteous."

2:2—The scene is a courtroom. God is the judge. Clearly, according to the evidence, the verdict is "guilty (of sin) as charged." But we have a defense attorney (Jesus) who not only intercedes for us, but who has also paid our fine in full! He is the "_____ for our sins," or the means whereby sin is fully covered and full payment made. He has paid the penalty for "the sins of the _____ world," though this payment must be individually accepted and applied.

TESTING, 1, 2... (2:3-6)

2:3—True faith is tested by our actions and attitudes. "And by this we do _____ that we _____ Him, if we _____ His commandments." This "if" suggests two possibilities: (1) that we may not be saved if we lack a true desire to do what He has commanded, or (2) that a true heart's desire to obey His commandments is a solid outward proof of a genuine inward experience.

2:4,5—These verses draw a sharp contrast between the "sayers" and the "doers." Merely saying "I _____ Him," and refusing to keep "His _____" brands one as a "a _____ and the _____ is not in him." However, keeping His word (commandments) demonstrates "the love of God _____" or brought into full development by daily practice. Thus another test of what lies deep inside, by our actions, attitudes and motivation.

2:6—Those who say that they abide in Christ have the awesome responsibility "to _____, even as He walked." The most pious and eloquent words are hollow if not backed up by outward actions and attitudes that reflect the drastic change that has taken place inside.

WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD (2:7-11)

2:7—"Brethren (Christians), I write no _____ commandment unto you, but, an _____ commandment which ye had from the _____" (cf. Ex. 20:1-10).

2:8—However, in a sense, it has become "a _____ commandment" since the bodily coming, ministry and life of Christ. Jesus cleared away any dimness or basis of excuse for not knowing what pleases God. "The _____ is _____ and the true _____ now shineth" (cf. John 1:7-9 and 3:19,20).

2:9,10—Light illuminates and, once again, the clear distinction is drawn between the "sayers" and the "doers." "He that _____ he is in the light and _____ his brother, is in _____ even until now" (cf. Matt. 5:21-24). "He that _____ his brother..." though possibly undeserved and unreturned, demonstrates that he "_____ in the light, and there is no occasion of _____ in him." The believer who has personally known and experienced God's gracious (undeserved) forgiveness of his own sins and failures, cannot afford to harbor grudges or nurse pet peeves against others. An old saying comes to mind: "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

2:11—These verses also draw a sharp contrast. It's either "light" (salvation and fellowship with the Father and His Son), or it's "darkness," lost without having experienced a genuine born-again, life-changing encounter. As light and darkness cannot cohabit the same space at the same time, so a true salvation experience and a refusal to love and exhibit tolerance towards others cannot coexist in the same heart space. "He that _____ his brother is in _____, and _____ in darkness, and knoweth not where he _____, because darkness hath _____ his eyes." One attitude or the other expresses the heart of an individual (cf. Matt. 5:44 and 6:14,15). A person harboring hatred in any form or degree is known to God as one who is lost (not knowing where he is going) and is blind to God's will and way.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the three necessary steps towards forgiveness of sins. Which one(s) do you believe to be the most difficult?
2. Using a Bible dictionary (if possible), elaborate on the word "propitiation."
3. Why do you believe that the Holy Spirit, in giving John this epistle, uses such absolute opposites as "light" and "darkness?"
4. Which verse shows that we can become objects of stumbling to others, as well as endangering our own standing with the Father?
5. Do you believe that the person described in 2:11 is saved or lost? Why?

Women in Action



Cheryl Akers and daughter Alisa give the Emphasis Program at the Immanuel FWB Church, Jacksonville, FL. Cheryl composed a song, "God's Tools," which proved a highlight of the evening.

God's Tools

Sung to the tune of "A Sermon in Shoes"

*Do you know, oh Christian, you're a wrench for the Lord? (2)
Jesus speaks to open ears from His own holy Word,
So listen and witness, a wrench for the Lord!*

*You're also a screwdriver in the toolbox for Him, (2)
Tighten up your faith in Christ, don't let your light grow dim
So read on and pray on, a screwdriver for Him!*

*Do you know, oh Christian, you're a hammer each day? (2)
(Use your nails of service to hold the Body in the Way,
So give more and share more, a hammer each day!*

*Can you be an oilcan in the toolbox of God? (2)
Yes, you can be the faithful one, with feet firm on the sod
So work smoothly, in the Spirit, an oilcan for God!*

*Do you know, oh Christian, you can measure for Him? (2)
Count your blessings one by one, as He fills them to the brim
So thank Him and praise Him, and measure for Him!*



Pat Thomas, TN, addresses the Colorado Rocky Mountain district annual retreat at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Colorado Springs. Thirty-nine women from five locals attended.



Other retreat personalities are Vella Phillips, Anita Phillips, Janet Gandy, and Nadine Hood, president.



The Canah Chapel Auxiliary and First Auxiliary, Erwin, TN, jointly honor the Tim Coats Family (SD) with a money tree in lieu of a shower for their new baby, Melody. They also gave almost \$2000 to their account.

Auxiliary members, Huntsville, Alabama, pose before their miracle.

Helen Holland, pastor's wife, asked the Lord to show her what their small church and Auxiliary could do for missions. He impressed upon her a goal of \$1000. That much! Where would it come from? Do a selling project or have a yard sale? No, she would just ask the women to give.

The night she presented the plan only five ladies showed up. But her enthusiasm caught on. If only 100 people gave \$10 the goal would be reached.

They made a giant thermometer and placed it before the people. Before the Sunday ended they had doubled their goal — \$2000!

The church will never forget their miracle Sunday.



Waltonville (IL) Auxiliary presents "Hats Off Style Show" to their church family, after which an offering for Home Missions was received.

Helen Sanders addresses the Texas state meeting in McAllen.

Other guests included the Darrel Nichols, Cote d'Ivoire; Dwain Crosbys, Spain; Shirley Costello, Uruguay; and Mitzi Munsey, Mexico. Judy Smith's mother was also present. The state project allotted \$3000 to Judy's account (Japan) and \$1000 to the Brazil Bible Institute.



*Texas State Officers: Everyl Getz, presiding
Helen Sanders, vice president
Judy Smith, secretary
Bettie Ferguson, treasurer
Nell Stell and Mary Welch, members-at-large
Ruth Jennische, field worker*

Helps for Leaders

Ideas to Stimulate Your Imagination

President Vice President

January

Ohio women elected Barbara Chaffin as their president. CO-LABORER is thrilled to print part of her challenging president's address:

In order to build a strong state Auxiliary, we must build strong local Auxiliaries. This can be done by defining our goals: 1) Plan our meetings to meet the needs of our members. 2) Pray for each other. 3) Pledge to support our missionaries through prayer and finances.

After we have defined our goals, we need to develop them. Don't wait until 30 minutes before our meeting to set the agenda. Have someone ready to give a meaningful devotion. People find many other things to do if Auxiliary doesn't offer something to help them.

Don't waste time on long business meetings. Use the K.I.S.S. method—Keep it Short and Simple. Appoint committees in advance to work out small details. Schedule an Officer's Meeting and plan a year in advance, but don't present it all in one meeting!

