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

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Our cover this month features a drawing titled, "Grandma's Quilt," an original colored pencil drawing by Teresa Pennington of Waynesville, NC.

Signed and numbered prints of "Grandma's Quilt" are available at $40 each, plus $3 postage. Contact T. Pennington Art Gallery, 105 Church St., Waynesville, NC 28786. Or call (704)452-9284.

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Editorial

Our country of Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) is enjoying its first rains after several months of dry season. Refreshing breezes blow across the burned-off millet fields and yam hills. Hordes of colorful butterflies swarm above dampened waterholes. The air is alive with the promise of spring.

No, I'm not there to see it with my physical eyes, but through the lens of my mind and memory, I have instant recall.

Most remarkable are the small patches of yellow and purple "orchids" dotting the blackened earth. It never ceases to amaze me how such loveliness can spring from such ugliness. The flowers appear for only a short while, then lie dormant under the ground until the first rains and conditions are once again ideal for their growth.

In her book, HINDS FEET ON HIGH PLACES, Hannah Hurnard tells how Much-Afraid came upon such a flower in a lonely deserted place where "there was not a single green thing growing, neither tree, nor flower, nor plant, save here and there a patch of straggly grey cacti."

Upon examination, Much-Afraid observed that an occasional drop of water fell from an old pipe to the spot where the golden flower grew.

"What is your name?" asked Much-Afraid of the golden flower whose face turned so bravely to the feeble drip.

"Acceptance With Joy," it replied in a tone as golden as itself.

And we, too, look at the golden flower and the yellow and purple orchids of Africa, and take courage. Some of God's choicest blessings often follow a period of severest testing.

— *Lorene Miley*

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

My Appointment With God

By Gladys Gragg

I have a daily appointment with God and I make it a point to get up early to keep it. This time has become very special to me.

After a trip to the bathroom to wash the sleep from my eyes, I head for the kitchen to put on a pot of coffee. As it brews, I head for my favorite chair in the living room. I thank God for the good night's rest, ask Him to cleanse my heart, calm my spirit and clear my mind: "Open thou mine eyes that I might behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Ps. 119:18).

I open my Bible to read a passage. I start one book and read it through before beginning another. Sometimes I read a segment of a chapter, or perhaps the entire chapter; sometimes several chapters, depending on the book or my need to read.

I keep a journal where I write down my insights from what I read and make personal application. Some passages seem to come alive, but others are equally as hard. When I read Matthew 1:1 thought, "There's nothing to comment on here."

But I had asked God to open my eyes to behold wondrous things, and He did just that. Here are my comments for that day:

> ...Fourteen generations from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to Christ" (Matt. 1:17b). As we trace the lineage of Christ, we find men who lived during the 400 silent years between the Old and New Testaments. These men are never mentioned except here, but they were necessary to fulfill prophecy. Never feel unimportant."

This finished, I turn to Proverbs and read the one which corresponds to the day I'm reading.

Now it's time to talk to God. The ACTS method is not new, but it seems to meet my need. First I ADORE Him. I tell Him I love Him and ponder on His greatness. Even though I cannot carry a tune in a bucket, a melody of praise often wells up in my spirit and I sing along with "How Great Thou Art" or "God Is So Good." Or a poem or psalm declaring his majesty springs to my mind.

CONFESSION comes next. Not just "forgive me my sins," but I ask forgiveness for specific sins: for the unkind words spoken yesterday, my negligence in writing my aged mother, my lack of concern for my sick neighbor, and others as the Holy Spirit brings to my mind.

THANKSGIVING follows the joy of forgiveness. In addition to thanking Him for spiritual blessings, each day I try to thank Him for some material gift that I tend to take for granted, as my car or refrigerator. I thank Him for physical blessings, as feet that enable me to walk, eyes to see, ears to hear, for life itself.

After ADORING, CONFESSING, AND THANKING, now I am ready to ASK. It's a tremendous responsibility to intercede in behalf of others. I try to be specific rather than general. I ask God to send someone to befriend my daughter, help my husband as he works, be with my son as he studies for exams. I ask Him to meet specific missionary needs. I pray for church needs, those who are sick, lost loved ones, and others as the Holy Spirit brings them to my remembrance.

One morning I asked God to allow me to help one person that day with a particular problem or need. A few hours later I met a coworker in the hall who said she needed to talk to me. Thinking it to be a work-related matter, I went by her desk. As I approached her, tears welled up in her eyes. "I'm at the end of my rope," she began, "could you give me some verses from the Bible that might help me?" I promised to get back with her at break time.

I thanked the Lord for answering my request and asked Him to give me the right verses and to say the right thing. Along with the verses, I gave her a copy of DAILY BREAD which gave the plan of salvation and some devotions pertaining to her problem.

Now several months have passed, but I still take her a copy of DAILY BREAD. She knows someone cares.

My quiet time is very precious to me, as well as personal, and I hesitated to write about it. But if it helps one person to develop her own quiet time with the Lord, it will be worth it.

Gladys Gragg, Nashville, TN, has a son, married daughter and her first grandson. Her husband, Walter, pastors the Lewisburg FWB Church.

SPRIPTURAL MEDITATION
The Listening Side of Prayer

by Cheryl Biehl, Questar Publishers, Inc., gift paperback, $7.95



If the cry of your heart is "Lord, please teach me your Word. Show me how it applies to my life today," you will want to read this book. Meditating in the Bible leads to a deeper experience of His power and presence.

Here is the method the author suggests: •Pray and ask God to fill your mind with His thoughts. •Ask Him to guard your mind against thoughts from the enemy. •Read and write out the phrase or verse on which you want to meditate and begin to write your thoughts.

Highly instructive, SCRIPTURAL MEDITATION includes a questions and answers section as well as a section for you to write your own meditation.

Invitation to Motherhood

Let's pull back the curtains of history and recognize some famous mothers of the past. Through the everyday tasks of mothering, these women helped shape the lives of some of the great leaders in Christianity. Some of these women were leaders in their own right through their influence on the world at large. We hope their experiences will be an inspiration to you and will continue to inspire you as you go home to the everyday tasks of mothering or grandmothering. You may very well be grooming the Christian leaders of tomorrow.

First Mother

This famous mother had four sons who all became preachers like their father. At a family reunion, a friend asked one of the sons, "Which of you is the greatest preacher?" The son turned to his father, winked, and answered, "Mother."

Second Mother

She was the wife of America's first foreign missionary. She committed herself to serve God even before her marriage and went to India, not just as a missionary's wife, but as a missionary herself.

She served with intense dedication, but with the same drawbacks that hindered all 19th century married women missionaries—illness and childbearing. She did translation work and conducted classes for women, but her greatest contribution to missions was her inspirational writing.

Third Mother

This wife of a famous evangelist raised five children largely on her own. With her husband gone so much of the time, she made a point to gather the children to hear their father each Sunday afternoon on his radio broadcast.

She sacrificed to spend time with her children, for as she once told an interviewer, "I don't want anyone putting on my tombstone, 'She might as well have traveled.'"

Fourth Mother

She was wife to the chaplain of the Senate and was a woman of prayer. After years of battling tuberculosis herself, she was left widowed with a 9 year old son. Her close walk with God carried her through her son's difficult adolescent years and the challenges presented by three young stepchildren when she remarried ten years later.

God answered her many early morning prayers for her family and has used her writing to change the lives of many others.

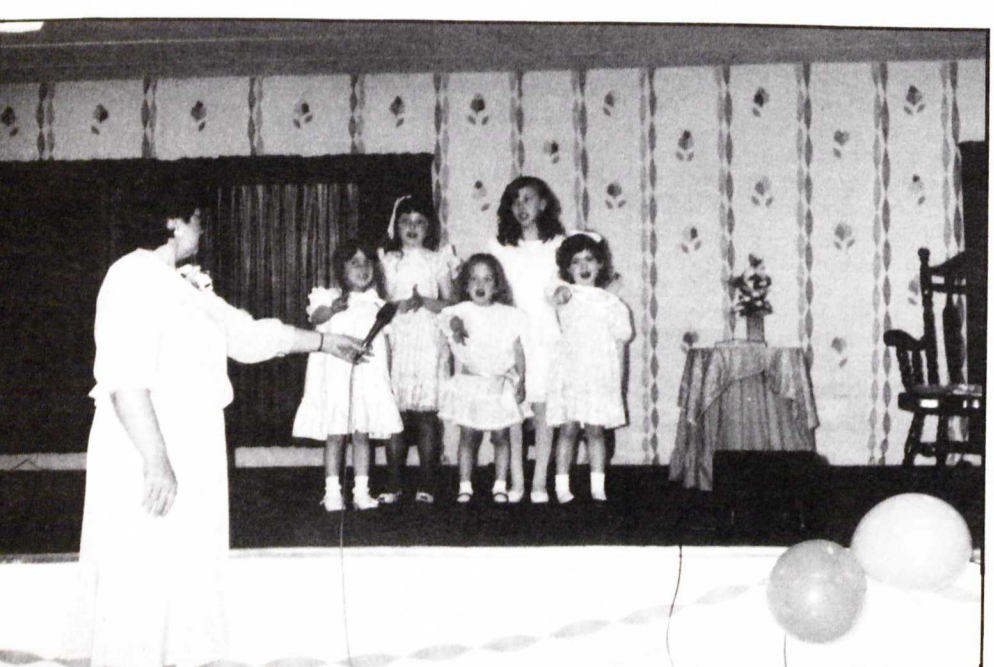


Who am I?

by Joy Ketteman Corn

Helps for your Mother-Daughter banquet

The author writes: Some of our primary and junior age girls memorized these parts of mothers past and present. We also presented the skit "Let Me Go," a skit about a young girl called to the mission field and her mother's reluctance to let her go. (This skit is found in Play Book #2, "Let Suzie Do It," which is now out of print. However, this play may be ordered from WNAC for 50 cents.) →



Doris Tolliver holds the mike for mini-program participants at the First Mother-Daughter banquet, Hazel Park, MI. Christian vocalist Kevin Corley rendered special music.



•The Leader may read the clues and the women give the answers.

•Dress nine girls as these mothers might have dressed and let them give the clues in the first person.

•Substitute the pronoun with the name of the famous mother and present as a character sketch.

Mrs. Corn continues: "We played an opening game, "Motherly Advice," which was an adaptation of the old game where each person writes a question with its answer on separate pieces of paper. We limited the questions to those a daughter would ask a mother or a mother would ask her daughter. We shuffled the questions and answers, so, of course, when the answers to the questions were given, the advice was very scrambled and quite humorous."

"Hats Off To Mom," was the theme the Savannah Auxiliary chose for their Mother-Daughter banquet. For table favors, they shrank styrofoam cups into little hats and decorated them with ribbon and dried flowers. Other favors were donated from Avon and Belk: perfume and lotion samples.

Fifth Mother

This great Christian mother had 19 children, yet she found time to give each one an hour of religious instruction each week. Her teaching eventually spread to other children in the neighborhood, and then to adults, with over 200 coming on occasion to hear her messages.

Though she was patient with her children and tolerant of other's views, she was a very aggressive, strongwilled woman. Her two well-known sons left a profound mark for God in England.

Sixth Mother

Although blind from the age of six weeks, she was greatly used by God. Her optimistic outlook on life was largely due to the influence of her mother and grandmother.

A neighbor, Mrs. Hawley, read the Bible to her as a child and taught her Bible stories. It seems unbelievable, but by the time she was 10 years old, she could recite the first four books of the Old Testament and the four gospels!

At the age of 30, she received assurance of her salvation and God used her to write over 8000 hymns.

Seventh Mother

She married the great reformer two years after escaping from the convent where she was reared. She managed her home like the energetic woman of Proverbs 31, launching into pig farming, gardening, and bartering to feed and sustain her household.

She not only had her own six children to care for, but also, at various times, her own niece and nephew, eleven of her husband's nieces and nephews, various boarding students, and ever-present guests who came to confer with her famous husband.

This woman should be viewed as a model preacher's wife for all times.

Eighth Mother

This mother of a famous evangelist sacrificed to bring up seven boys and two girls as a united family after their young father died. She taught them to work hard, be honest, never give up, and always show compassion to the needy.

