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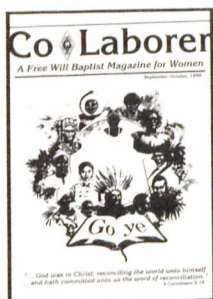


*"... God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself
... and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."*
II Corinthians 5:19

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Theme for 1990

The Great Invitation

Rev. 22:17

Editorial

Some time ago our daughter in Africa wrote, "Today I met with the women..."

Ah, the women.

Thirty years ago I didn't know one woman in our village or surrounding villages who could either read or write. In the public school of 75 students, only two were girls. Women reared children, carried water, worked the fields and girls followed in their footsteps.

Since men naturally assumed leadership roles in their culture, men began the church in Lobi Land. On our first furlough, one man told me, "I'm praying you'll get some women saved over there."

God did. And they learned to read and write and stay awake in church.

Two years ago my husband helped train young preachers at the Bible Institute in Ivory Coast. Four of them were married so I had classes with the wives. "What would you like for us to talk about?" I asked them.

They had no example to guide them—only the missionaries—so Pema asked, "Could you teach us how to start a woman's group in a church?" In two years her husband would be responsible for a new church in a pagan village and she wanted to be prepared.

This year Pema's husband spent his final year at the Institute as a supervised pastor. Lynette wrote he had 53 candidates awaiting baptism. How many women, I wondered? Do you suppose Pema led some of them to the Lord in a woman's group?

Thirty years ago we started with sewing classes for the women. Some years later they matured to a Bible study. Today they're ready to be organized into a Woman's Auxiliary.

I wish I were 20 years younger.

The Birthday Card

by Lois Smallwood

Every January 17th I receive a birthday card from an old friend. Once she explained she kept a book with all her dear friends' birthdays in it. I did mention, when I wrote to thank her, that my birthday actually is March 22 but that I appreciated the card and the fact that she thought of me.

She apparently did not change her records for her card still comes dated January 17.

Certainly I'm not annoyed when the card arrives. I'm pleased to know she remembers the things we've shared as she expresses her love for me. And it almost seems like my birthday. Dates aren't that important.

Do you suppose God feels that way about our imperfect attempts to communicate with Him? So often I want to pray but lack the wisdom to pray "right." I'm learning to pray only the need not the answer, but what of all the times I've asked the wrong answer?

When I was ten, I asked my mother why she always ended her prayers with "In Jesus name, Amen." She explained that was the proper way to pray. I was devastated at all my prayers falling by the wayside because I hadn't prayed properly.

Now I know God takes anything usable from my

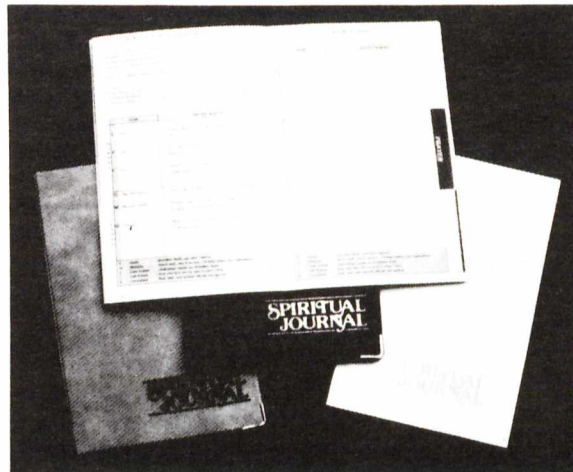
prayer—concern, compassion and love—and works out His perfect answer. All that is imperfect is like the wrong date on my birthday card. It would be nice if

I could get it right, but just knowing I've turned it to Him, that I'm communicating with Him, that's what matters.



SPIRITUAL JOURNAL

A refillable suede JOURNAL and quarterly refills are available through Christian Bookstores or Word Educational Products.





Aim: to honor the older women of
our Auxiliary
Scripture: Psalm 90
Hymn: "Faith of our Mothers"

Leader:

*Lives of great men all re-
mind us
We can make our lives
sublime,
And, departing, leave be-
hind us
Footprints on the sands of
time.*

The poet Longfellow penned those words many years ago. They were true for his generation and equally true for ours. They remind us of the passage of time, the ticking away of the minutes, hours and the days. We think of our birth and the swift passing of the years. Each of us is leaving footprints on the sands of time.

We would like to honor those women who have given years of service to the church. They have left clear impressionable footprints on the sands of time. Now we are following close behind them in their footsteps. What kind of prints are we leaving for those coming after?