Many good resources are available to develop good Auxiliary meetings. The Bible should be a part of every meeting. Don't allow your meetings to become a Club. CO-LABORER magazine has unlimited help in program planning, advertising, prayer requests and helps for leaders. WNAC offers a catalog of resources. District, state and national meetings are all planned to help us build stronger Auxiliaries.

Make use of all the building material available. Don't limit your supply to "The Way It's Always Been Done." Try some

"Power Tools." Let God use you to build a strong local Auxiliary in your church.

Officers' Planning Meeting

Lois Smallwood, Cabool, MO, as new president, invited all her new officers to her home for a planning meeting. "I hope you're going to feed us" from a younger member gave the lead-off to a prepared object lesson.

They all saw the angel food cake and serving plates on the counter, but they didn't see what she had in the microwave. She removed a tray with unattractive leftovers—oatmeal, mashed potatoes, a dried-up orange, stale bread heels, and some stew.

She knew they were coming, she told them, so she threw together some things at the last minute. She explained that even

though we know when our Auxiliary meeting is, we just give God our thrown-together leftovers of time, talents and efforts.

The meeting resulted in some exciting plans for missions emphasis and outreach.

Enlistment Month! Make a list of every woman outside the Auxiliary and concentrate on bringing her in. Assign one member to each nonenlisted woman. Does she need transportation? Baby sitter? Help in scheduling? Bring in all your strays!

Use Barbara Spencer's poem on page 27 as an invitation.

February

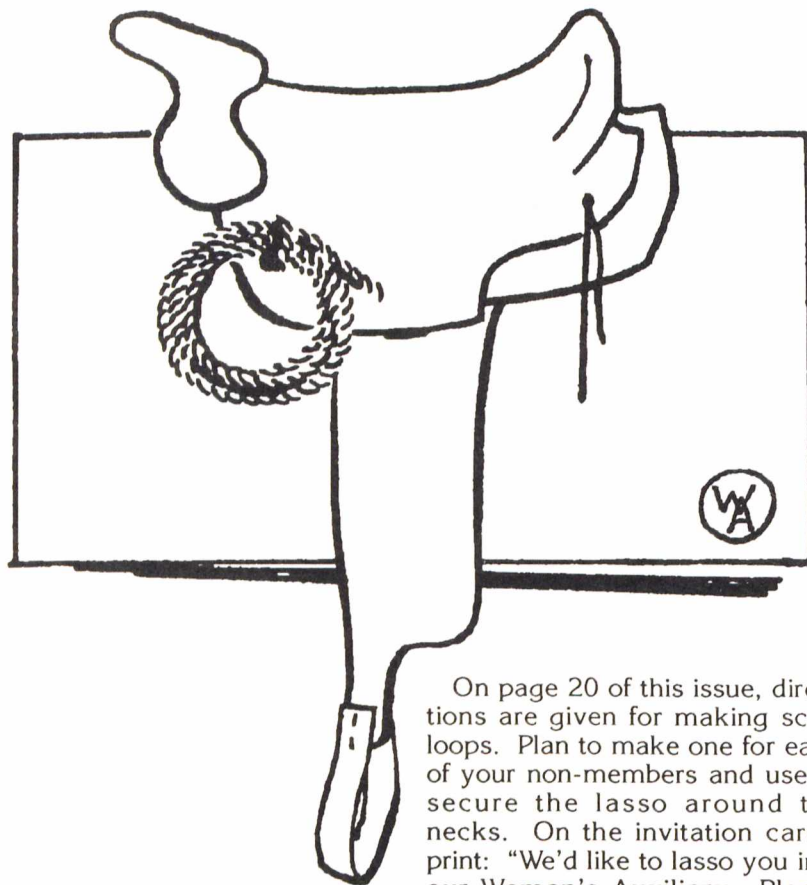
National Student Month. Funds this year go to students in the Cote d'Ivoire Bible Institute. See the "Communicator" for details.

"The Great Invitation" is the Auxiliary theme for 1990. Here are some supporting themes for your conventions, retreats and workshops. Would you also consider these themes as you prepare your entries for the creative arts contest?

The Heavenly Invitation
The Universal Invitation
The Open Invitation
The God of the Great Invitation
You're Invited
Invitation to ____ (Joy, Life, Love, Come, Rest, Dine, Drink, etc.)
Sitting at His Feet
His Banner Over Me Is Love
Let's Have a Party
All Things Are Now Ready
Have You Sent Your R.S.V.P.?
Extending the Invitation
His Hand Extended
The Table is Spread
Feasting at God's Table
All Dressed Up With Somewhere to Go
Airmail Special Delivery
Personally Yours

"The Spirit and the Bride say come"
Come and Dine
Come and See
Come One, Come All
We Come Then Go
Come Holy Spirit
Come Celebrate Jesus
Come to the Water

"Let him that is athirst say come..."
Take your Bucket to the Spring
Fresh Water From the Spring
Streams of Living Water
The Well that Never Runs Dry
Beside Still Waters
Fill My Cup, Lord
Water to a Thirsty Soul
Fountains of Living Water
Thirsting for God
He's Calling; Are You Listening?
I'll be Somewhere Listening
Listening Heart, Hearing Ears



Auxiliary Round-Up Program Suggestions

Decorations: Use checkered table cloths, cactus center pieces, hats, boots, saddle, hay, ropes and anything that suggests western. Ask the women to dress western—hats, scarves, denim skirts, boots, etc.

Posters: Curl a length of rope and glue to a piece of brown poster board. Inside print: DON YOUR WESTERN DUDS, HITCH UP TO A WAGON AND JOIN US AT THE OLD CORRAL FOR A WESTERN-STYLE MEAL.

Or cut letters from small cord and use to print the message. Glue to a wide slab of lumber. Print details of your meeting on a sheet of paper and tack to the board.

Invitations: The Sunday before your meeting, lasso each non-member woman in the church with an invitation to attend. Make each lasso from cheap cord about 3 feet long. Make invitations from 3x5 index cards. Thread the cards through one end of the cord.

On page 20 of this issue, directions are given for making scarf loops. Plan to make one for each of your non-members and use to secure the lasso around the necks. On the invitation cards, print: "We'd like to lasso you into our Woman's Auxiliary. Please come to our meeting on _____ at _____. This scarf loop is our gift to you."

Menu: cactus juice or boiled coffee

wild boar (ham or barbeque)
spuds
ranch style beans
sourdough
apple round-up (pie)
panned gold (lemon pie)
Indian gifts (corn)
gold bricks (butter)
coleslaw

Your serving table can be made to resemble a covered chuck wagon by cutting four large cardboard wheels and painting in details. Cover each leg of the table with a wheel. Make a curved frame for the hood from heavy wire and cover with a large sheet.

Program covers: Use the saddle pattern to make program covers. Insert as many sheets as necessary.

Nut cups: Make cowboy hats from construction paper. Crown is fastened to the brim with adhesive tape. Decorate with a bright colored band or ribbon.

Mission STUDY Chairman

The year 1990 has been declared the International Year of Bible Reading. People worldwide are encouraged to read through the Bible. Surveys revealed that 93 percent of all Americans own a Bible, but half of them never read it. Only 18 percent of all who claim to be born-again Christians say they read the Bible every day.

Bible Pathway Ministries, P.O. Box 1501, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-1501 publishes a monthly guide with commentary. Subscriptions are \$5.00.