Her famous son was led to Christ by a Sunday school teacher after he left home, and he faithfully wrote to his mother, though she remained skeptical of his Christian faith. Not until she was 70 years old did she receive Christ, but there is no question that this mother had given her son the kind of training that helped him become the most successful evangelist of his day.

Ninth Mother

Though she had no birth children of her own—was never even married—she devoted more than 50 years of life to rescue children from the clutches of heathen practices in India. Here she provided a haven where her children could grow, be loved and learn about God.

Though she is greatly admired today, she was controversial in her day. Spiritually immature people could not understand her commitment to God or her total identification with her adopted people.

She, too, is remembered for her inspirational writings. ◆

(Turn the page upside down to identify the mothers.)

Famous Mothers

1. Mrs. G. Campbell Morgan
2. Ann Judson (Mrs. Adoniram)
3. Ruth Bell Graham (Mrs. Billy)
4. Catherine Marshall (Mrs. Leonard LeSourd)
5. Suzanna Wesley (Mrs. John)
6. Fanny Crosby
7. Katherine Von Bora Luther (Mrs. Martin)
8. Betsey Moody
9. Amy Carmichael

By Betsy Rossen Elliot
Program for May

SENDING *the* Sent Ones

Aim: To list practical ways to help our missionaries
Scripture: Rom. 10:11-15
Hymn: "Help Somebody Today"

Introduction

When you hear about someone going as a missionary to another country, do you wish you could cross national and cultural boundaries for the sake of the gospel, too? Or do you sometimes feel vaguely guilty and unspiritual for not going? Do you even breathe a sigh of relief, glad to be let off the hook?

God does not rate people with passports as being more spiritual than others. Au contraire. He has an exciting partnership in mind for us. In these days of heightened missions awareness, it is intriguing to think about going to another culture to preach the gospel. But, as the apostle Paul asks in Romans 10, "How can people be missionaries unless they're sent?" Missionaries are important. But if no one sends them, they don't go. Being a sender is, therefore just as crucial as being sent.

Where would God's mission be today were it not for the ministry of key senders who equipped and refreshed his servants? They join Paul's chorus of praise to senders everywhere (read Romans 10:11-15).

We, as senders and partners in mission, have been called with all missionaries to fulfill the Great Commission. How can we send? How can we support?

A Sender is an Encourager

We call missionaries "servants," "saints," and "spiritual giants." They may be any and all of these. But they're also people—like us, but in a different setting. They need encouragement both because they are human and because they are separated from accustomed support systems.

Look at the opening chapter of Philippians. There you find the words of a prisoner, but not one who is defeated and bound in spirit. Paul is encouraged by the loving support of a growing fellowship of believers. How can we provide such encouragement?

A full mailbox is a welcome sight when you're away from home. One missionary became so desperate she requested her dad forward all his junk mail! Phone calls also brighten our routine and often do seem "the next best thing to being there." And don't forget those delightful care packages!

Remember that to be a long-distance encourager requires forethought. Think about postal delays—even air mail can take three weeks or more to arrive in many remote areas of the world; surface mail (by boat, for packages) can take three months or more. This is where we're remiss, forgetting that we're sending a birthday card around the globe instead of around the block. A cure for this is to mark on our calendar not only the anniversary or birthday itself, but also the day on which we should mail the card or gift.

Write to your missionaries about what you have been doing and learning, perhaps including a quotation from a book you are reading or a passage of Scripture you are discovering. Enclose a newspaper or magazine article of interest to them, or a cartoon that will brighten their home away from home.

Never mail packages without first contacting the missionaries or the mission board. High duties are often imposed, even on gifts, forcing the missionary to pay several times the value of the package. Find out if certain items are more easily received than others, what markings on the package are needed, and if during certain times of the year gifts are received duty free. Don't assume that these precautions are inapplicable to other Western countries or to a place as close as Mexico.

The cost of a telephone call is surprisingly low to many areas of the world; find out the cheapest time to call, then keep in mind how many time zones away you are. "Happy Birthday to You" by phone is terrific, but not at 4:00 A.M. And if time and resources allow, consider vacationing in your missionaries' country of ministry. Seeing their life firsthand is a sure way to encourage your encouraging. Pitch in and help, be it by carpentry, typing, taking pictures for their next furlough or babysitting.

Or when they visit your town, invite them into your home, be it for an evening's fellowship or an extended furlough. Reach out in friendship to their children, and when they return to their adopted home encourage them through illnesses or difficult times at school. Find out if their school calendar is different from yours so you will know how to time your help.

However you choose to encourage your missionaries, refrain from placing them on a pedestal. Missionaries, though often in extraordinary situations, are still ordinary human beings.

A Sender is a Pray-er

Missionaries need human support and encouragement. They also need divine support.

For years I would unblinkingly tell missionaries, "Oh yes, I'll pray for you." But I wouldn't. And I'd wallow in guilt because of my neglect. Finally, a friend encouraged me to act on advice I had heard before: use a prayer plan. Just decide what things to pray for on each day of the week, list them by day on a card to which you can refer, and stick to it. Of course, there are certain people I pray for daily, but it is unrealistic to promise to pay for everybody every-

day. God is much more pleased with faithfulness on a small scale than with grandiose, unfulfilled promises.

When I started this plan, I also began to keep a record of my prayers and God's answers. In a small notebook, I write my requests in the left-hand column, the results in the right. This visible record serves both to remind me to praise God for being concerned about and active in the world and to encourage me to keep praying.

I've found that it strengthens my faith and fosters good prayer habits when I pray with a group of people who share my concern for missions. You can start such a group in your church or among friends. Your enthusiasm will be contagious as you and your fellow pray-ers sense more of your vital role as partners in missions.

A Sender is an Informed Partner

"Well, it's wonderful to see you home again," a friend of mine greeted me enthusiastically when I returned from work in Indonesia for my first furlough," writes Martin Goldsmith. "You must tell us all about your work in South America," he continued. I reminded him that we had actually been in Indonesia, and wondered to myself just what effect our letters had produced. "Oh yes," he replied casually, "I knew it was somewhere out there."

To be an informed helper, a sender needs to be acquainted with the missionary, his or her mission field, the mission board, the country.

An armchair education can include eye-opening books, such as *No Graven Image, How Green is My Mountain, Eternity in their Hearts, Peace Child* and *A World of Difference.* Read about missions in your own denominational journal, as well as mission board publications. Study atlases and maps.

Look up countries on a map when you haven't the foggiest idea where they are. Maps have a fascinating influence in our growing missions awareness. Indicate in some way (use pins and identifying labels) the location of the missionaries you are supporting.

A Sender is a Need-Meeter

Meeting needs is the logical result of encouraging: we must meet real needs, not just verbally encourage. James 2:14-16 comes down hard on people who stop short!

Be practical when you go to meet missionaries' needs. Does their frying pan need a new handle? Be the one to order it; they may be a continent away from the nearest hardware store. Is your sports-minded friend dying to hear the latest news about this or her favorite team? Give a gift subscription to *Sports Illustrated*; foreign libraries don't always carry it.

The Mission Boards may provide suggestions on what needs often go unmet. You can also request the birthdays and anniversaries of the whole family, and information on holidays and the school calendar in the other country.

Be aware of inflation, climate, mission-board policy and other factors that may adversely affect a missionary's life. The Missionary Provision Closet stocks basic supplies and Tupperware from which missionaries can take what they need, especially for humid climes.

A major need faced by almost all missionaries is for adequate financial support. Gladys Hunt laments that missionaries need not plead for funds: "Why is the church of Jesus Christ allowing young people to itinerate the length and breadth of the land with a tin cup, as it were, pleading for support to allow them the privilege of going to share the message? Why isn't the church out looking for those who will go, ready with funds, already having prayed that the Lord would send forth laborers?"

Good stewardship of the Lord's money entrusted to you should include a budget and a record of what you have contributed—whether weekly, monthly, quarterly or through one time gifts. Evaluate your commitments periodically. You can't be an effective partner to too many people; therefore, don't sign up to support every missionary you run across, either out of guilt or some mystical feeling.

A Sender is a Receiver

Missionaries who go out must come back. Sometimes they come back for short furloughs, sometimes for longer, sometimes permanently. This re-entry can be the hardest part of their service.

Missionaries need people to help them readjust. How? Mostly by listening, by encouraging them to talk and think through the difficult as well as the delightful times.

A receiver must be practical. Provide your returned missionaries with hospitality. Offer, don't make them ask. Give them time and a place to sleep. Run errands. Lend your car.

Another way to be a receiver is to provide a "home away from home" for missionaries' children. Invite them to your home for weekends or holidays when they come to college.

Conclusion

I feel it is only fair to warn you: senders often become the sent. As you grow in your support of missions, God may be asking you to grow in your participation in missions. Avoid, however, the trap of thinking that the sender's calling is an inferior one. Ask yourself instead which wing of the airplane is more important—the left or the right? The plane would be grounded without both. God's mission would also be incomplete without either the sent to accomplish the work or the senders to get and keep them there.

Our roles will change over the years between sender and sent. Many are both. The issue is this: are we fulfilling our own personal responsibilities in the family of God?

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By Velda Tucker
Program for June

You're Invited!

Let's have a Bridal Shower

Aim: To make a spiritual application from some of the different showers we give prospective brides.
Scripture: Rev. 19:7
Hymn: "More Love To Thee"



Introduction

Bridal Bouquet:

Forget me nots	faith and hope	Rom. 12:12a
Camellia	contentment	1 Tim. 6:6
Pine	strength and loyalty	Isa. 12:2
Gardenia	purity	1 Tim. 5:22b
Holly	protection	Deut. 33:7a
Cedar	constancy	Heb. 13:5b

Every bride-to-be has a heart bubbling over with joy. Her excitement mounts as she receives an invitation to her first bridal shower...then others. Each gift she receives is an expression of love and best wishes for her marriage. Let's look at the variety of showers she might have and examine some of the gifts she is likely to receive.

Miscellaneous Shower

Gifts in this all-inclusive shower may be anything from a basket of cleaning supplies to a vacuum cleaner. Have you noticed? Most people give gifts they would choose for themselves. The new homemaker will use the cleaning supplies to keep her new home sparkling clean for her husband. We, too, have been cleansed from sin and have received the righteousness of Christ (2 Cor. 5:21).

As the bride uses her shower gifts to beautify her new home, her husband will praise her openly and often compliment her with flowers or candy. Our heavenly Father rewards His servants for their faithfulness (Matt. 25:21).

A clock is a good shower gift. She anticipates the happy times with her husband. It reminds us as believers of our times with Christ through fellowship and worship. The sands of time may change, but Christ never changes (Heb. 13:8).

It takes years to accumulate enough to turn that first home into a dream home of the future. But in our Father's house are many mansions (John 14:2). The bride may receive lamps, but we need no lamps in this mansion He is preparing (Rev. 21:23).

The bride-to-be often receives sets of glasses as shower gifts. She needs these when guests drop by and she serves a cool drink to satisfy their thirst. God sends rain to quench our natural thirst which will reoccur. But when we drink of the Living Water, we never thirst again (John 4:13,14).

Recipe Shower

In a recipe shower, guests bring their favorite recipes and the ingredients for making them. The hostess coordinates the planning so that all do not bring the same type of recipe.

For example, one guest may arrive with a gift-wrapped package containing a box of cornbread mix, mixing bowl, spatula, and a baking pan. This reminds us as Auxiliary women that we support our missionaries as they supply the Bread of Life to hungry souls around the world (John 6:31-35).

Another may bring a salad recipe with all the ingredients in a salad bowl. Our lives, like salad, are composed of many ingredients—joy, sorrow, heartaches, happiness, whatever is tossed into our lives. God covers it all with a dressing of comfort and assurances of His promises as we feast on His Word. In 2 Cor.1:3, Paul describes Him as the "God of all comfort."

Another may bring a cake recipe with pan and ingredients. Most everyone seems to enjoy a slice of cake with rich icing. Every Christian enjoys the sweet fellowship with God's family as we wait for the icing on the cake—our wedding day with Christ.

The hostess provides a decorative card file holder for the bride to file her cards when she has completed her recipe. One day Christ will return and we will be presented to our heavenly Father where we will dwell with Him throughout eternity.