Beginning with the oldest, ask the guests to be seated on the platform. Seat them behind a table covered with a cloth and over which is hung a banner entitled: FOOTPRINTS ON THE SANDS OF TIME.

Speaker 1: Baby Shoes

Display baby shoes, very old ones with buttons, if possible.

Tiny shoes like these were probably the first shoes placed on your baby feet. A baby is a treasure from God and He provides

each one with a mother to love and care for him. Even before we entered the world, God had a plan for our lives. God assured Jeremiah, "Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest out of the womb, I sanctified thee." Babies are precious in God's sight.

All too quickly those baby shoes were replaced by stronger shoes with more support—toddler shoes. Your parents stood beside you and helped guide you through the lessons of walking, talking, eating and dressing yourself. Other lessons as growing, responding, and obeying were learned.

All the while your parents trained you in the Christian way, your little feet were making footprints in the sands of time.

Leader: *(to the first guest)* Do you remember this period in your life? We'd like to ask you to share one experience with us. *(Ask one question from the list given below, or ask one of your own.)*

1. What was your mother's name? Describe one of her outstanding qualities.

2. What is your earliest recollection of being in church?

3. Who is the first pastor you remember?

Speaker 2: School Shoes

More than five years pass and you start to school. You meet your first teacher and form new friendships. You learned the basics in reading, writing and arith-

Footprints on

metic. In addition, you learned vital lessons in patience, adaptability, respect and obedience. The skills learned during those early years formed a foundation for everything else you have learned in life and have shaped the footprints you are leaving on the sands of time.

Leader: (*Ask the second guest a question.*)

1. Where did you first go to school? How old were you? How far from school did you live? How did you get there?

2. What was your favorite subject in school?

3. Who was your best friend at school? What did you do together?

Speaker 3: Sunday school shoes, like black patent Mary Janes

Not only school shoes, but Sunday school shoes. These shoes took you to Sunday school where you continued to learn simple truths first presented to you by your parents.

These lessons from God's Word became more personal as you recognized you were a sinner and needed God's forgiveness. Probably at this time in your life you became a new creation in Christ Jesus. Each pastor and teacher helped mold your footprints as they made indelible marks on the sands of time.

Leader: (*Ask one of these questions to another guest*)

1. Who was your best friend at church? Did you ever get in trouble?

2. Describe your conversion.

3. What is one of the first hymns you remember singing?

Hymn: Sing the hymn which is given in response.

Speaker 4: Graduation Shoes

These shoes represent leaving one period in life and moving into another. For some, it meant graduation. For others, it meant taking a job and some of you were married. But you set out on your own and enjoyed a measure of independence.

Your mother had taught you fundamentals of homemaking, how to cook, clean and sew. But more important, you learned lessons in Christian living. You observed the link between religion and life and were encouraged to follow the example of the Lord Jesus. Your footsteps on the sands of time were to be fashioned and molded by your love for Him and for one another.

Leader: 1. Tell about a series of revival meetings that stands out in your mind.

2. Tell about your first job. How much did you make?

3. What is your favorite Scripture verse and why is it your favorite?

Speaker 5: Wedding Shoes

For many/most of you, the inevitable happened. You fell in love with a young man who became your mate and he becomes the happy fulfillment of your dreams. As you stood before pastor—or the justice of the peace—to repeat your marriage vows, you realized that from this time forward he would have a part in shaping those footprints you would leave on the sands of time.

Leader: 1. Where did you go on your first date?

2. What quality did your husband have that most attracted you to him?

3. Where did you first set up housekeeping?

Speaker 6: Comfortable, maternally shoes

In the course of time, God probably sent a tiny bundle of joy into your home and you realized you had donned new shoes—mother's shoes. You taught your growing child lessons of faith and trust in a personal Savior.

Other children came to join your family circle and life's moments became crowded with living. But a more soul-satisfying work you have never found! You were making indelible footprints on the sands of time.

Leader: 1. At the beginning of your married life, how many children did you think you would have? How many did you have?

2. If you had no children of your own, was there another child that held a special place in your life?

3. Sing or recite one lullaby you sang to your children.

Speaker 7: Grandmother shoes, bedroom slippers

The years roll on and the children scatter to far away places of the earth. Your little ones have become self-sufficient young men and women. Sometimes you feel there is nothing more that you can possibly do. You put on your grandparents shoes and sit back and bask in the golden autumn of your life.