Note the study books listed in the Supplies Leaflet, section

3. Order books and plan your study courses for the year. You are asked to have two mission studies each year.

HARVEST OF HUMANITY by John T. Seamonds is a missions book recommended for 1990. The book is designed to educate both pastors and lay people in the church as to what missions is all about in this day and age. Many have a concept of missions relevant to the 19th century or early 20th, but are out of tune with the situation today.

This 208 page volume is not easily read in one evening, although it is easy reading and rich in illustrations, even humor. Encourage your women to each buy a copy, mark it, and keep it for reference. If you only buy one book and pass it around, be prepared to prod the readers along.

HARVEST OF HUMANITY is especially recommended as an all-church study. Ask your pastor about leading a study on it for several Wednesday nights.

the **Woman**
who **Knows**
is the **Woman**
who **Grows**

WNAC Supplies Order Leaflet 1990

- This is your order form for Auxiliary supplies. Send the entire leaflet when you order.
- The form contains sections numbered 1-6. Check the items desired in each section. Total up the amount owed in each section. When all six have been checked, transfer the amounts to the order blank on the back page.
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Auxiliary Supplies

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Mary Ruth Wisehart — A Leader's Guide to the Auxiliary Manual. Makes learning enjoyable in a classroom atmosphere. Includes 12 8 1/2x11 visuals which may be used as posters, transparency masters, or as a flip chart. 12 visuals with 14 page guide \$1.50



— OFFICERS' GUIDE BOOKS —

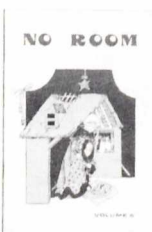


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Plays/Skits

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

- ☐ **Elected to Minister Volume 4** \$1.00
Elected to Minister by Maurine Lee (Installation)
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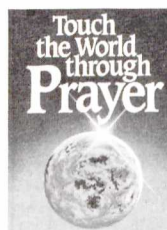
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— MISSIONS —

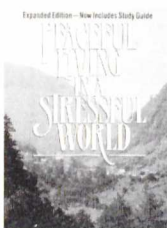
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Victor Books
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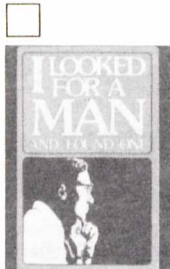
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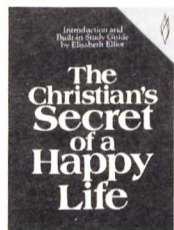
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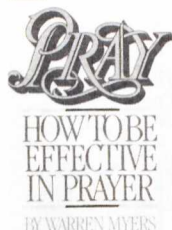
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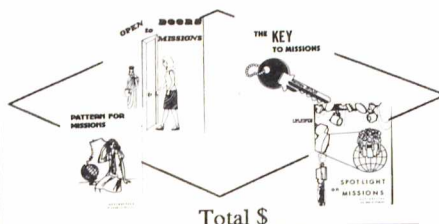
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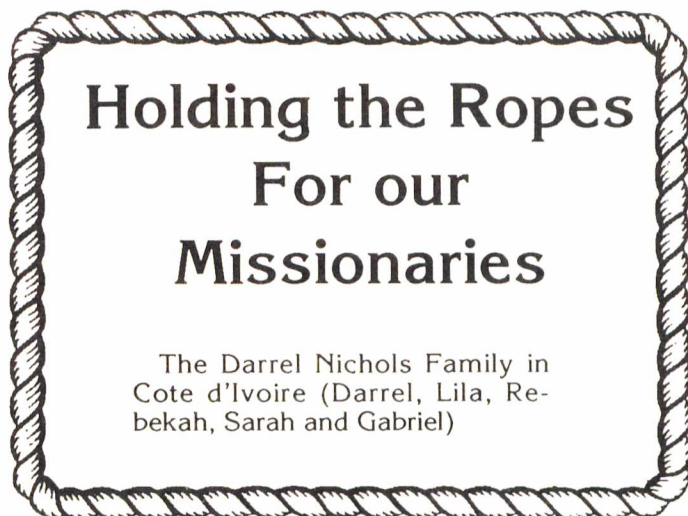
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Mission PRAYER Chairman

January

Glue real rope to the card. Use names of the different missionaries.



Write missionary requests on the back. Or make folded leaflets and write requests inside.

February

Go into the presence of God carrying the requests of our missionaries.

Make a breastplate with 12 pockets. Place a missions request or prayer card inside each pocket.

Make a breastplate for each woman from paper; or make one from cloth and pass it around and let the women take one card/request. For more than 12 women double up on the cards.

The breastplate should be 9 inches square. Cut the pockets in 2x2 1/2" rectangles and place long ways in four rows of three each. The pockets should be from swatches of brightly colored fabric to represent jewels.

A simpler prayer reminder would be heart pockets with a request inside. Heart pockets are made by sewing or gluing two hearts together and leaving the top open.

If your women prefer booklets in which to write their requests during your prayer time, use the illustration of the high priest on the cover and title it: We Are Intercessors.



Missionary Authors

You'll need four missionary maps for this game. Cut out the pictures of the missionaries and paste on 3x5 index cards which have been cut in half.

Shuffle the cards then distribute evenly among the women. They take turns calling for specific cards at random. She continues to call as long as she receives the card asked for; if not, she loses her turn and the next woman begins. The first one to receive four identical cards to make a set is the winner.

Mission --- --- Action --- --- Chairman

Have you seen the booklet **GIFTS FOR MISSIONARIES?** It answers questions, such as "What can we send our missionaries? How can we send money? What about customs? How can we help our missionaries on furlough?"

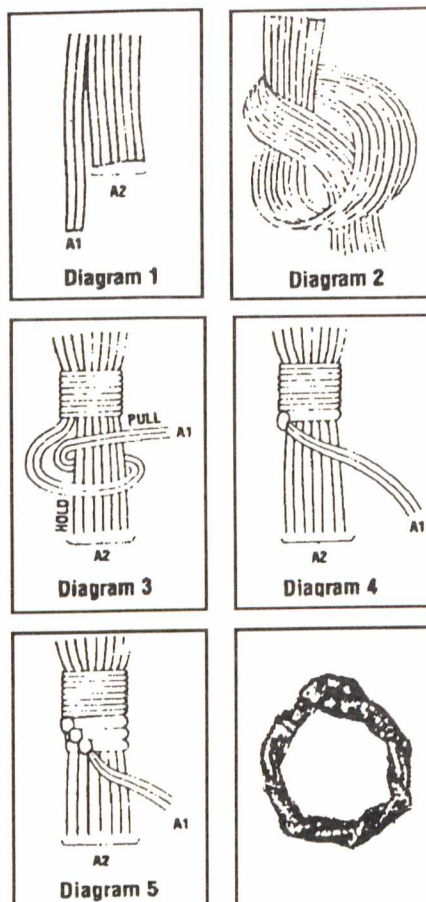
This practical booklet is available from WNAC for \$1.00 plus 35 cents postage and handling.

Scarf Loop

Round up all your non-enlisted women in the Auxiliary. The Sunday before your meeting, lasso them with an ordinary cord or rope fastened with a scarf loop. Here's how to make the loop. You'll need one for each potential member.

For each scarf ring, you will need two 30" strands ("working strands"), and six 10" strands (the "anchor strands").