Linen Shower

The prospective homemaker is especially grateful for wash cloths, towels, sheets, pillowcases, bedspreads, tablecloths, napkins, quilts and blankets.

Many new wives can hardly

wait to show off their new gifts. She prepares a delicious meal and serves it on a table covered with a new cloth and china. Christ spreads a table for His children and delights in feeding them (Ps. 37:3).

When the cold nights of winter creep upon us, we love to snuggle up under a soft warm blanket. We feel warm and secure in God's love because He cares for us (1 Pet. 5:7). He keeps us safe.

Anniversary Shower

Wedding Anniversaries

year	...traditional	modern
1st	paper	clocks
2nd	cotton	china
3rd	leather	crystal, glass
4th	fruit, flowers	electrical appliances
5th	wood	silverware
6th	candy, iron	wood
7th	copper, wool	desk sets
8th	bronze, pottery	linens
9th	pottery, willow	leather
10th	tin, aluminum	diamond jewelry
11th	steel	fashion jewelry
12th	linen, steel	pearls

A dozen or so guests may be invited to attend an anniversary shower. On this occasion, each one is assigned to bring a gift representing one of the first 12 wedding anniversaries. The first one would bring a gift of paper, perhaps a cook book. The second, a gift of cotton, perhaps linens. A good suggestion for the leather item is a small leather bound New Testament or a family Bible for them to begin their lives together.

After the 13th anniversary, the gifts are too elaborate for shower-giving. However, there are no gifts too elaborate for God to give His children. He owns the cattle upon a thousand hills (Ps. 50:10).

Peter and John told the lame man at the temple gate, "Such as I have, give I thee." We, too, give what we have, whether it be words of encouragement, comfort, support, a listening ear, understanding heart, or a helping hand. The smallest gift given with the right attitude is blessed by God and earns eternal rewards.

Personal Shower

Close friends usually host this intimate shower since a knowledge of the bride's correct sizes and personal tastes are important. Gifts such as beauty aids, lingerie, lacy gowns and robes with matching slippers are all gifts the bride will appreciate as she looks her best for her bridegroom.

Maintaining love and affection in a relationship requires much time and effort. These gifts encourage the bride to look her best. We as Christians must strive to maintain our Christlikeness. He knows our personal tastes, habits, abilities and limitations (Ps. 103:14).

Good communication is essential for a happy marriage. Many couples become so involved with work and activities outside the home that they have little time for each other. Christians maintain good communication with God through prayer (Acts 6:4). God's gifts flow from a bountiful supply when we take time to ask (James 4:2).

A bride may be reluctant to ask her new husband for money or some luxury, but we are told to come boldly to the throne of grace (Heb. 4:16).

Kitchen Shower

Gifts for a kitchen shower may include cookbooks, cookware, dishes, gadgets, flatware, and small appliances as mixers, toasters or can openers.

A cookbook guides the homemaker as she experiments with new dishes. The Christian's guide, the Bible, is filled with many recipes (promises) for a happy life. We hold it in our hearts to love and cherish for it will endure forever (Matt. 24:35).

A mixer blends all the ingredients for delicious dishes. This reminds us of our 9:00 prayer fellowship as well as other prayer services when we blend our voices in prayer to God for our missionaries, pastors, families and each other.

Can openers are convenient for opening cans of food, but they must be used to be effective. Many missionaries have entered doors carrying the Good News to those waiting to hear. Oh, that we would be willing to open our cans of support to help provide their entrance. Many will go hungry and doors close if we fail (Luke 10:2).

The bride-to-be often receives gifts of china in her chosen pattern. China is a gift of beauty which endures and enhances the table. We are God's chosen pattern and made in His likeness (Gen. 1:26). We are chosen vessels, meet for the Master's use, designed to endure until His coming (2 Tim. 2:21).

Conclusion

Bridal showers are usually scheduled six weeks or so before the wedding. Family and friends spend unselfishly on refreshments, napkins, flowers and gifts simply because they love the prospective bride. She expresses her gratitude clearly and promptly.

Jesus laid the foundation for etiquette when He said, "As you would that men should do to you, do ye also to them." Gratefulness is an outward expression of an inner gratitude.

Most brides maintain a wedding invitation list. Do we have a check list? How many of our friends and loved ones have we invited to become a part of the wedding ceremony? Christ's invitation is to ALL (Rev. 22:17). No one is left off His list.

Have you noticed weddings take place the year around? Any season is ideal. All seasons are right to deliver the invitation to those who have not yet acknowledged. Perhaps we need to renew our own wedding vows to Christ. Like the newly engaged girl with her ring, we should be bursting to share the Good News with the whole world.

Heavenly bridal showers are but a foreshadow of what we will receive at the coming of our Lord. Even so come, Lord Jesus!

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Communicator

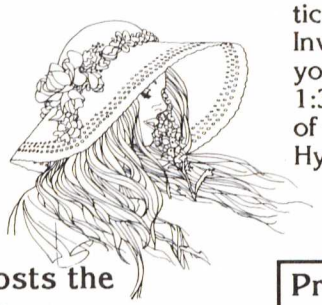
Let's all go to Phoenix!

Grab A Hat

Grab a hat with a brim or your fancy parasol and join us in Phoenix for the 55th annual session of WNAC.

Phoenix is Sun Valley USA. Generally it is hot and dry. The sun feels burning, but even the shade of a hat brim or a parasol provides some relief.

The hotels are conveniently located just a block or two away from the convention center.

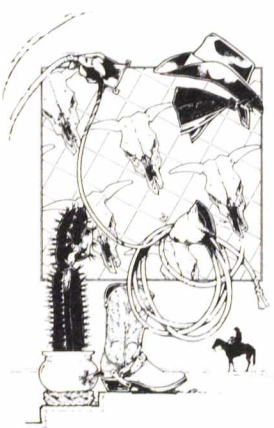


Seminar Available



Monday afternoon Janie Aldridge will be conducting a seminar considering the question, will you carry the invitation?

This seminar will suggest practical helps for extending the Great Invitation around the world and in your own corner. It will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the C and D sections of the Regency Ballroom in the Hyatt Hotel.



Arizona Hosts the Convention

Arizona has four established Free Will Baptist churches and five mission works, one in Flagstaff and four in the Phoenix area. They are working hard to help host the convention.

Attendees have an opportunity Tuesday at the 11:10 service to contribute to the convention expenses, express gratitude to the Arizona women and share with them in the expense.

Bring a special offering from your Auxiliary and give a special personal offering for the convention. Say thank you and share.

Pre-Register

For the first time pre-registration is available for the National Conventions. Check the form in either CONTACT or your state paper.

Pre-register now. Avoid standing in line.

Business Session for WNAC

Only once a year women meet to transact business for WNAC. During the business session, Tuesday, July 17, your Auxiliary has opportunity to be represented, to speak out about your concerns, to vote your feelings about items on the floor.

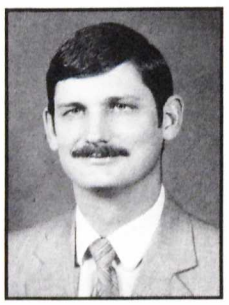
Send your local delegate with a $3 fee. Be sure your state or district sends its full quota of delegates.

Important items are coming up at the business session. Be there to make your vote count.

Missionary Speakers

Dr. Ken Eagleton, Côte d'Ivoire, will speak at 11:10 a.m., Tuesday, July 17. Woman's Auxiliaries have invested a great deal in the medical work in Côte d'Ivoire through the years. Dr. Ken will give an up-to-date report as well as a challenging message.

Florine Coscia, missionary to Brazil, leads the way for the convention with a devotional Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.





State Leaders Meet

At 3:00 p.m., Monday all state officers (and district officers without state conventions) are invited to meet in the Phoenix Ballroom at the Hyatt Hotel.

Women representing the offices of president/vice president, secretary, treasurer and field worker will serve as a panel to speak briefly and answer questions for state officers.

Nominating Committee Organizes

A new nominating committee will be forming this year. Each state (and district convention without a state convention) should have a representative on this committee.

The committee meets at 9:00 a.m., Monday, July 16 in the Hyatt Hotel, Remington A.

June Rolen, WNAC vice president, will meet with the committee to help them get organized.

Special Feature

Every woman should be present Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 to finish the business session of WNAC and meet the missionary women.

Lorene Miley is planning a special feature for Tuesday using the missionary women attending the convention.

Fellowship Dinner

Rudene Kennedy, popular Bible teacher, is the speaker for WNAC's Fellowship Dinner in the Regency Ballroom at the Hyatt Hotel.



Join us for a real Southwestern evening.

Get your tickets early. The hotel is requiring a guaranteed number by Friday, July 14.

State Convention Reports to the National

If you have not already received your annual report, you will be receiving one from WNAC just before your state meeting.

Remember that we have done away with the two separate reports from the secretary and treasurer. Instead this one report will serve to let the credentials committee know that your state (district or local Auxiliary) is eligible to be seated at the convention in Phoenix.

Return these reports to WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. The deadline is July 1, 1990.

Creative Arts Contest Winners

Creative Arts Winners will be recognized during the Tuesday morning session of the convention. All winners are asked to be on the platform before the 9:00 a.m. session begins. If you cannot attend, please appoint a proxy to receive your award.

Emphasis '90 Packets

Emphasis '90, complimentary packets for your all-church Emphasis Program, will be ready for mailing by July 1. Plan to pick yours up at the WNAC booth in Phoenix. Next issue of CO-LABORER will feature a full program written by Margie Patton.

Refunds available through July 1. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request.

Yes!

I want to attend the WNAC Fellowship dinner, Tuesday, July 17, 1990 at 5 p.m. in the Hyatt Regency Ballroom. I understand each ticket is $14.00, including tax and tip.

Mail to:
WNAC Tickets
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202

_____ Number tickets requested

$_____ Amount enclosed

☐ I wish to purchase a ticket for the following missionary:

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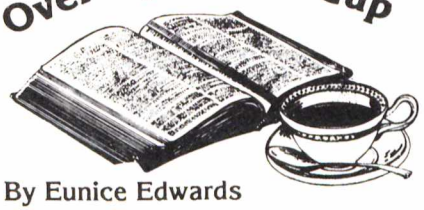
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Over My Coffee Cup



By Eunice Edwards

God's ways are always right! His Word teaches this great truth and His daily care affirms it. Only as we follow His ways are we in a right relationship with Him.

Psalm 19 is replete with these precious truths. Verse 7 states that if sinners follow His law they will be converted. This is a common place to begin following the Lord. In fact, service without conversion and followed by loving obedience is contrary to God's Plan for the whole human race.

His Word enlarges upon this theme by stating that "the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes" (v. 7b). This simply means that any person who accepts God's plan for his life is wise.

Remember when you discovered that God loved you and wanted you to be His child? Remember the pure joy that flooded your life when you accepted His plan for you? This is what He is saying in verse 9: "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." That is why conversion convinced the sinner that God's ways are always right! Conflict is replaced with perfect harmony.

Verse 8 tells us that the "statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart." When one first experiences the "peace that passes understanding", he knows this is right! Whatever happens from now on is all right. God is in control and one's heart rejoices with the confidence that it was God who had accepted your prayer of faith and acknowledged His Son as your Savior.

For the Christian His love and care grows sweeter than honey in the honeycomb. His love grows sweeter each day. ◆

Bible Study

by M. M. Daniel

I John
Chapter 2, Part 3

REVIEW: The aged Apostle John dealt with the Christian's family relationship (fellowship) with the Father and with one another in chapter 1. This close relationship results in an inward and unshakable assurance of salvation. In chapter 2 and continuing into chapter 4, John lists at least five major "tests" of discipleship. Believers can and should evaluate their position in Christ and gage their spiritual growth by honestly facing these tests. The test of our "inward desires and priorities" was covered in the previous study. Another "test" is covered in this study.

IN THE "KNOW" (2:18-23)

2:18—"Know" is one of the keywords in 1 John, used 38 times in various forms. This word is found 14 times in chapter 2. What are we to "know?" "Little children, it is the _____ time; and as ye have heard that _____ shall come, even _____ are there _____ antichrists, by which we _____ that it is the last time." In 90 AD, many were already in direct opposition to Christ and their tribe has increased with the passing of time. Jesus predicted this in the endtime prophecy of Matthew 24:11,12.