Spiritual grandmothering became important at this time of your life as younger ones look to you for advice and help in making decisions. The lessons learned at Grandma's knees are the footprints you leave on the sands of time.

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the Sands of Time

THE OPEN INVITATION: Chances and Choices

Purpose: to recognize that with
God's invitations (chances)
comes
the RSVP (choice). God offers;
we either accept or refuse.
Scripture: John 1:12
Hymn: "The Longer I Serve Him"

Introduction

From childhood to old age, we give and receive invitations. They range from birthdays, showers, weddings, Tupperware, surprise and even "Over the Hill" parties, all with one thing in common—someone wants you to share an event. Every year Ed McMahon invites us to enter the Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes and win ten million dollars.

God also issues invitations. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). We accept this first invitation laden with sin; we receive rest and release from its burden.

The only stipulation God makes when He sends an invitation is that we RSVP, "Please Reply." The invitation is our chance; the RSVP is our choice. We either embrace the opportunity or push it away. Once we accept His first invitation, we embark on a lifetime of chances and choices.

This program covers four chances Christian women face: the invitation to pray, to serve, to grow, and to go.

The Invitation to



Pray

God's Word instructs us how, when and why we should pray:

WHY (2 Chron. 7:14); WHEN (1 Thess. 5:17); HOW (Matt. 21:22).

Believers enjoy a hotline to heaven. Remember prayer is not just asking God; it's thanking, praising and sharing. Prayer is communion with God through Jesus Christ.

We communicate in different ways. If you communicate better through talking, by all means TALK to God. If written communication is your strong point, use a journal or prayer notes. Write your devotional thoughts, prayer requests and unspoken feelings. The written word allows one to look back and see at a glance what God has done.

God offers us a chance to communicate with Him in prayer. Will you accept the invitation?

The Invitation to



Serve

The invitation to serve is God's way of saying, "I trust you." When we are willing to serve, He provides the opportunity. A willing mind is the prerequisite for service (1 Chron. 28:19).

Love is our motivation (Gal. 5:13).

Have you heard someone say, "I guess I'll have to stay in that nursery again because no one else will." Or "The only way we'll have a missions offering this month is if I plan a fundraiser. Why am I the only one who will work?" Do these statements reveal a loving attitude?

Colossians 3:23, 24 admonishes us to serve in love. In other words, rejoice in serving the Lord! How can you do that without love?

What chances of service are there, you ask? The most visible opportunities are Sunday school

and CTS teacher, musician, Auxiliary officer or nursery worker. Other less-traveled areas welcome volunteers. What about a "permanent" substitute teacher to fill any empty slot?

baking a lo-cal cake for a shut-in

sending birthday cards to our missionaries

writing notes of encouragement
opening your home (whatever the size or what's growing in the refrigerator) for a youth fellowship or Bible study group

something as simple and inexpensive as making a phone call to your Sunday school teacher expressing gratitude for her teaching

These all are opportunities to serve.

Once the opportunity faces us, we either accept or yield the chance to another. Statistics show that 30% of the people in an average church do 70% of the work. Could that mean that many choose not to serve? Refusing to serve not only robs you of a blessing, it places an added burden on the willing servers. Think about that the next time you decline an invitation. RSVP with love as unto the Lord.

An Invitation to (Matt. 13:23; 31,32)



We received the good seed when we accepted Christ as our Savior. Now He offers yet another invitation—the chance to grow.

Matthew refers to the mustard seed as the least of all seeds. Compared to God's glory, our best efforts are as insignificant as the mustard seed. God takes what we have, even the tiniest bit of willingness, and uses it. As we accept the invitation to grow, God takes our willingness and transforms it into a gigantic "tree," useful and productive.

Opportunities abound here in the United States to aid in our

Christian growth. The market is saturated with books, tapes and music. Christian radio and television air programs 24 hours a day. Christian friends, retreats, seminars, Bible studies, church and church-related activities all contribute to one's spiritual growth.

As good as these are, they can never replace our individual time with the Lord.

An Invitation to (Matt. 28:19,20)



The Foreign Missions Board has just released a set of attractive brochures with four-color covers from each of our fields. Women should dress in appropriate costumes and give information from the brochure. If you order one for each woman, please specify the number needed.

Go ye—to Japan
Go ye—to India
Go ye—to Brazil
Go ye—to Uruguay
Go ye—to Panama
Go ye—to France
Go ye—to Spain
Go ye—to Cote d'Ivoire

Conclusion

God's invitation is open to all. He does not coerce or lay a guilt trip on us to accept. The choice is ours. Are you willing to accept the invitation to pray? "Ask and it shall be given you."