Arrange so that two longer working strands are on the left which will be worked together as one (A1). The remaining anchor strands should be on the right (A2).



Tie strands in a knot leaving a 2-2 1/2" tail (see diagram 2). Tape tail to a surface. Smooth out strands so they are again in correct order.

Step 1: Wrap A1 over then under A2 to form a knot (see diagram 3).

Step 2: While holding A2 taut, pull A1 in upward direction until knot is tightened at top (see diagram 4).

Step 3: Continue knotting in exact same manner. You'll notice formation of diagonal row of knots slanting down toward right (see diagram 5). To insure uniform spiral pattern, be sure each knot is made beneath preceding knot rather than on top of it. Complete 5 or 6 knots until A1 is far right and beginning to spiral behind A2.

Step 4: At this point, twist ring slightly to right so working strands, A1, are again on left side.

Repeat steps 1-4 until ring is the right length. Tie strands in knot as in diagram 2. Trim tail to same length as beginning tail. Tie around finger using square knot (left tail over right tail; then right over left).

If long lengths of floss are difficult to work with, wind the excess into small balls and wrap with elastic bands. Unwind thread as needed.

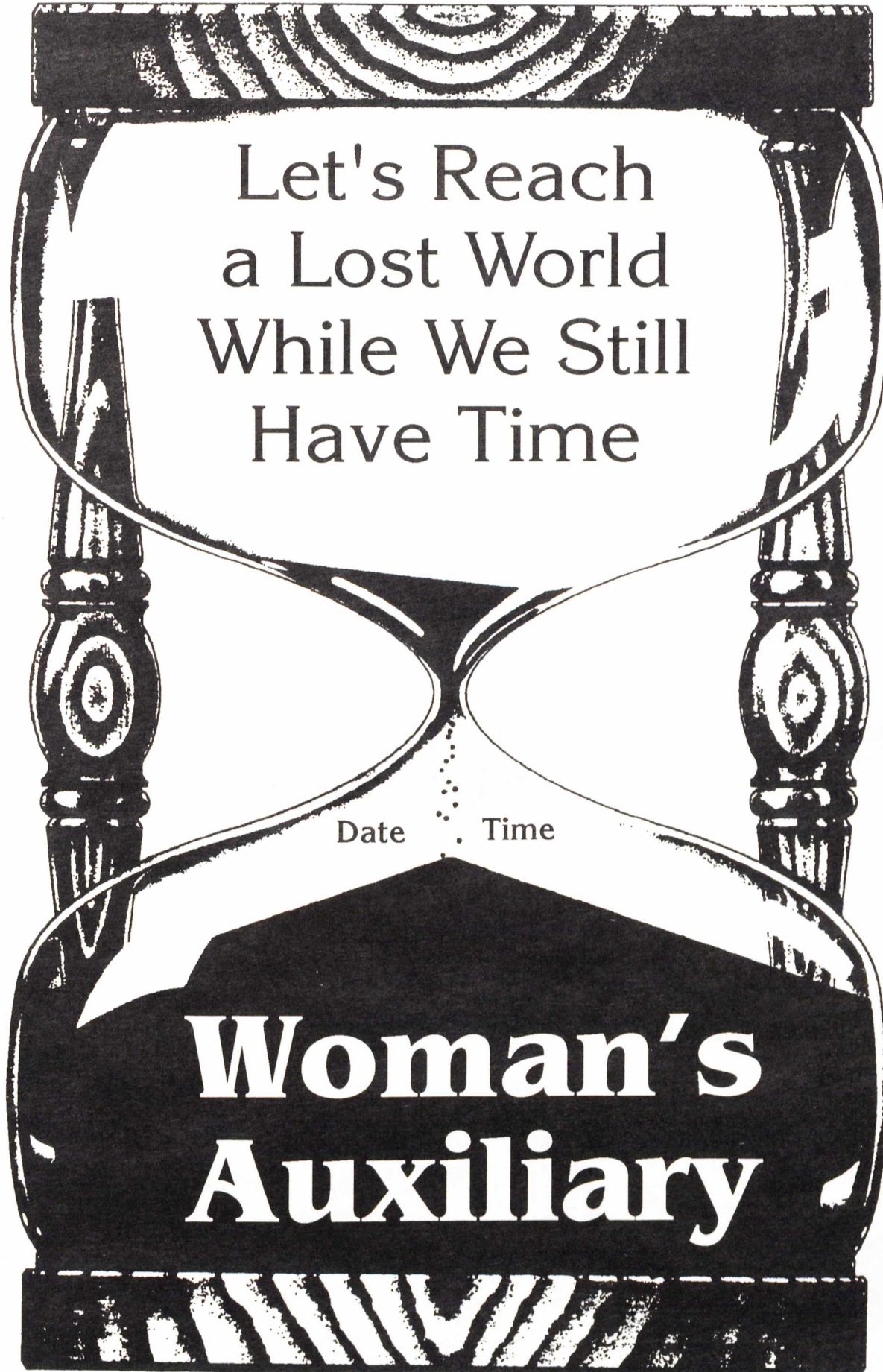
Actionettes

Actionettes! We're trying to find out where you are and what you are doing. Send us reports of your activities and projects—with pictures.

Let's get together!



Peace Actionettes, Florence, SC, with officers: Tina Campbell, president; Kendi Powell, vice president; Angie Thomas, secretary; and Jennifer Pate, treasurer. Janie Aldridge, Nashville, TN, installed the new officers.



Let's Reach
a Lost World
While We Still
Have Time

Date . Time

**Woman's
Auxiliary**

*"Beloved, if God so loved us, we
ought also to love one another"*

(1 John 4:11)

You Will **LOVE**

WOMAN'S Auxiliary

**Exciting Programs
Missionary Emphasis
Warm Fellowship**

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The Ministers Wife

Newsletter

Compiled By Cleo Pursell



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I Charge You, Therefore....

By Clara Cobb

Some time ago I sat in a quarterly meeting as a young man was ordained to preach the gospel. His beautiful young wife sat by his side.

"I charge thee, therefore, before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, preach....."

As the charge began, my thoughts transported me back 41 years before when I, too, as a young wife sat beside my preacher husband to receive the same charge. The words were similar, perhaps identical, but the truth of them lay hidden somewhere just under the surface.

I looked at that young wife, so innocent, and wished in some way I could prepare her for what lay ahead. What would I tell her? What had the years taught me that I could share?

Although supreme happiness generally characterizes most pastors' wives, she should know there will be times when her heart will ache with the cares of others. Her husband is the shepherd but she is the shepherdess, and she cannot isolate herself from his responsibilities.

Put your confidence in God, I would tell her, and not in people. Homesickness, some great need, or even loneliness may consume her at times. I've spent many



Clara Cobb, Russellville, Alabama, is the wife of Malone, pastor of the Victory FWB Church. They have two sons.

long hours alone while my husband cared for the flock. But most painful of all was the sheer lack of unconcern on the part of some members.

I remembered sitting alone in a hospital as our small son underwent surgery. My husband wasn't handling it too well, so I sent him to buy a "get-well" present for Chad. Suddenly a wave of loneliness washed over me and I longed for the comfort of our congregation. No one came or called. However the situation dramatically improved when a former member called to inquire. God sent someone to care and everything was all right once again.