2:19—The great menace of an antichrist is that he often identifies himself as "Christian." However a deeper look into his doctrine reveals major error as Scripture is twisted to conform to personal opinions. "They (the antichrists) went _____ from us, but they were not _____ us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have _____ with us; but they went out that they might be made _____ (for those spiritually alert to see) that they were not all of us." A knowledge of true Bible doctrine is essential if we are to be able to distinquish between the real and the counterfeit Christian in places of leadership, and avoid being deceived.

2:20,21—The Bible is the only source of a true believer's doctrinal position. No other "guide" or "key" is required. However, care must be exercised to keep Scripture in context and in relationship to the whole. Any idea can be "proved" by those who isolate a verse and build their doctrinal position around that verse, regardless of other Scripture negating their view. "But ye (true believers) have an _____ from the Holy One, and ye _____ all things." This "unction" is the anointing of the Holy Spirit within, Who will aid us in discerning between truth and dangerous half-truths. Read John 16:13-15. "I have not _____ unto you because ye _____ not the truth."

2:22,23—"Who is a _____ but he that _____ that Jesus is the Christ? He is _____, that denieth the Father _____ the Son." The eternal Godhead is inseparable. A person's basic position on that matter is vital. Read verse 23.

WHEN WE "KNOW"... (2:24)

2:24—Knowing that you are "on the right road," literally as well as spiritually speaking, gives assurance not easily shaken. "Let that (assuring knowledge), therefore, _____ in you which ye have heard from the _____." This assurance should daily abide in the life of God's child, enjoying all that this close relationship entails. However, note the following sentences: "_____ that which ye have heard from the _____ shall _____ in you, ye also shall _____ in the Son, and in the Father." Here is the test of spiritual maturity. Just as a baby is not assured of living to a ripe old age at birth, so the babe in Christ must receive the milk of the Word, progressing to a meat diet, to grow and mature spiritually (2 Pet. 3:17,18). Otherwise, he is courting apostasy and shipwreck.

WHAT WE "KNOW" (2:25-27)

2:25—"And this is the _____ that He hath promised, even _____ life." The reward is well worth the effort expended in becoming a Bible student rather than a casual reader. The difference is that of becoming spiritually mature or of suffering in a state of anemia.

2:26—"These things have I written unto you _____ them that _____ you." One of satan's specialties is subtle seduction. He delights in luring immature believers into cults that twist and pervert Scripture. Truth is in the written word alone. Faithful church attendance will certainly prevent us from becoming Biblically illiterate, but it is only by consistent, personal study during the week that we move towards spiritual maturity. Here is the test of Biblical knowledge.

2:27—There are two key words in this verse, both beginning with "a." "But the _____ (the Holy Spirit as Teacher) which ye received of Him _____ (keeps on living and operating) in you, and ye need not that any _____ teach you; but as the same _____ teacheth you all things, and is _____ and is no _____, and even as it hath _____ you, ye shall _____ in Him." With the indwelling Spirit to teach us truth as we study, a human teacher is not required. However, it is the constant "abiding" that motivates us to study for ourselves. Here is the test of obedience to His command to study (2 Tim. 2:15).

WHO WE "KNOW" (2:28,29)

2:28—"And now, little children, _____ in Him, that, when He shall _____, we may have _____ (assurance) and not be _____ before Him at His coming." We know and serve a living Lord who promised His return when least expected by most of humanity (John 14:3); 1 Thess. 5:2-4). The sobering thought in this verse is that some believers, spiritually immature, with no reason other than lethargy for remaining in this precarious state, will stand ashamed at His coming! Of course, as long as there is life, there is always much room for growth. But to stand ashamed due to willful neglect is flirting with danger.

2:29—"If ye _____ that He is _____, ye know that _____ that doeth (keeps on doing) _____ is born of Him." "Righteous" comes from the Greek word →

Surprise Welcome to Heaven and Home

Thanks, Jesus, for such a warm welcome
And for wiping away my tears.
It's been kinda rough,
But now I can see that it was worth it.
I can't believe this dazzling beauty all around.
The sky. The grass. The flowers—
So vivid. Striking. Breath-taking.
The buildings. And the music.
But mostly I'm glad to see You.
I can never thank You enough for saving me.
When I had gone astray
You turned me around;
It was different from then on.
Hard lots of times.
But I kept reading Your Word
And talking to You.
You kept your end of the bargain
With peace. Power. Guidance.
I couldn't have gone it alone.
I remember once when I was downcast
You led me to Hebrews
Where I read
"For this world is not our home;
We are looking to our everlasting home in heaven."
So here I am. Thank You, Jesus.
I'll say that over and over I know.

But who's that?
Looks like He's waiting for me.
In fact, all those people seem to be waiting.
Oh, I recognize a lot of them.
My family.
Yes, they finally came to you.
One by one.
I'm so anxious to talk to each one!

That one. Waiting.
He was? The salesman I shared You with?
And she—the one I gave that tract to
And witnessed to
At the supermarket? She was crying, I remember.
And those people—our neighbors from our old place.
After we moved I never saw them again.
But I prayed for them.
Sure I remember praying for the people in the airplanes
Going overhead.
Naturally I didn't hear anything.

But Lord, You know I never went
To Africa
Or South America
Or Japan
How could those people be welcoming me?
Well sure, I prayed and helped the missionaries.
But still I felt insignificant.
Their job seemed more important.
Sure, I know they couldn't have done it alone.
Wow! Everyone's so beautiful.
Really? They weren't when they came?
Each one seems bubbling over to tell his story.
To me.
And I'm sure I can understand them here!

But as happy as I am,
I'm sad, too.
I could have helped more.
I could have prayed more.
You've done so much for me
And I've really done so little.
I wish I had given You more, Jesus!

By Lila Joseph, missionary in Tokyo, Japan. Used by permission.

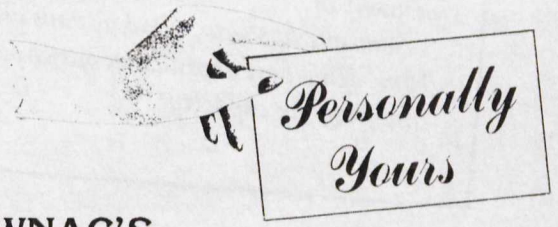
Bible Study, *continued ...*

"dikaios," meaning that God is just, without prejudice or partiality. He is the only ultimate Judge. Those who seek to continually obey His commandments and pass His tests are "born of Him" and have no fear of "losing their salvation." However, the dangers of apostasy lie with those who profess salvation yet continue to disobey His commandments, failing His tests.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How can we recognize an antichrist?
2. Name some major doctrinal errors of our day.
3. What are some of the major Biblical doctrines on which we base our faith?
4. Discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in teaching truth (John 15:26; 16:13-15).
5. How do we "abide in Christ" on a daily basis?

Are You Registered?



WNAC'S 10th National Retreat

Ridgecrest, NC Sept. 20-22, 1990

From a Student Missionary

Dear Diary,

Today I received a letter from _____. She made a statement that caused me to really think. She said she didn't know if she could make it in Africa. I think I felt the same way when I got here.

But God has been teaching me a lot about people, relationships and about trusting Him. When you get to know the people and as your love for them grows, the comforts you have given up grow very dim and don't seem to matter much.

There are times the electricity goes out in the evenings and we light a lantern and just talk to one another. Sometimes it gets so hot you think you might smother, but God sends a quiet rain in the night and a calm peace washes over you as you hear it hit the tin roof.

Sometimes you look around at the poverty of the people and wonder how they can be happy. But then you go to church and hear them sing, accompanied by the drum and tambourine, and you can't help but want to join right in with them.

Life here is not easy, but it is not rushed as in America. People take time to greet each other and ask if all is well.

Once we went to the hospital to bathe down a young girl with malaria. The hospital was doing little for her. As her fever soared, we worked for hours, bathing her body in cold rags until her fever subsided. But the next Sunday, when you see that same girl in church, laughing with the other young people, you know it was worth it.

Sometimes you wish you had strawberries (or some other favorite unavailable food) to eat, and then you hear the Christians up north have no food at all because their crops failed. Then you are thankful for the food you have.

Sometimes you wonder why God had to create snakes, scorpions, mosquitoes and lizards; but then you hear the cry of the bush baby at night and the myriad birds harmonizing in the morning and you realize the beauty of God's creation.

Sometimes you feel depressed and lonely, then God sends a letter of encouragement from a friend.

You see, happiness doesn't come in things. It's a by-product of being in the center of God's will. There you are happy regardless of the conditions you find yourself in.

Someone has said, "God always gives His best to those who leave the choice to Him." This best depends on our capacity to receive. I pray my stay in Africa is enlarging my capacity.

Support the Student Missionary Program. The following students have been approved for summer service: Traci Epps and Kim Zegelien, Germany; Nancy Thomas, Japan; and Elizabeth Stancill, Brazil.

Helps for Leaders

Ideas to Stimulate Your Imagination

President
Vice president

May



You Be The Judge

Skit for your Mother-Daughter banquet

In this humorous full-length play, Berta Parks interviews five candidates for Mother-of-the-Year. Each has been chosen because of a special attribute or characteristic she possesses and/or her unusual nomination.

"You Be The Judge," written by Linda Coffman and Joy Price, River Rouge, Michigan, placed first in WNAC's annual creative arts contest.

To order this play, send $1 to:

WNAC
P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, TN 37202

June

Honor your graduates

1. Invite all the graduates who come to your church to attend a special meeting in their honor.
2. Interview each according to his future plans. Include past learning experiences as well.
3. Present each with a special gift, as Bible, book, cassette, or gift certificate. Girls like corsages.
4. Serve cake to resemble a diploma. Decorate the tables with caps, tassels, diplomas and anything to represent the occasion.
5. Invite the pastor to attend and give a few words of encouragement.

Flag Day

June 14 is National Flag Day. This is a good time to honor our Free Will Baptist chaplains.

Program Helps

The Sunday before your program a young lady dressed in a bridal gown passes out invitations, either store-bought or home made.

The one who gives the topic should carry one gift from that category. Following her part, she lays her gift on a white tablecloth.

Serve refreshments of punch and wedding cake.

Present corsages to the oldest and youngest brides present.

In connection with the program, "Bridal Showers," Mrs. Tucker suggests this word game. Find the words below—up, down, across, diagonally.

B R I D G R O H Y M M N M H T
R E C E P T I O Y A O D Y B R
N R R E T S I N I M I R E G I
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T O G N U F I S W M E L I E V
P O I A H Q E D A S D A R M E
E R N O N D U N E M I S R B I
C I N G I I L E V S R G A E D
E O S R E H S U T Y B N M S R
R G B O U G U T M I N I S T R

veil, bride, ushers, minister, vows, groom, bouquet, organist, hymns, rings, best man, marriage, ring bearer, bridesmaid, maid of honor, reception

Mission STUDY Chairman

All-Church Mission Study

Dr. Seamonds, adjunct professor of Christian Missions at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, grew up on the mission field in India and later served there as a missionary for 20 years. This is his 6th book on Missions.

Purpose of the study

To obtain:

- a new understanding of missions
- a more meaningful ministry of intercession
- greater enthusiastic support for missions

Ask your pastor about the possibility of using this book for an all-church study. Perhaps he would agree to teach it on a Wednesday night or a series of Wednesday nights.

Suggestions for Teaching the Book

1. Read the text through. Underline important sentences and thoughts.
2. Using the outline, check through the book again. This book is a bit heavy for a one-night study. Plan to give it over several sessions, or skim over/omit some chapters, dwelling on those that are most relevant.
3. Plan to use a chalkboard, overhead projector, flash cards or some other type of visuals.

Part I
What Do the Scriptures Say?

Reproduce the chart on page 8 to visualize this introduction to missions.

The Biblical basis for missions drops responsibility right in the lap of the church. Missions is primary, not secondary; fundamental, not optional.

Give an analysis of the five-fold command given in each of the four gospels and Acts. Show how they are common in central thought yet different in emphasis.



Harvest of Humanity,
John T. Seamands
Victor Books
213pp/$7.95

Part II
What is the Truth of the Matter?

Define and contrast the two views of the mission of the church—traditional and ecumenical.

Discuss the emphasis of the Liberation Theology.