Will you RSVP the invitation to serve with a "Yes, Lord?" "Knock and it shall be opened."

Are you prepared to receive an invitation to grow? "Seek and ye shall find."

Can you open your heart to the mission fields of the world? "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

The only requirement is a willing heart. God supplies the rest.♦



Footprints on the Sands of Time, continued from page 5

Leader: 1. As a young person, what was your ambition for life?

2. Name one thing you aspired to do that you see being fulfilled through one of your grandchildren.

3. Who was instrumental in leading you to the Lord?

Many of you have reached your climax in God's service. Other hands now perform the work you once did so efficiently. But you have left footprints on the sands of time that will continue to challenge us for as long as we live. In your lives we have seen

- strength to overcome difficulties
- grace to confess and forsake sins
- patience to work until some good is accomplished
- charity enough to see some good in all people
- love to move us to helpfulness and forgiveness
- faith to make real the things of God
- hope to remove all anxious fears concerning the future

The years ahead are in God's hands. We thank God for you. As we observe your footprints, you will continue to live on; and as we trace them in the sand, we will draw new courage.

(Present each one with some small token of appreciation. If you have asked them to bring some treasured keepsake, they should "show and tell" at this time.)

Hymn: "Never Grow Old"

Spark to Action: Encourage each member to make immediate arrangements to visit an older member, take her shopping, or run some errands.

Suggested by a program written by Mrs. M. Bonnema for the Reformed Church of America.

Aim: To challenge women to answer this question—what will it cost me to become involved in world evangelization?

Scripture: Mark 6:15,16; Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 24:45-49

Hymn: "To the Regions Beyond"

The Cost of Missions

Introduction

For the first time in history there is now a possibility that in our generation we could see the completion of the task that Jesus gave. His last instructions are:

(1) Everyone on earth should have the opportunity to hear the gospel (Mark 16:15-16). This is the evangelizing commission;

(2) Every ethnic group should have redeemed representatives to stand before the Throne of the Lamb (Matt. 28:18-20). This is the discipling commission;

(3) The whole counsel of God should be taught to all peoples (Luke 24:45-49). This is the teaching commission.

In the darkest days of World War II when Britain faced invasion in 1940, Winston Churchill could only offer his people "blood, tears, toil and sweat." For all our slick know-how, there is going to be a terrific cost to pay.

Why are the unreached still unreached? Because there are not yet enough people prepared to pay the price—in groaning prayer, hurtful giving, and a loving not our lives even unto death.

What is the price to be paid? Are we willing to pay the price?



The Spiritual Price

The Scriptures are full of references to the need for pruning, cross-bearing, weeping, and suffering as the normal lot for the harvesters. It is said of the Lord Jesus Himself: "...for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross..." (Heb. 12:2). Can we be any different than the Master?

There is the basic principle that there can be no blessing without bleeding, no crown without a cross, no life without death. We must glory in these truths, for they are an essential part of the winning of the world.

There is the basic denial of self and willingness to embrace all the implications of discipleship which flies right in the face of 20th century culture. Unless we are willing for this, we will never



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anguish that comes from seeing our
families apparently suffering because
of the calling God has given?

If we are going to see the world
evangelized, the will of God must come
first whatever the implications for us,
our comfort, or our loved ones; but
wonderfully, God's will encompasses
all these, too!



The Financial Price

We get too hung up on money and
fund raising. Yet funds are important.

The cost of the missionary enterprise
is far higher than a home ministry. The
cost is little different for a transnational
missionary from any part of the world.
It may be different for crosscultural
missionaries operating within their own
political country unit. The airfares are
similar or often worse for Brazilians or
Fijians than for Westerners; most foods
cost the same; the problems of chil-
dren's education are not solved more
cheaply.

It is wrong to generalize and say that
Third World missionaries can be more
"cost-effective." One missionary shared
her deep agonies over the fact that to
live as basically as possible in Italy she
needed as much money as ten workers
doing the same in Brazil, her homeland.

We will need to see a far greater con-
cern and commitment of funds for the
spreading of the gospel than we have
ever seen if the job is to be done. I am
amazed at the naive and thoughtless at-
titudes of the average Christian about
the origin of mission funds. How much
more would have been achieved for
world evangelization if the money
poured into church towers around the
world had been sent to mission causes.