Times are better now than they once were, but certainly those early years were lean ones financially. Once I chopped cotton to earn money for fabric to

make a Sunday dress. My husband had only one white shirt, and this was in the days before wash and wear. If he preached on Saturday night, I'd go home, wash the shirt and iron it dry so he would have a clean shirt to wear on Sunday. No air conditioning in those days, neither automatic washers or clothes dryers.

That young wife sitting before me may not lack as I did in the beginning, but so few come to the parsonage with any idea of money management. I wished her well.

Painful—yet humorous—memories pierced my thoughts as I remembered our children, the famous PK's, the preacher's kids. Many assume that the children of a preacher should be unnatural little saints. Then when they do the mischief any normal child does, they become little devils. I'm afraid some put down our children and blamed them for being "bad examples" for their children, when in reality theirs were as guilty as ours. Television and peer pressure contribute to the breakdown of even Christian homes today.

Dear new preacher's wife, I longed to tell her, it won't be easy, but with the help of God you can raise a fine Christian, God-loving and God-serving family—even in the parsonage.

*We couldn't go to a foreign field, but every
pastorate has been our mission field.*

Be prepared to move, I would warn this newly ordained preacher's wife. Allow your roots to grow deep in God, but don't become too firmly entrenched in one geographic location. Perhaps there are some ministers who live and die in their home community, but if there are, they are the exception. The move may be to a neighboring state, across the country, or perhaps even to another continent.

As strange as it may seem to the younger generation, we haven't always had moving vans or U-Hauls. We have transported our belongings in pick-up trucks, cattle trailers and car trunks. We've been rained on, furniture robbed and damaged, not to mention the countless mishaps in breaking-up and setting-up housekeeping.

Anyway you look at it, changing parsonages can be an adventure. Seems we've run the gamut of them all—except for the room at the back of the church. It doesn't take long to learn that sheets make wonderful substitutes when your old curtains cannot accept the move. We used an open fireplace before it became a luxury. And our floors have gone from unfinished wood floors to hardwood to wall-to-wall carpeting.

It may seem devastating as you experience it (that's the flesh), but years have a way of distilling memories and leaving only the good ones (that's God's grace). He never failed us, not once.

Have I seemed negative? It isn't that at all! The good always outweighs the bad. Thrilling scenes from the past soon crowded out all the unpleasant ones.

My husband has an intense passion for the unsaved and a consuming love for his flock. His

agony over the lost literally brought us to our knees many nights. But God often allowed us the privilege of seeing those precious ones brought to Himself. Ah, the joy of witnessing men and women brought into the kingdom and transformed by the power of God.

The parsonage is a place where rich and lifelong friendships are formed. In spite of the heartbreak at leaving the old parsonage, God brings many new relationships into your life. We couldn't go to a "foreign field," but every pastorate has been our mission field. The change in area customs, ideas, and methods have challenged us greatly and contributed to our growth. What blessed fellowship we enjoyed with the faithful, those who are always there, those who go that extra mile. Cherish them, I would tell the new shepherdess. Open your door to them. Love them and they will love you right back with an immeasurable love.

Time or distance does not dis-

solve friendships. Many rich and wonderful friendships have been formed through the years that will last for eternity. Many interesting people have blessed our fellowship. Our table never knows whose feet will be under it—preachers, missionaries, friends, evangelists, or just us. I will never forget them.

Now it's approaching time for retirement. But how do you retire from life? Somehow we can't envision our lives without a congregation.

As a seasoned preacher's wife, I would not change or swap my life with any woman I know. I feel honored that God thought me worthy to stand with His servant as a helpmate. I feel my calling and position to be greater than that of the First Lady or the wife of a monarch.

I may never be known by many in this life, but God knows me. He ordained me to hold the exalted position of a Minister's Wife. ♦



A Former Pastor's Wife

Carolyn Lombard, widow of the former Rev. Don Lombard, was honored as "Mother of the Year"

at the First Auxiliary Mother-Daughter banquet, O'Fallon, Missouri.

Carolyn, one of three daughters of Homer and Wilma Clark, Mountain Grove, graduated from FWBBC where she met and married her husband. They pastored briefly in Bryan, Texas before completing two flourishing building programs in O'Fallon. Carolyn continues to play the organ and piano, teach, and participate in the Woman's Auxiliary.

Professionally, Carolyn teaches school.

Three years ago, a foster child, Chip, 10, joined Carolyn's household, a relationship that has enriched both beyond measure.

To know Carolyn is to love her and anyone who gains her acquaintance is truly blessed.

—Emma Wallace

Communicator

January: Enlistment Month

Help the women of your church get off to a good start in the new year—enlist them in Woman's Auxiliary.

January is enlistment month. Use the suggestions in this issue to help get women enrolled.

Get them involved in action, prayer and study. See that they get the magazine. Keep them coming with good programs, brief business sessions, and warm fellowship.

If January is not a good month for you, then plan your enlistment program at some other time. Just be sure to reach out to all the women of your church.

February: Foreign Student Scholarship Month

The Côte d'Ivoire Bible Institute trains Free Will Baptists to work among their own people.

In the spring of 1990 eight young men will graduate from the three year program at the Institute. Classes will begin again in the fall of 1991 with a new group of students. At that time, we'd like to have money available for scholarships so that we can help the young people there with their training. Some students are already preparing to enter the institute in 1991.

Give generously and share in helping Ivoirians take the gospel to those in their own culture.

Provision Closet Needs

8 place settings of flatware
Full size mattress covers

WNAC Needs

Women have responded to needs for office equipment and furnishings. We now have a total

of \$985.50 for these needs:
Chair at editor's light table \$100
Computer and bookkeeping software 2,000
Copier 1,000
Typewriter 500
TOTAL \$3,600

Special appreciation goes to the Auxiliaries and individuals contributing to the needs of the national office.

Please designate any gifts to this project "Office Furniture and Equipment."

Eunice Edwards Loan Fund

The Eunice Edwards Loan Fund for Churches Abroad, started three years ago, is our national project until 1991. Our goal is \$50,000 by the end of that year.

These funds will be used to help congregations on our mission fields erect buildings for the churches' use.

Elsewhere in this magazine, you will see the total in the fund at this time.

Members of Woman's Auxiliary were asked to give at least \$1 per year. Since there are a few more than 10,000 members, if each

gave, by 1991 we would have the \$50,000.

Some have given very generously. Some members have given their \$5 in one year. Some have not given at all.

If you and your Auxiliary are in the last category, get busy and encourage a contribution to the Eunice Edwards Loan Fund.

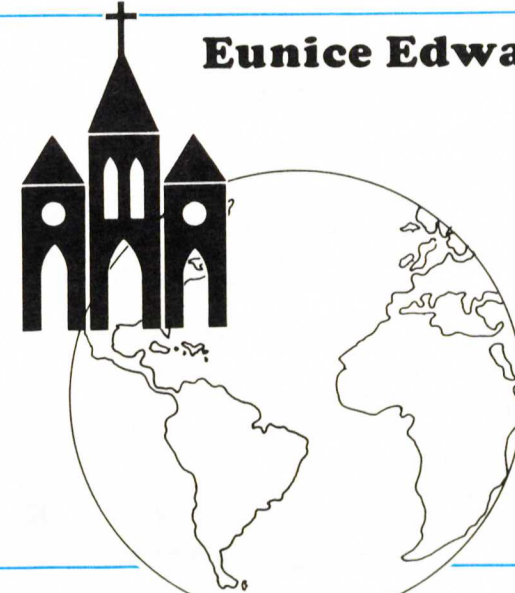
Co-Laborer Fund

It's the beginning of the year and a good time to make resolutions, begin new programs, stretch yourself, take on something new.