What relationship do evangelism and social action play in the mission of the church?

Part III
What Kind of World Do We Live In?

"The world all around us has changed drastically in the last few decades. The church must learn to adjust its strategy to the new situation, but still be faithful in its God-given mission."

List some of the changes that society has gone through, politically, religiously, and socially. Outline these changes on the blackboard.

Describe the role of the missionary in the midst of these changes.

Part IV
What Do We Do About Culture?

This section deals with some problems of planting a church in another culture. How does it help the sender to identify with the missionary church planter who goes to another culture?

Describe some of these problems along with guidelines for solving them.

Part V
What's New in Missions?

Discuss the various aspects of the Church Growth Movement.

Draw a chart to illustrate the four types of evangelism.

Explain Third World Missions.

Part VI
What is God Doing?

The new and exciting challenge of the internationals lies right on our doorstep. They have come as professionals, students and visitors. They won't come to us; we must go after them. Make contact with them, make friends, seek to meet their special needs and witness to them.

Conclusion

"These are difficult yet challenging days. Let's go forward in the power of the Spirit to tell all people everywhere that God loves them, Christ died for them, and they can be sons and daughters of the King of kings. Let us be inexhaustible in this great harvest of humanity."

Mission PRAYER Chairman

May

Missionary Mother-Daughter Trivia

Twenty-five of our missionary mothers (MM) have unmarried daughters. How many of these trivia questions can you answer?

1. One MK daughter from Côte d'Ivoire is enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College. Name her with her mother.
2. One MM in Brazil whose name begins with the letter "V" has three daughters whose names also begin with a "V." Can you name them?
3. Name a missionary daughter with a Bible name and Biblical spelling. Where does she live?
4. What MM in Côte d'Ivoire had three sons before she had a daughter named Autumn Joy?

5. One MM from Brazil has a handicapped daughter, age 16. What is her name? Her mother's name?
6. These daughters are "only children," with no brothers or sisters: Marie from Cote d'Ivoire and Rachel from Spain. Can you name their mothers?
7. Seven MMs—two each in Brazil, Uruguay and Japan; one in India—have granddaughters. How many can you name?
8. There are three mother-daughter teams on the field of Japan whose last names begin with the letter "B." Who are they?
9. Three missionary daughters in Spain begin with the letter "M." Can you name them with their mothers?
10. Choose one to answer: a) Two MMs have only daughters and two each. Name one of them with their daughters. b) Three other MMs have two daughters, but also a son. Name one MM with her daughters.

For answers to these trivia questions, turn this page upside down.

Answers to Missionary Mother-Daughter Trivia

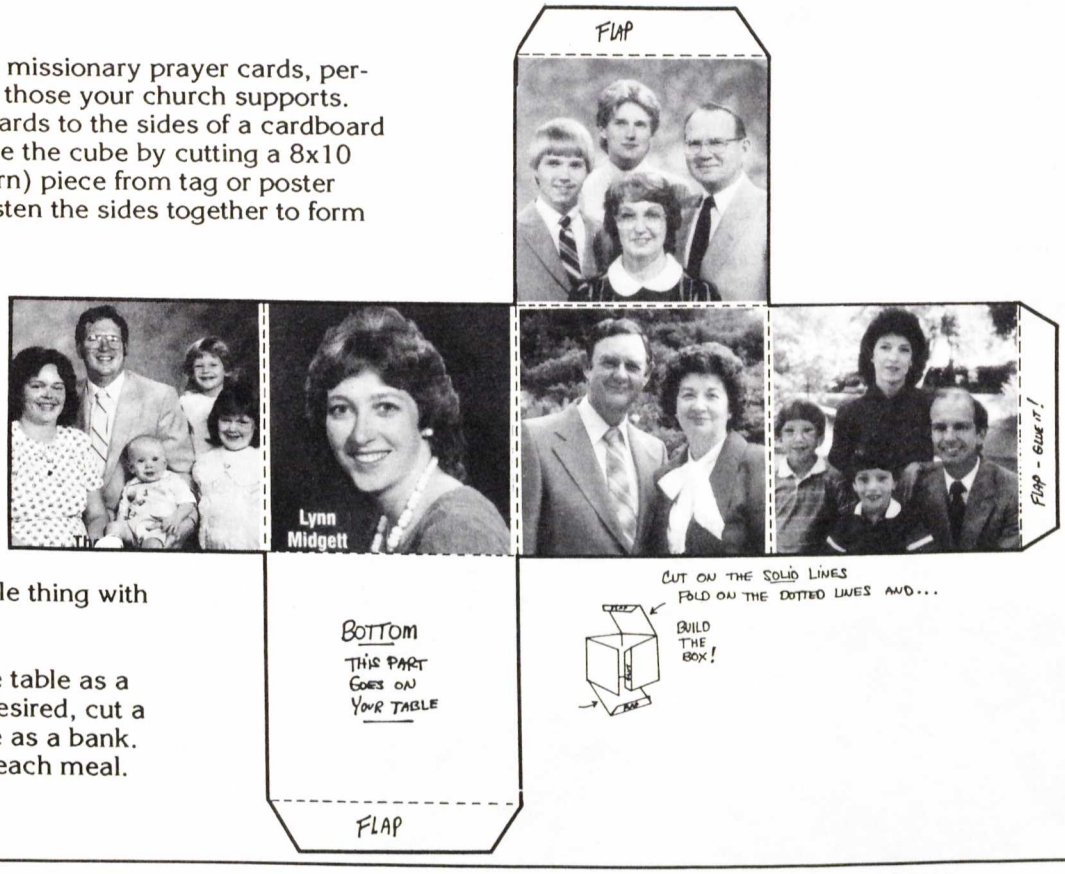
1. Vada Lee with daughter Kathryn.
2. Vicki Sturgill with daughters Vicki, Valerie and Vera.
3. Sarah and Rebekah Nichols (CI); Leah Holland (CI); Leah Katherine McDonald (Japan); Rachel Callaway (Spain).
4. Lynette Morgan.
5. Pat Franks and daughter Regina.
6. Pam and Marie West; Linda and Rachel Callaway.
7. Sue Aycock and Marvis Eagleton (Brazil); Evelyn Hersey and Olena McLain (Japan); Marcia Ellison and Amy Robinson (Uruguay); Marie Hanna (India).
8. Judy and Tracey Bailey; Janice and Joy Banks; Sandra and Jennifer Bishop.
9. Debbie and Michelle Crosby; Trina and Miranda Owen; Susan and Melissa Turnbough.
10. a) Donna Daniel with Amy and Alison; Deleen Cousineau with Brooke and Kristina. b) LaRue Crowson with Bethany and Natalie; Brenda Bunch with Alicia and Amanda; Lila Nichols with Rebekah and Sarah.

June

Missionary Prayer Cube

Select five missionary prayer cards, perhaps from those your church supports. Glue the cards to the sides of a cardboard cube. Make the cube by cutting a 8x10 (see pattern) piece from tag or poster board. Fasten the sides together to form a box. Cover the whole thing with clear contact paper.

Place the cube on the table as a reminder to pray. If desired, cut a slit in the top and use as a bank. Insert money before each meal.



Mission ACTION Chairman

Nursing Home Ministry

One point six million Americans are in a nursing home at a given time, and it is estimated that 40 to 50 million of the Americans alive today will spend their last days in a nursing home.

Since 1973, the Sonshine Society has been recruiting, training and equipping concerned individuals to minister to those confined in nursing homes. They offer a free Power Packet to all who request it. This packet contains a training guide, "All the Days of My Life," and samples of materials prepared specifically for the nursing home resident. The manual gives specific guidance on how to minister both personally and in group services.

Those who minister in nursing homes need more than just goodwill and the gospel. It helps to know the effects of the aging process and the problems faced by those uprooted from familiar settings. Most have reduced their life's accomplishments to two or three drawers. They know firsthand the difference between temporal and eternal.

Countless Auxiliary women minister in nursing homes without the "Sonshine" banner—and are doing a commendable job—but the Society offers direction, voice, continuity and effectiveness in this vast harvest field.

For your free "Power Packet," write:

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Actionettes

Salute to the Morehead City (NC) 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.

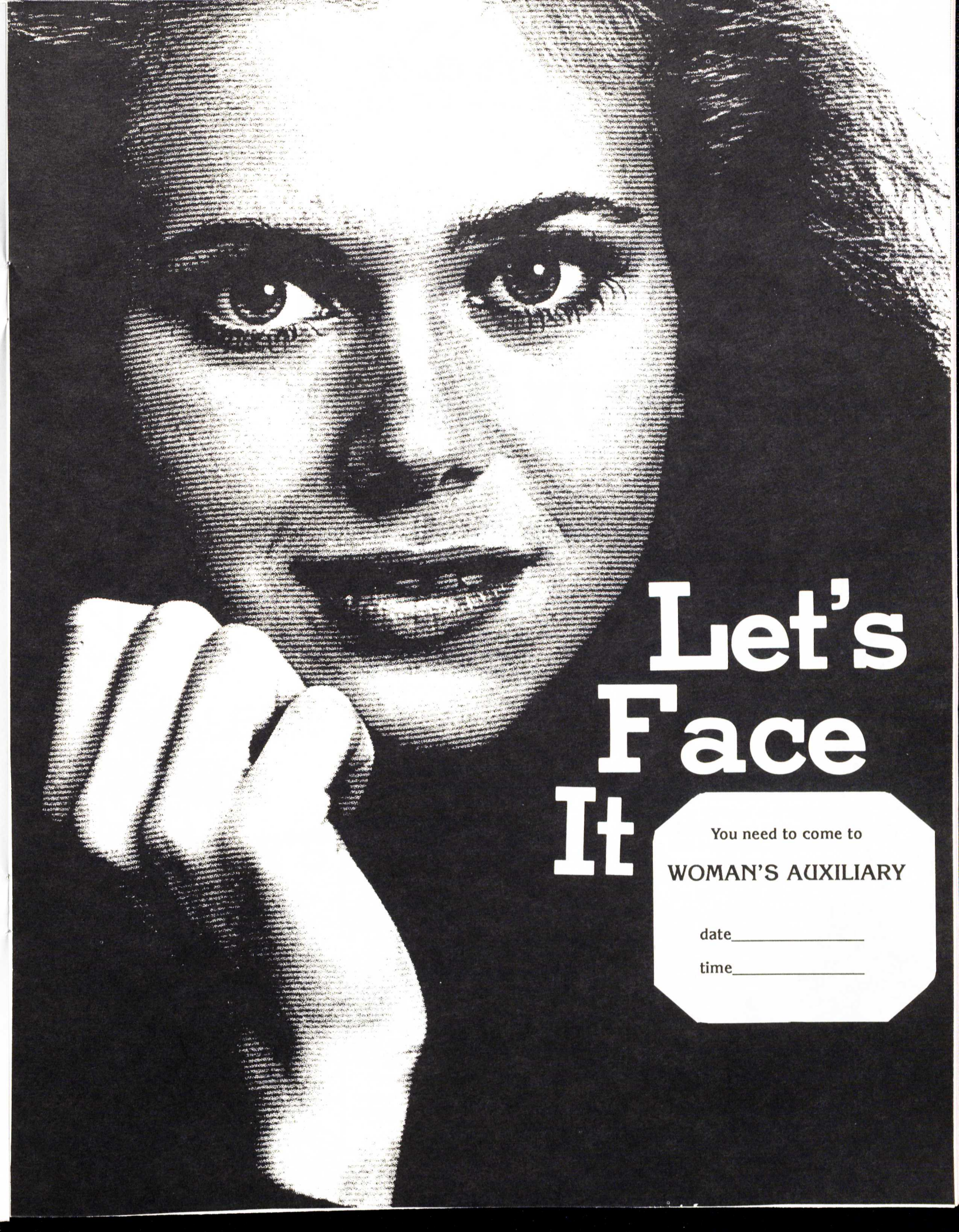
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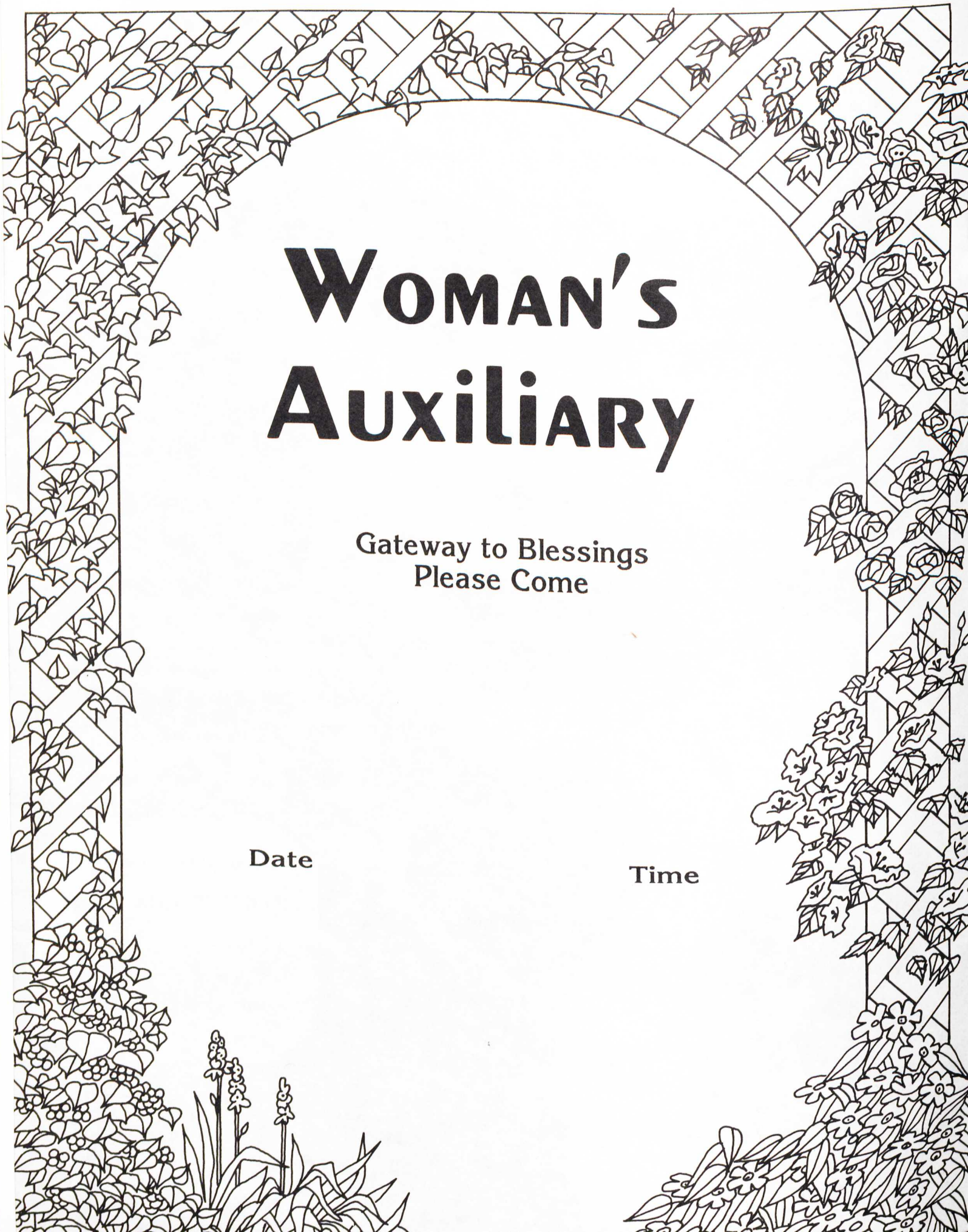


Brenda Barefoot and Regina Harrell, sponsors, with their girls: *back row:* Anne Haddock, president; Marie Green, Ellen Simpson, and Dawn Worthington, vice president. *front row:* Beckie Easter, Heather Hill, Corina Hanson, and Kelli Harvey.

Last year the girls promoted Foreign Missions and donated a white eight place setting of Corelle Ware to the Missionary Provision Closet. They also:

- donated money to the Woman's Auxiliary
- presented a skit before the church and Auxiliary
- visited shut-ins
- presented fruit baskets
- caroled at both a nursing and a retirement home
- provided pew pencils for the church with the church name, address and telephone number.


Let's Face It
You need to come to
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
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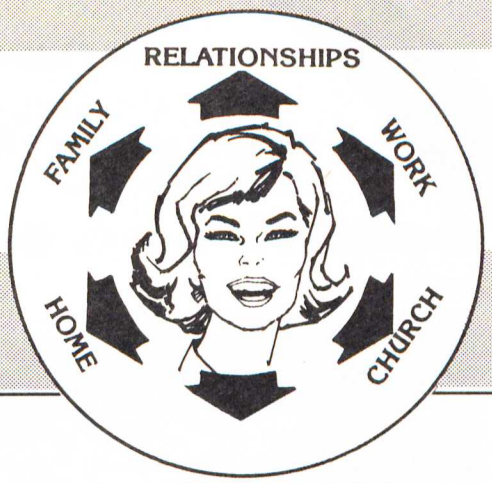
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Gateway to Blessings
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HOW TO SEND YOUR KIDS TO COLLEGE ON A PASTOR'S SALARY

By Joan Gardner

Bill hung up the phone then turned troubled eyes toward me. "We're going to have to borrow $800 to start Debbie in college."

"Eight hundred dollars!" I exclaimed. "But we were going to pay by the month. Is our credit not good?"

"Oh, we are going to pay by the month. The total bill is about $3000."

We sat stunned. Since our three children were babies we had planned for them to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College. Now that our firstborn was ready, we realized that just saying, "Our kids are going to Bible College" had not been enough planning.

We had one summer to get money and wardrobe together. We took out a loan and began the long eight years when our three kids would be in college.

Many have asked, "How did you manage with three in college at the same time?" Sometimes I ask myself the same question. We have spent over $40,000 in the last eight years for education. This estimate does not include luxuries. Our kids did not always have the money or material benefits that other college kids had. But God helped all three of our children finish with a degree—plus Christian, like-minded spouses!

I have written down some rules that we applied. Perhaps they will help you, too, as you plan for the education of your PK's.

Realize the Importance of a College Education

You may buy houses and lands and stocks and bonds but you will never have anything more important than your children. They will love you when everyone else turns their back. They may be your only comfort as you grow old. The cost may be great to send them to college, but if it prepares them for a good living, and better yet, to live a good life, it will be a tremendous help to them and to you.

Your child may not choose to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College as my three did. It may not be God's will for every Christian to attend a Bible college, but it certainly is a good place for any uncertain young person to find God's will for his life. As a parent, it would be to your advantage to encourage them to attend a Bible college at least one year. Usually the credit from the first year can be transferred to another college if the student decides to enter a different field and needs classes at another college.

Know What Is Needed

Don't wait until the senior year

Did You Know? ...

Did you know that *The Minister's Wife* newsletter began as a biannual publication in 1980?

When CO-LABORER became a full size, bimonthly publication, *The Minister's Wife* integrated as a regular feature. The page is designed to be separated from the magazine and filed with your other copies of *The Minister's Wife*.

Mrs. Pursell welcomes any comments, suggestions or contributions.

We have not always had all the things we wanted, but God has always provided what we needed.

of high school to find out college costs. We did this and were totally unprepared for what we learned. Colleges are only too happy to send their catalog with estimated expenses.

(Ed. note: Both Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN and Southeastern Free Will Baptist College, Wendell, NC, give consideration to pastors' kids. FWBBC offers a graduated scholarship beginning with $500; Southeastern offers $550 per semester with stipulations.)

Have a Plan

We did not know the need; therefore, we did not have a plan. We started where we were and planned from there. We set up an account for our children's college education and deposited $100 weekly from my husband's salary. This continued summer and winter, spring and fall, year in and year out without fail. Sometimes the account would amass a large sum of money but soon became depleted after the bills came due.

Now that our children have graduated, we plan to continue doing this for our retirement.

Are you going to pay all the cost of college or will your child pay a part, or even most, of the cost? If a young person begins early working and saving his money, he can save a big portion of his college money. Some have been able to pay all their own college expenses. Planning is the key.

Depend on the Provision of God

In all our married life, even when a pastor's salary was small, God has always provided everything we needed. We have not always had all the things we wanted, but God has always provided what we needed. As we began to work and save to keep our children in college, we prayed and trusted God to supply just what was needed. Many times we stood in awe at how far the money had stretched.

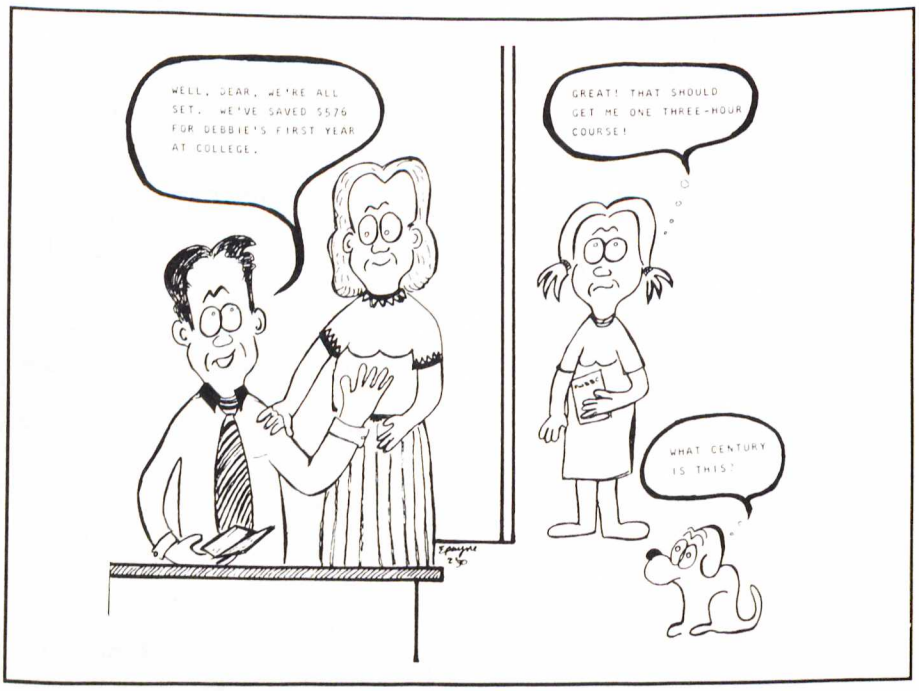
If you and your children are in God's will during the time they are going to college, God will provide. The blessing of His provision will be more precious to you than money.

Thank God and Give Him the Praise for What is Accomplished

We are praising God, not only for providing college money, but for providing three wonderful grown children who love us and God. And guess what! As we praised God for three wonderful children, God doubled the blessing and gave us six! Now as we praise Him for His blessings, we expect Him to continue multiplying our blessings. ◆



Joan Gardner works as secretary at the National Home Missions Office. Her husband, Bill, pastors Fellowship FWB Church, Nashville, TN.



Women in Action



Cathy Crawford, missionary to France, prepared a French dinner for the Union women, Wheelersburg, OH. They responded with $200 to missions.



Velda Tucker, Arkansas state field worker, organizes a new Auxiliary at Wynne. Officers are: Estalene Winfrey, president; Carla Wilson, vice president; Dona Winfrey, secretary/treasurer; Zelma Johnson, mission action chairman; Ruby McGee, mission prayer chairman; Deloris Vance, mission study chairman; and Tammy Mauppins, program chairman.



Oilton Auxiliary (OK) invite neighboring Auxiliaries to join them in a Hawaiian luau. Drumright, Silver City and Liberty responded.

President LaVaughan Kirby says their Auxiliary is "10 ... and growing."



Above:
Newly elected officers to the Mississippi State Auxiliary Convention:
Left to right: Eva House, field worker
Shirley Dykes, president
Hope Van Winkle, vice president
Fay Ray, treasurer
Wanda Young, secretary
Members at large:
Barbara Romines
Lurline Wright
Glenda Wright (not pictured)

Forty-nine mothers and daughters attended the salad luncheon at the Pleasant Home FWB Church, Mountain Grove, MO. According to president Lois Smallwood, many gifts were awarded, mostly by random drawings. Some were silly, like "The Mother Who Had to Kiss the Most Frogs Before She Found Her Handsome Prince."