Perhaps your Auxiliary has not been giving regularly to the Co-Laborer Fund. This is the general fund for WNAC. It helps pay rent, utilities, insurance, salaries, printing, and all the expenses that go along with maintaining a national office.

Some Auxiliaries give a tenth of their monthly income. Some have a regular set amount they send in each month. Some give a monthly offering.

It doesn't matter how you do it, just be sure that your Auxiliary is contributing monthly to WNAC office expenses in 1990. ♦



Eunice Edwards Loan Fund

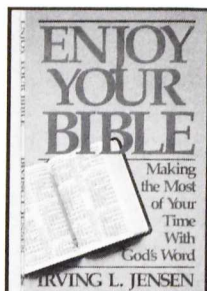
Auxiliary women are hard at work in creating a loan fund for building churches on our mission fields outside the United States. This first national project in several years stipulates \$50,000 to be raised over a 5 year period. This averages only \$1 per member per year.

Amount Received
\$23,237.00

Book Highlights

ENJOY YOUR BIBLE

By Irvin L. Jensen, World Wide Publications, \$7.95.



ENJOY YOUR BIBLE, now in its 20th printing and translated into 12 languages, offers tried and proven methods for motivating Christians to study God's

Word on their own.

The book is divided into three parts: Getting to Know the Bible (the incentive); Analyzing the Bible (the method); and finally, Applying the Bible (the application).

Irving's joy in Bible study is contagious as we browse through a book, chart a chapter, probe a

paragraph, examine a verse and weigh a word. Topical studies are also discussed.

Like his individual studies, this book is rich in charts, graphs and visuals.

A DIVINE BLESSING

By Elizabeth Skoglund, World Wide Publications, \$3.50. Reviewed by Lari Harrison.

I received this book on my 60th birthday, a time in my life when I felt ready to be put on a shelf. This book turned me in a different direction.

Leaving behind the questions of why so many see it as a curse, the writer presents a refreshing positive view of aging. Her writing style combines a wide range of knowledge, experiences of her counseling practice, and personal memories of family and friends.

This well-kept secret of ad-

vancing age is that many are finding it a time of great reward. Their stories of triumph will encourage all readers getting ready for the challenge of life's second half.

Skoglund reminds us, "The only one of the Ten Commandments connected with a promise offers long life as the incentive."

The author is a marriage, family and child counselor in private practice in Burbank, California. She has authored 17 books.

IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SERIES

By Doris Sanford, Multnomah Press, \$6.95. Reviewed by Yvonne Wolfenbarger.

As I read the four books in this series for children 4-7, I realized that today's generation faces different problems than we did in mine. These books help children—and parents—look realistically at families with problems perhaps like their own.

LISA'S PARENTS FIGHT. Lisa's parents deal with their frustrations in angry outbursts toward each other and their children. Lisa comes to believe that those who love you most are those who hurt you. She turns to God for comfort and asks Him to help parents learn how to show love rather than anger.

DAVID HAS AIDS. Sometimes David doesn't understand why God first allowed him to be a hemophiliac and then to contract AIDS. He learns that it's all right with God if he's upset because he can't be like other children. David turns to God for help in coping with the pain, loneliness and the fear of death.

BRIAN WAS ADOPTED. This story deals with the questions faced by one who feels unloved and rejected by his birth mother. Brian knows that his parents love him as their other children, even

A Woman God Has Used

Known for her sincere dedication and faithfulness to her church, Alice Gower Ellis is deeply admired by her fellow members at Head's Free Will Baptist Church in Cedar Hill, TN.

Mrs. Alice (or Maw-Maw as she is known by her 27 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren) was married to William Robert for 48 years until his death in 1976. God richly blessed this union with 5 sons, 5 daughters and one who died in infancy.

All her children have at one time been actively involved in church activities and served in every office of the church, be it pastor, deacon, trustee, Sunday school superintendent, teacher or musician.

Mrs. Alice, an avid quilter, assists those in need, including donations to the Missionary Provision Closet. She never misses an opportunity to testify of her praise to God for saving her soul. Each year she looks forward to attending the National Association, as well as any Auxiliary retreats.

You can always count on Mrs. Alice.



Judy Watts

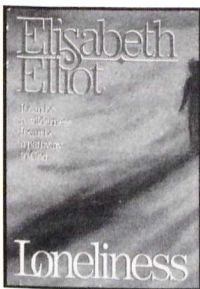
though he looks different. He comes to realize that God gave him to his new parents to make their family complete.

MARIE'S GRANDMA GETS MIXED UP. Marie's grandma, who has Alzheimer's disease, comes to live with her family. Marie is sad because Grandma is different, but she realizes that not having a cure for her doesn't mean there is nothing that can be done. They find ways to help Grandma. They check on her, see that she gets proper food, give her lots of hugs, and love her just the way she is.

This series, beautifully illustrated by Gracie Evans, clearly pictures God's love and concern in every circumstance.

LONELINESS

By Elisabeth Elliot, Thomas Nelson Publishers, \$12.95. Reviewed by Mary Ruth Wischart.



"What is to be done with loneliness?" Elisabeth Elliot answers that question in her book **LONELINESS**.

Do Christians get lonely? Loneliness is a part of the human condition. Certain conditions and seasons of our lives may bring acute loneliness. But none of us are exempt from the sudden tide of loneliness which may engulf us in its waves. As Elliot says, "Christianity is not a complete coverage insurance policy."

If you expect "practical" suggestions, such as join a club or begin a new hobby, don't read this book. If, however, you are interested in dealing with loneliness as a Christian, this is a book for you.

Elliot may bring you up short with the suggestion that loneliness is a gift from God. Read on. She suggests that you offer this gift back to God. Her own experiences and those of others show how even loneliness can become something beautiful and blessed in His hands.

The POET'S CORNER



She Has Chosen the Auxiliary

She has chosen the Auxiliary
And its co-laboring gals;
She has chosen the Auxiliary
And its faithful pals.
She has chosen the Auxiliary
And its second-mile attitude;
She has chosen the Auxiliary
And serves God with fortitude.

She absorbed the diamond logo
With its cross, globe and Bible;
She believed the purposeful motto
To get the Word to lost people.
She lived the lavender logo
Denying self of pleasure;
She practiced the profitable motto
Storing in heaven her treasure.

Pat Franks

Instruments of God

Women as instruments of God,
So different in many ways;
Willing to be God's instruments
Continually giving Him praise.
Business women, nurses, teachers,
Musicians or minister's wives,
Whatever our vocations,
The Master—conducting our lives.

Women as instruments of God,
Working in sweet accord;
In the harmonious symphony
Orchestrated by our Lord.

Linda Sligh

An Auxiliary Invitation

Dear Ladies of the church,
We're here to extend a greeting
And to say that you're invited
To our Woman's Auxiliary meeting.