They even recognized daughters. "The Daughter Every Mother Would Like to Have" received a dishpan filled with cleaning products.



Central Auxiliary, Fort Smith, AR, sponsored a Trick or Treat for Missions as youth from the church visited homes of the church family. Everyone had a "wonderful time," reports Vivian Jeffcoat, president.



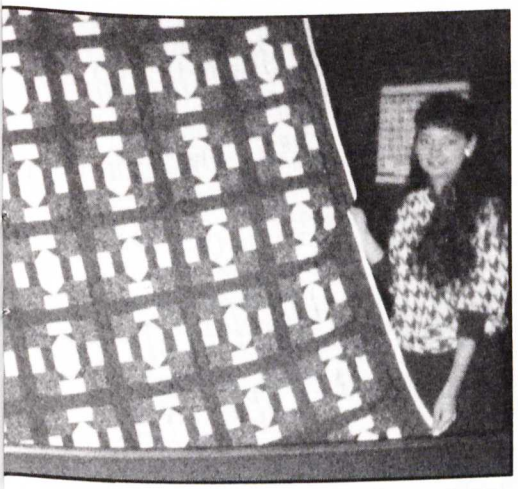
Ruby Sullivan, president of the Union Auxiliary, Wheelersburg, OH, presents a check for $1000 to Roy and Paula Roach, home missionaries to Zanesville.



Shanti Sharmi demonstrates wrapping the sari on Martha Langford at the Brockland Mother-Daughter tea in Lawton, OK. The sari is of red floral chiffon.

Shanti, unmarried, wears the typical dress for young girls. Her straight dress of heavy jade green satin and rich with gold embroidery is slit on each side. Gold satin pants, gathered and banded at the ankle, are worn underneath.

Shanti and her mother, both from India, were special guests for the event. They shared an account of mother-daughter life in their native country.



Hannon Auxiliary, Liberal, MO, make a friendship quilt for their president and pastor's wife, Sondra Brake.

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.

Letting Go

By Dolora Johnson

When God took my loved one after 50 years of marriage, I thought my world had ended. Now nearly three years later, I'd like to share how God helped me to work through my grief. Perhaps it can help someone else in her hour of need.

"When you cry, you cry alone" is true. No one else has patience with your grief. Your loved ones want you to get on with living and do not understand why you can't. But our heavenly Father knows and understands. He promises to never leave us. Fundamental to my dealing with grief was the personal relationship I enjoyed with Him.

I tried to set goals for myself that would enrich my spiritual life. I had read the Bible and thought I knew a great deal about it, but now I began to devour it. As I asked the Holy Spirit to open my understanding, I discovered some of the greatest truths in all the world. Getting involved in a Bible study group is helpful, too.

I had to discipline my thought life (Phil. 4:8). It's easy to dwell on morbid thoughts. We don't need to fill our minds with television soap operas which are not only a waste of time, but are unrealistic.

I made a conscious effort to reach out to others when I wanted to hole up by myself. I enjoy writing letters to those who are sick or lonely. As I help fulfill the needs of others, it satisfies some inner need I have. As we help serve others, we forget our own problems and life takes on a richer—meaning.

I never had much time for crafts so it's exciting for me to explore this opportunity. I find most people enjoy receiving something handmade. A handmade gift takes on special significance, both for the creator and the receiver. Crocheting calms and relaxes my nerves. Gardening and growing flowers draws me closer to the Creator. Work forms a good foundation for good thoughts to thrive. Life must go on, and the more productive we can be, the happier we are. If you don't know how to quilt, I challenge you to learn.

God has blessed me with children and grandchildren who live close by. They make me know life is not over. Laughing and playing with them is better than a dose of medicine.

My fellowship with God provides me with the greatest joy and peace in all the world. His promises are better than all the money in the bank. I can lie down at night, even though alone, and feel His protection. Though at times I may feel I am not adequately provided for financially, as I honor Him with what I have, He promises to meet my needs. What more could I ask?

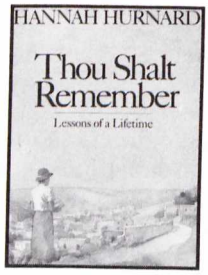
Great people have always been people of prayer. I find I have more time now for prayer—for revival, missionaries, our leaders, the lost and broken-hearted, and for the problems and needs of others.

Perhaps the one thing that has helped me more than anything else in dealing with grief is that heaven has taken on a brighter hue. As I anticipate seeing my Savior and all my loved ones, a flood of warm memories comfort me.

Life is not easy living alone, yet my Lord is faithful and helps me bear each situation. Praise His Holy name. He is my Lord and my God.

Dolora Johnson raised all six of her children in the Pine Level FWB Church, Alma, Georgia. She is a retired social worker.

Book Highlights



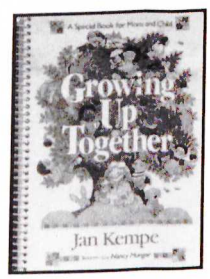
THOU SHALT REMEMBER
By Hannah Hurnard
Harper and Row Publishers, $8.95
Reviewed by Lorene Miley

Ever since the day I discovered HINDS FEET ON HIGH PLACES, Hannah Hurnard has been one of my favorite authors. I grabbed up every book of hers that I could find (eight in all). I grouped her with Jessie Penn Lewis and Hannah Whitehall Smith, so it was a great surprise to learn that she is still alive, just turned 80, and has published a new book.

"What an amazingly wonderful thing it is to possess a memory," Miss Hurnard begins. Then she peruses the pages of her own book of memories and recounts the many ways God has led her through 61 years of faith in Him. She uses the Scriptural account of the exodus and desert wanderings of the Israelites as a metaphor for her own life.

The book concludes with her list of 115 positive lessons that have enabled her to celebrate her 80th birthday with "awed adoring thankfulness and joy."

GROWING UP TOGETHER
By Jan Kempe, Discovery House
Reviewed by Marilyn Jones



Attention all moms and grandmothers! This is an excellent devotional calendar and activity book for moms and their children. It is not only fun but it provides innovative ideas for mothers to use in introducing Christianity to children in a practical way. It could also be adapted for a grandmother to use.

The book is set up by months of the year. Each month there is a character development theme (for example, learning to be kind). There are weekly activities for mothers to encourage spiritual growth which reinforce the particular theme.

This book provides a wonderful opportunity for a mother and child to grow together in faith while at the same time creating memorable moments to be cherished for a lifetime. Who but a mother could better introduce her child to Christ.

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

A Woman God Has Used



Every girl should get married if she could have a mother-in-law like mine. Autie Franks can best be described as patient, faithful and consistent. Or as a friend said, "Autie Franks is a true lady in every sense of the word."

Autie was saved at Mt. Olive FWB Church, Guin, Alabama, and has been a faithful member for over 60 years. She has held various offices in the Auxiliary, including the presidency. She also taught the women's Sunday school class.

She opens her door to visiting preachers, missionaries, Bible college students, as well as family. She is there to help when anyone is sick. She worked outside the home when her second son went to Bible college, but she still managed to care for two younger children, maintain a clean, well-organized home, and have food warming on the stove for unexpected visitors. She is famous for her delicious coconut cakes.

When Autie received recognition for being the oldest mother at church on Mother's Day (age 78), she tried to decline. "I would like you to take this gift to Sybil. She would have gotten it if she could have been here." She puts needs of others before her own.

Although Autie is neat and attractive, her most outstanding characteristic is her meek and quiet spirit. Like the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31, the heart of her husband safely trusts in her. Her four children, eight grandchildren, and five greatgrandchildren call her blessed. She recently led a grandson to the Lord.

In her quiet, unobtrusive manner, Autie arises at dawn to read her Bible and pray. She reads the Bible through twice a year. Her prayers have produced victories in the lives of her deacon son, missionary son, and pastor grandsons.

In his epistle to Titus, Paul exhorts older women to teach the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home....She has taught me all those valuable lessons without saying one word. She lived them daily.

I don't know who started the campaign that gave mothers-in-law a bad name, but Autie Franks has certainly done her share to correct that image.

—Pat Franks, Brazil

The Poet's Corner



To My Sons

If you can look around and appreciate
God's creation,
If you can find joy in even the smallest
things,
If you can see the good in every situation,
And watch expectantly for what each
new day brings;
If you can do wholeheartedly each job
that's given you,
If "doing right" for the right reason is
your goal,
If you put forth your best no matter
what's asked of you
And not let failure discourage your
soul—

If you can be tough both in body and
in spirit
Yet realize the gentleness that is
strong,
If you strive for a passionate desire for
justice
And dare to say you're sorry when
you're wrong;
If you can stay calm, and when
wrong, slow to anger,
If you'll not let your tongue have control of you,
If you can be known in conflict as a
peacemaker,
And be honest in all, and to your
friends be true—

If you can show respect, in honor prefer another,
If you're not afraid to get involved, to
truly care,
If you can obey and honor your father
and mother,
And freely give yourself, not hesitate
to share;
If you hunger and thirst for righteousness, after God,
And acknowledge Him as Lord when
each new day's begun;
If you let Him guide your steps, stand
before Him awed—
Then you're on your way to becoming
a man, my son!

—Lynette Morgan
Cote d'Ivoire

Memories of Mother

As I sit in my pew this morning
And listen to the songs of old,
As the piano and organ play softly,
My memories are more precious
than gold.

For I remember my mother
Singing praises to Christ her King;
She let everyone know of His presence
And His praises she daily would
sing.

When anyone came for a visit,
They wouldn't be there very long
Until Mom, being happy in Jesus,
Would burst right out into a song.

She read each day from her Bible
And witnessed to all she met;
Her singing, and her love for Jesus
Are things we will never forget.

Now Mom's gone to be with Jesus,
The One she loved so much;
And I believe if I could listen
Or kindly get in touch,
I would hear her voice ringing loud
and clear
Still singing praises to her Savior dear.

—Mildred Collingsworth
Dayton, Ohio

Precious Eyes

The sweet little hands that reach out
to mine
With total trust and love,
Are much like my Savior's who died
one day
And dwells in his home above.

The tiny feet that run aimlessly
With no one there to guide;
Are just like Jesus's, wounded and
bruised
Which bled until He died.

The soft rounded side of my child so
small
That I tickle playfully,
Is just as real as my Savior's side that
was
Wounded upon the tree.

And those eyes so pure, those innocent eyes
That look up to me full of tears,
Are the same precious eyes that
Jesus has
As He cries out to us through the
years.

"Let no one harm my little ones,
They're special to me—they are
mine."
Yet we close our eyes, our ears and
our hearts
To let millions die in time.

And the saddest part of this story told
Is the lives that are lost aren't unknown;
For truth is, these precious eyes belong
To someone we know—they're our
own.

We spend all our time making names,
having fun,
Being all that we want to be;
And all the while we're gone for ourselves,
Little eyes just watch and they see.

They know what is more important to
us,
And innocent eyes as they are,
Take their sweet little hands and their
tiny feet
And wander off so far.

Then we cry out in fear to the God up
above
And our hearts are full of hate;
But the precious eyes of our Savior
are sad,
For He knows that now it's too late.

—Viki Messer
Topeka, KS

A Mother's Love

Who washes and irons your clothes
Though her feet are so tired
She wants to drop?

Who puts your wants and pleasures
Ahead of her own, denying herself
While doing it?

Who gives you a second chance,
Even when you have not done
What you said you would?

Where can you go for sympathy
And comfort
When friends have let you down?

Mother's love is always there
To go the extra mile...
Or two or three;
Only God can make a mother's love.

—Valorie Driggers
Scranton, SC

Appointed to pray

Are Missionaries Losers?