You have no transportation?
Just give one of us a call;
You don't have a baby sitter?
You'll find a nursery down the hall.

You say you've worked all day
And still have so much to do?
Now really, can't you spare
The Lord just a minute or two?

Our meetings don't get boring;
In fact, the time goes by quite fast.
We're sure you'll enjoy yourself
From the first minute to the last.

We have interesting lessons
Written by women just like us;
We do a little bit of business
With a minimum amount of fuss.

We start and end with prayer
Our petitions sent up above,
That God would bless and heal
All the people that we love.

We're pearls of greatest price
(Just read Proverbs, if you will);
Then come to Woman's Auxiliary,
There's a place only you can fill.

Barbara Spencer

If you are experiencing loneliness from death, divorce, an empty nest, singleness or just the human condition, Elliot's book does give practical help indeed.

LONELINESS is also a good book to share or give as a gift to one who may be experiencing acute loneliness.

The author gives examples of people who have enriched others because of the gift of loneliness. For example, George Matheson, after being rejected by his fiancée because of his blindness, wrote

the hymn, "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go."

This book in a two-part tape series and packaged in an attractive vinyl binder may be ordered from: Gateway to Joy, Box 82500, Lincoln, NB 68501. Part 1, with 4 cassettes, is \$18.95. Part 2, with 5 cassettes, is \$22.95. Add \$2 postage and handling.

WNAC does not stock these books. Please order them from your state bookstore, or from Randall Book Store, 319C Harding Place, Nashville, TN 37211.

Appointed to pray

Missionary Brag Bag

By Anna Verne Lee

Surely you've heard of Grandma's Brag Book—that collection of photographs of the dearest grandchildren in the world! You've seen Grandma, when the opportunity arises for her to brag, show and tell about the darlings...with the help of her "brag book"!

A missionary prayer card is to the committed support partner of any missionary just about what a grandchild's picture is to his grandma. Not only does the prayer card provide a cherished photo, but it also gives immediate reference to particulars about the missionary and his specific ministry. For this reason, prayer cards of all our missionaries are collected into packets which, for the sake of comparison, I have chosen to call the "missionary brag bag." Prayer cards are versatile visual aids and may be used as prayer reminders, bookmarks, teaching tools, proud entries on the refrigerator door galley, or (if you have a collection of them) a silencer for young children in church!

Getting a "missionary brag bag" introduces you to a great way to learn the missionaries by name. The double pleasure comes when you get to meet the missionaries personally.

Here are some ideas for using the cards.

1. Categorize them by fields alphabetically to learn the missionaries on each field.

2. Categorize them by ministries (church planters, teachers, medical, etc.) to learn the kinds of ministries each field has.

3. File them alphabetically and use them with the Prayer Calendar daily.

4. When you receive CO-LABORER or your missions periodicals, find the missionaries mentioned in the brag bag packet and pray for them with the requests given.

5. In your prayer group, Auxiliary, or family worship, allow each one who attends to draw a card from the packet and pray for that individual and the request given on the card.

6. For children and teenagers, play team games and use the cards to identify the missionaries.

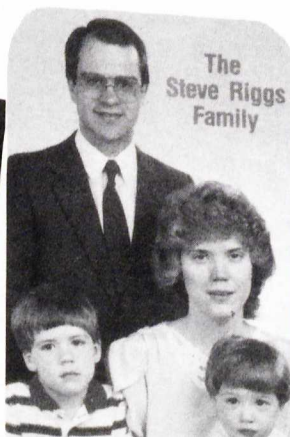
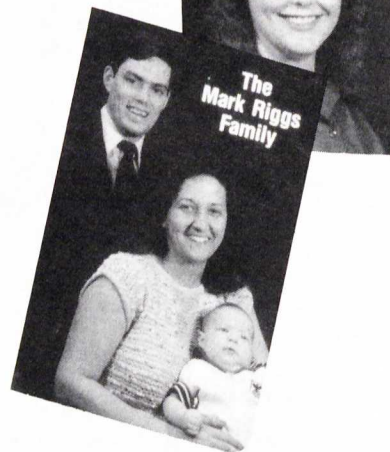
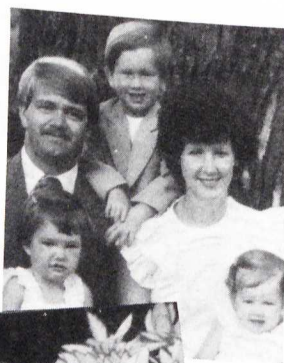
7. Make a photo album and categorize them by field or ministry.

8. Post two or three per week (on a bulletin board or on the refrigerator) as a reminder to pray.

9. Refer to them in your personal quiet times for intercession.

Sets of prayer cards are available from both the Home and Foreign Missions departments, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN. This helpful visual aid enhances the prayer support of all our missionaries. We'd like each of you to have a "missionary brag bag." ♦

—Adapted by permission from the author and World Gospel Press.



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.

January

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| 1—Florine Coscia (Brazil) | 7— <u>Linda Reeves</u> (Spain) |
| ** 1—Odis Whitehead (FL) | 7— <u>Pam West</u> (C'I) |
| ** 3—Bob White (KY) | ** 7—Larry Williams (GA) |
| * 4—Mark Thomas (CO) | 8—Don McDonald (Japan) |
| 5—Donna Daniel (C'I) | ** 11—Willa Johnson (KY) |
| 11—Walter Ellison (Uruguay) | ** 11—Vicky Rager (IN) |
| 13— <u>Jim Combs</u> (Brazil) | 11—Norman McFall (Brazil) |
| 14— <u>Shirley Combs</u> (Brazil) | ** 13—Billie Sexton (TN) |
| 23— <u>Priscilla Inscoe</u> (Panama) | 13— <u>Rejane Eagleton</u> (C'I) |
| 24—Jerry Pinkerton (C'I) | * 16—Shirley Reynolds (AZ) |
| 26—Cathy Crawford (France) | 17—Barbara Gibbs (France) |
| 29—Janice Banks (Japan) | ** 19—Richard Hendrix (AL) |
| | 21—Judy Lytle (Panama) |
| | 24—Glennnda Leatherbury |
| | ** 27—David McGowan (OH) |
| | * 27—Larry Reynolds (AZ) |

February

- 5—Judy Bailey (Japan)
* 5—Bill Reagan (Canada)

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 workers or deputation missionary.

PEOPLE

People
in spiritual darkness
Under the power of Satan
Are without hope
Because
Salvation
Is in Christ
And Him alone.

Some people
Think that
If a person is sincere
In his religion
God will make a way
For his salvation.
But the Bible makes it clear
That a person
Cannot be saved
Unless he personally
Receives the Lord Jesus
As his Savior.

People
Cannot call on Jesus
If they do not believe

In Him,
And cannot believe
If they have never heard,
And cannot hear
Unless someone tells them;
Therefore,
Someone must go
To take the message
Of salvation
So they can be saved.

People
Who know Christ
Should not close their eyes
To the terrible condition
Of the lost
And cannot escape
Their responsibility
Because one day
Every Christian
Will stand
Before the judgment seat
Of Christ
To give an account
Of himself

To God;
And if he fails
Will have to answer
For neglect.