By Ron Hutchcraft

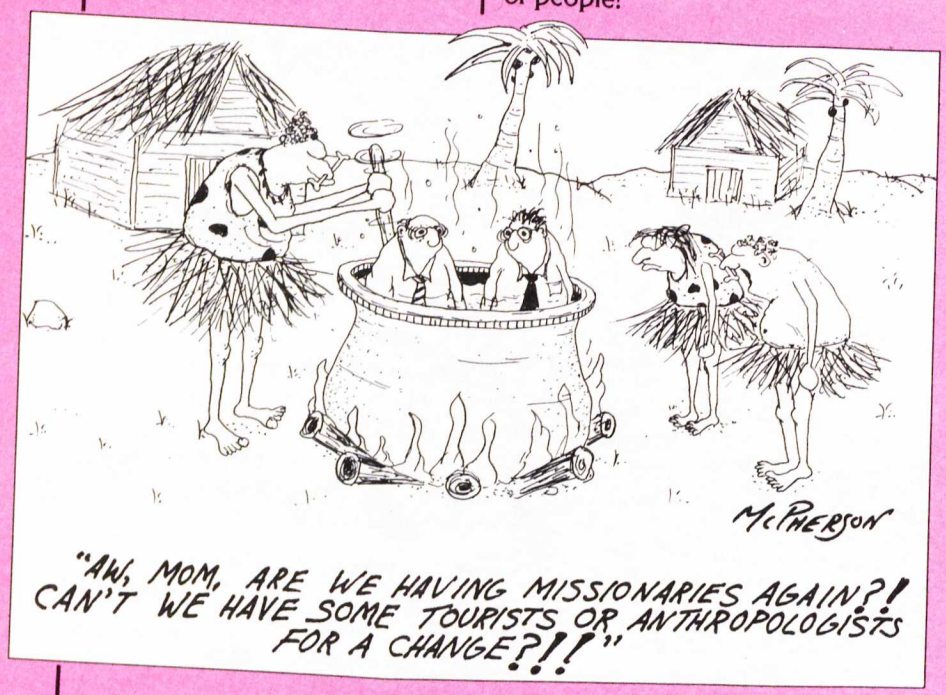
It was missionary Sunday in the high school Sunday school class that day. Thinking of a way to get them into my lesson on missions I decided we'd play a little word association game. "I want you to shout out the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the word 'missionary,' " I said.

Hands shot up all over the place. "Out of date!" one called out. "Africa," added another. Someone else said, "Food." (I don't know if there's any connection between those two.) Another said, "Out of touch." As these various conceptions came across, I realized that 75% of their responses had negative associations.

But are missionaries really losers? Obviously many kids are growing up with the feeling that a missionary is someone we send overseas because he couldn't cut it here. If there is someone who isn't quite talented enough, doesn't dress quite sharply enough, and isn't really with it, maybe he could be a missionary. It's a good job for losers.

Unfortunately that concept is often reinforced when a missionary comes and shows his slides. Perhaps his narration isn't particularly interesting. His suit may not be the latest style. And you can tell by his language that he has missed four or five years of development here in America. But isn't it time we let our young people know the truth about missionaries?

Missionaries are some of those rare people who have had the courage to try to change the world instead of watching it fall apart. They have decided that there is something more important than keeping up on the latest language in America, or the latest song, or the latest movie, or the latest clothes. And they have gone somewhere in the world with the intention of changing it. What an exciting breed of people!



They are people who have decided that an eight-hour-a-day job isn't fulfilling enough. They have decided they can't do anything less than give their whole life to a career that is worth their whole energy. All over the world right now are missionaries who have the courage and the intelligence to put their great minds to work to figure out how to say "God loves you" in a culture where there is no word for love.

Missionaries are some of the brightest people on this planet. They are out there invading the suburbs of America and the great cities of the world. Some are on Indian reservations preaching Christ to people there. Some are using radio. Others are flying an airplane where most pilots wouldn't dare to go. Some have invaded prison walls where many are forgotten. They are heroes, not losers.

Let's let our kids know it. For in fact, when one goes into Christian service he goes as an Ambassador of the Court of Heaven. Tell me, who has anything more important than that to do?

The author is associated with the Metropolitan Youth for Christ, Inc., Wayne, New Jersey.

Missionary Prayer Calendar

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

May

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

June

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

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 minissionary.

Sing this at your next Auxiliary Meeting.

The Miracle of Prayer

Sing to the tune of
"Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"

Multitudes are lost and dying,
God's commission we must heed.
Some must go and preach the Gospel,
Some are called to intercede.

Fighting back the powers of darkness
As we pray within our door;
Prayer can sail the distant waters
To the Madagascar shore.

Prayer can climb the wall of China,
Prayer can fly Tibetan height,
Prayer can loose the powers of Heaven,
Conquer evil by its might.

Prayer can cross the caste of color,
Prayer encircles every creed,
Prayer can break the chains that bind us,
Prayer can reach the deepest need.

Prayer can pierce the Iron Curtain,
Go beyond the pinioned door,
Prayer can reach remotest places
Where no man has gone before.

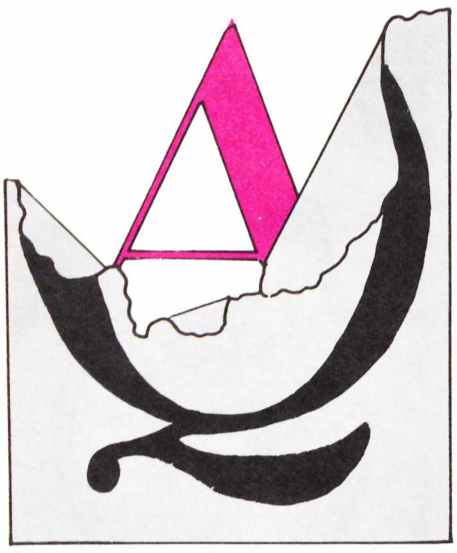
Chorus:
When in glory we shall gather,
What a joy to see them there—
All the souls who found the Savior
Through the miracle of prayer.

—Viola Jacobson Berg from Sacred Literature Ministries Publication



Please pray for:

- Paul Sparks in remission from acute leukemia. Thank God for His miraculous healing.
- Both Home and Foreign Mission Boards will be convening in May. Pray for wisdom in all their deliberations.
- Tim and Pam Hackett, Bloomington, IN. Both have suffered severe health problems since arriving here to establish a church.
- Dwain and Debby Crosby studying Spanish in Madrid. Pray for steady progress and opportunities to witness.
- Howard Gwartney with his continued larynx problem and treatments at the Mayo clinic.
- Christians in the European countries who have recently shaken the bonds of communism. Pray for freedom of worship and a bold witness
- Fred and Barbara Jones at the Mexican Bible Institute. Pray for completion of their residence on the Institute grounds and the construction of a safety fence for their protection.
- The four student missionaries on assignment to Germany, Japan, and Brazil. Pray for their ministry to the missionaries.
- "Aim for the Target," Home Mission's $100,000 project in Arizona. Pray for a big financial boost before the National Convention in July.



Your questions answered on:

Woman's Auxiliary

Who is the Perfect Auxiliary Member?

According to Rhonda Thacker, the Perfect Auxiliary Member recently visited the Pikeville Auxiliary, Pikeville, KY. The Sunday before her appearance every woman received a special invitation to meet her. Excitement ran high. Who was she?

No hide nor hair of this celebrity was seen until her introduction when she sauntered into the room, moved through the group, twisting and turning, then as quietly as she entered, she left.

Perfect Auxiliary Member was dressed in lavender and white and wore an orchid corsage, the Auxiliary colors. The Auxiliary logo adorned her money belt, shoes, and chest. A copy of the song, "Jesus Calls Us," was pinned to her back. She wore a hat brim like a halo with the letters suspended "LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD." The Auxiliary woman knows the basics.

Various Auxiliary booklets, as the *Auxiliary Manual* (both local and district), the five *Officer Guide Books, Officers' Plan Book, Gifts for Missionaries* and *Retreat Guide* were fastened diagonally along her hem line. Sheets of blue, yellow and pink construction paper, representing the report forms, were creased like bows and pinned to the top of each booklet. The Auxiliary woman knows her work.

A row of salvation tracts ran the length of one arm, indicating she is a soul-winner. A row of *Gift Plan* and *Co-Laborer Offering Plan* leaflets flowed down the other arm. A money belt was tied about her waist. The Auxiliary woman is a generous giver.

Her feet clearly revealed she was a woman of service. All sorts of stickers were pasted on her shoes to represent Auxiliary projects—food to the needy, visits to the sick and lonely, towels to Provision Closet, clothing to children's homes, and many others.

A pile of books was stacked on top of the hat brim and secured with a wide lavender ribbon tied under her chin. She carried her Bible under one arm. The Auxiliary Woman grows through study.

Perfect Auxiliary Member carried a world globe, indicating her interest in Missions, and a kneeling pad which she uses to intercede for our missionaries around the world. She is a woman of prayer.

After the departure of Perfect Auxiliary Member, the ladies were quizzed concerning her appearance. What did she have on her sleeve? What kind of hat was she wearing? Where was the Auxiliary logo? What did the colored bows represent? What was the significance of the pad? Use other questions as time permits.

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



CO-LABORERS Write

It would be great if each Auxiliary took a group snapshot of their members and sent it to CO-LABORER. That way we would see old friends in different Auxiliaries. It's a thrill to see the face of a beloved friend, especially if you haven't been able to visit in awhile.

Teri Cooper
Hazel Park, MI

We have recently formed our Auxiliary at Heritage Temple and would like a subscription to CO-LABORER.

Patty McGlone
Ashland, KY

...We enjoy the magazines so much.

Maude Fowler
Dothan, AL

We enjoy the good programs and information in our magazine. Please add five more to our standing order.

Frances Hayes
Holdenville, OK

Our ladies presented "Walking in a Woman's Wonderland" on a Sunday night. Even the children paid close attention. The following week my mom sang "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" to her grandson, Philip. "No, Grandma," he corrected. "It's 'Walking in a Woman's Wonderland'."

Betty Plunkett
Kent, WA

New Lebanon Auxiliary (Cairo, MS) looks back at 1989 and rejoices at the showers given, money, baskets and gifts to the needy, nursing home visits, church beautification, and increased missionary giving. Now we look forward to 1990.

Our Auxiliary supports five missionaries monthly. We are sending 10% of our income to the WNAC general fund each quarter. We appreciate so much what you are doing. Hang in there and keep up the good work.

Rhoda Trimble
Alabaster, AL

Our Missionaries Write

Thieves recently broke into our home and stole around $2000 worth of personal and mission items. Theft is a common occurrence in Brazil in spite of fences, bars on the windows and padlocks on everything.

Tom and Nancy Hughes, Brazil

There is a tendency to want to hurry back to the field, but we are determined to enjoy our furlough ministry and be thankful for all the wonderful experiences coming our way.

Jim and Shirley Combs, Brazil

If conditions permit, we plan to return ...If Panama closes its doors to our continued ministry, we need divine guidance in discerning God's will and leading.

Larry and Priscilla Inscoe, Panama

Yesterday we received a package from the Morehead Auxiliary...I was never so blessed. As I picked up each item, a precious thought or Scripture came to mind:

Soap—our daily cleansing. Kleenex—softens the blows and dries the tears. Thread—binds up the wounds of the wear and tear.

Soup mix—strength for the task. Pudding mix—a little sweetening goes a long way.

Body lotion—protection against the harshness.

Toothpaste—brightens the smile when the heart nearly breaks. Gum—sweetens the breath to make a happy approach.

The gift box itself warmed the heart and lightened our load.

Willa Johnson
Elizabethtown, KY

WORDS FOR WOMEN



Mary Wisehart

"I promise." How any times have you said that? How serious were you about the vow you made? At least once in the life of a believer we made a promise to God. God counted that vow a serious one.

When we accepted Christ, we surrendered all to Him. And we promised to love, honor, and obey His commands.

Solomon in Ecclesiastes reminds us that it is better not to make a vow than to vow and not pay. Still, it is not wrong to make promises unto God. The wrong is the failure to carry through on the promise.

Psalm 76:11: "Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared."

How often do we examine our record in the light of that first promise?

Of course our surrender should be complete and without recall. Of course there should be no question about who has first claim on our lives.

Still, perhaps it is wise to look at the record and the promise.

Have I allowed busyness to interrupt quiet time with Him?
Have I counted things more important than His claims?
Have I confused worldly values with eternal values?
Have I given to Him lately a gift that cost me something just because I love Him?

Perhaps we need to renew our love relationship with Him.

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
$24,978.08

It's So Easy To Remember

The Book of Remembrance



Remembering is a loving thing. WNAC's Remembrance Fund is a meaningful way to honor friends and relatives.

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A remembrance card notifying the family of the person being honored will be sent immediately.

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