People
Are lost.
So will you
Be a faithful witness
Where you are?
Pray
That God will
Send forth laborers
Into the harvest fields;
Give
That others may hear
The Good News of salva-
tion;
And go
To the peoples
Who have never heard
That Christ died
For them?

— Geneva Poole,
Brazil

PRAYER REQUESTS



•Returning missionaries
—Herseys to Japan, Nichols to
Cote d'Ivoire, and Aycocks to
Brazil. Pray for smooth adjust-
ment and spiritual renewal.

•Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico
still recovering from Hugo's dis-
aster. Pray for the teachers and
410 students as they make up time
lost.

•Youth camps in Brazil and
Uruguay. Pray for life-changing
decisions.

•Completion of the "Aim for
the Target" project (\$100,000 for
land in Arizona). Pray God for
one more couple in the Phoenix
area.

•The Dwain Crosbys in Madrid,
Spain for language study. Pray
for quick apprehension.

•Mexican Bible Institute and
the 12 dorm students. Pray for
Fred Jones, director, also for two
more trained teachers.

•Annual field councils on most
fields. Pray for unity and wisdom
in decisions.

•Pray for a strong nucleus of
believers in Windsor, Canada and
for the Bill Reagans who work
there.

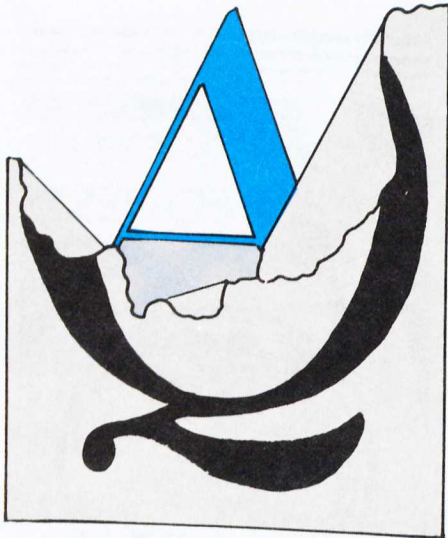
•Pray for the Lytles during the
political unrest in Panama.



Hotline



Dial
615/361-5005



**Your questions
answered on:**

Woman's Auxiliary

**by Mary Neal
WNAC President**

**Do you feel the pastor's wife
should be president of the local
Auxiliary?**

It depends on several factors: the church, the Auxiliary, the pastor, and the pastor's wife. Certainly she should have a good working relationship with the pastor!

A good leader is, first of all, a born-again Christian. Other qualifications are: 1) ability to work well with others, 2) willingness to carry responsibility, 3) skills to match the job requirement, 4) genuine concern for missions, 5) disciplined Christian life, and 6) loyalty to the Auxiliary program and purpose.

If the pastor's wife meets these qualifications and is willing to serve as president, that is wonderful. Many wives cannot accept this responsibility because they are already overloaded with work.

Sometimes the wife accepts this job and is quite successful.

However when she leaves, the Auxiliary collapses. She should train other leaders so that the Auxiliary will continue in her absence.

How does a group of women go about to organize an Auxiliary and join WNAC?

We have district and state field workers who are responsible to help organize new Auxiliaries. These field workers write the office and ask us to send a complimentary packet to them or a woman in the new organization. The packet contains a MANUAL, CO-LABORER magazines, and other publicity materials.

Sometimes a pastor or one of the interested women calls the national office for information.

The new Auxiliary petitions the district organization for membership and is officially accepted when it reports and pays its membership fees. If there is no district convention, the local petitions the state; if no state, they report directly to the national.

Why is WNAC a separate department from the National?

In the early years, men and women among Free Will Baptists worked together on boards, committees, etc. Men served on the "Women's Board" and helped with the literature and publications.

In the 1930's, however, the women reconsidered this idea and recommended to the National Association that the board be discontinued "since the vice presidents were in charge of the departments of work and the field secretary represented WNAC to the National Association."

The Association accepted the recommendation. The women were given power to manage their own work and report annually to the Association. The women have always supported themselves in addition to giving to other departments.

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



Emphasis Program

We really enjoy CO-LABORER. We presented "The Stones Cry Out" during a Wednesday night service.

Robin Williams, Elizabethton, TN

Our Auxiliary at Pleasant Mount really enjoys CO-LABORER. We enjoy the lessons, special articles and features.

Vickie Parr, Bowie, TX

We had our Emphasis Program on Wednesday night and received a \$50 offering. May funds be supplied for your faithful work for the Lord and His people.

Joyce Taylor, Brunswick, GA

We really enjoyed our Emphasis Program this year and presented it in our church service. If all Auxiliaries would present this program to the entire church, the offerings should increase.

Odessa Ledlow, Mobile, AL

Laborers Together

I praise God for your fine publication. I thank God for my sisters who encouraged me to send in my poetry and programs. I plan, with God's help, to continue reaching out to my sisters and encourage their spiritual growth.

*Luann Dillon
Wabash, IN*

Do you have any braille CO-LABORERS, or anyway we could get one? We have a blind lady in our Auxiliary and she would so enjoy one.

*Penny Allison
Hamburg, AR*

Ed. note: This is our second such request. We're seeing what we can do.

From our Missionaries

We have decided to remain in France until December for further language study. Though we have acquired good grammatical skills, we do not have the necessary conversational skills.

Ron and Linda Moore, Côte d'Ivoire

I just celebrated a birthday and how I rejoiced to receive birthday cards from all over the country. To know that you are praying for me and the mission work in Illinois is a great comfort.

Cliff Donoho, Salem, IL

Thank you for all your cards and letters. Please continue to pray for us as we adjust to the loss of Stephanie...It was so nice to go through the Provision Closet and get all the things I needed to set up housekeeping.

Steve and Linda Reeves, Spain

WORDS FOR WOMEN

Mary Wisehart



"W

here did yesterday go? Do you have it?" wrote a child in his letter to God.

How swiftly today and tomorrow have become yesterdays and 1989 has turned

into 1990.

Isn't it wonderful to know that God does hold all the yesterdays of 1989? All the blunders and mistakes, all the failures and defeats, all our sins—God holds them somewhere, behind His back, in the deepest sea. Somewhere in His memory book God has recorded our journey through time, our hurts and tears.

Psalm 56:8: "Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?"

Where did yesterday go? Yes, child, God has it. He holds all our yesterdays. We can leave them safely with Him.

And the year ahead? What of tomorrow?

1990. It's rather thrilling to write that date, isn't it? Ten more years and a new century begins.

When I was a youngster, I thought I would never live to see a new century. It seemed so far away and I would be so old! But here it comes, and if the Lord spares me until then, I'll be in my sixties. Not old at all!

He holds our yesterdays, but what of tomorrow? "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself." Matthew 6:34

The Great Invitation, our theme for 1990, implies that we are working together with the Holy Spirit inviting those who are thirsty to come to the water of life. How much time do we have left?

Swiftly today and tomorrow become yesterdays. Today may be our last opportunity. Jesus may come at any time. No one knows how much time we have left to accept the invitation, to extend the invitation. But God also holds our tomorrows. We can trust them safely into His hands.

Have you accepted His invitation? Then hasten to extend the invitation to those who thirst. Expect His soon coming and pray with John, "Even so come, Lord Jesus."

Yesterday and tomorrow? Yes, child, He has them. Leave them with Him.

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