Conclusion

Praise God, we are actually speaking
of finishing the task. It could happen;
but my plea is that we be realistic about
what it is going to cost me. We will
never reach our goal without a con-
certed mobilization of the people of
God around the world and on an un-
precedented scale.

May we go right against the selfish,
materialistic culture so prevalent in the
West, and increasing in other conti-
nents, and be willing for the price that
must be paid if the world is to be fi-
nally evangelized!

*An abridged version of Patrick Johnstone's
article, "The World Evangelized by 2000—
But At What Cost?", which was published
in the May-June 1989 issue of World Ev-
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World Evangelization.*



The Physical Price

Early missionaries who evange-
lized the coasts of West Africa rarely
long enough to learn local lan-
guages—let alone to return for a second
trip. A coffin was an essential part of
their equipment. The 20th century has
been more peaceful and healthy for
missionaries in many parts of the
world, but this is now changing.

Missionaries are now soft targets for
international terrorists, drug-runners,
rebels, and even humanistic anthro-
pologists too! The health risks have
significantly increased over the last
decade—virulent and resistant forms of
malaria, hepatitis, and now AIDS in
Africa.

We have no supernatural guarantee
of a healthy old age if we serve the
Lord in another climate and land what-
ever our theology of healing may be.



The Cultural Price

We are the "instant" generation. We
look for quick solutions. Yet for His
three years of ministry, the Lord Jesus
had to earn the right in 30 years of
manhood. Without some being incar-
nated into other cultures and becoming
as one of them, how will we ever earn
the right to communicate the Good
News?

It takes time. I reckon that it takes
seven to ten years for a missionary to
begin to flow smoothly in a new cul-
ture. Some never last that long; others
never make it in more years. Sacrific-
ing our way of doing, being and living
is hard.

We have a further complication
today—the internationalization of the
missionary force of the world. Praise
God for this, but it introduces a further
cost to the ones who take the gospel.
Many of the newer sending countries
have to spend long years learning a
transition culture. It often takes two or
three years for a Korean missionary to
learn adequate English to relate to other
missionaries and also learn target lan-
guages.

Multi-national missionary teams are
a reality in many missions. One has
missionaries from nine nations and four
continents.

How can one survive the smell of
black beans, dried fish, or kimchee, or
live with differing cultural values for
cleanliness, time, money, leadership ex-
pectations, and methods of resolution
of conflict? Yet if we are not willing to
make a go of this, how can we claim
that the gospel is the power of God
unto salvation for all races? We must
be a living demonstration of the unify-
ing power of the gospel.

There is a price to pay.

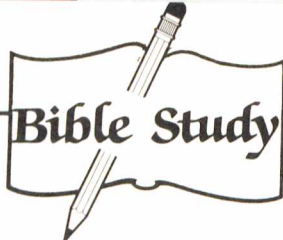


The Mental Price

The new generation of first-term
missionaries is more likely to go to the
field married. Are such willing for
both themselves and their children?

How simply are missionary families
prepared to live? In a tin-roofed little
house on the edge of the Sahara with
temperatures reaching 120 degrees?
Far from the conveniences of education
and companionship of children of the
same culture? Willingness for long sep-
arations for husband and wife, parents
and children for the sake of the gospel?

Are we going to find enough pio-
neers who are prepared for the mental



I JOHN Chapter 3, Part 2

REVIEW: The overall theme of John's epistle is "fellowship." Salvation brings one into a new family relationship, or fellowship, with the Father and with other believers. However, this relationship can be strained and ultimately broken by a believer who persists in practicing known sin. The remedy is given in 1:9, and can be maintained by having the right desires and priorities, a progressive spiritual maturity, and by a purity of life. All of these have been covered in the five previous studies.

ENVY BREEDS MURDER (3:11, 12)

3:11—In verse 10, John drew a line of clear demarcation between the sayers and doers of Christian life. Those refusing to love others, however unlovable, are called "the children of the devil" (cf. 4:20). "For this is the _____ that ye have heard from the _____, that we should _____ one another."

Two main Greek words are interpreted "love" in our Bibles. The word "phileo" represents a tender affection for others. The stronger word, "agape", is the characteristic word of Christianity. Love can be known (shown) only by the action it prompts. It is not merely an impulse derived from feelings (cf. Matt. 5:43-46). Agape love is not only unnatural in scope, but it is supernatural, the result of a "one-ship" with the Father.

3:12—"Not as _____, who was of that _____ one, and slew his brother. And why slew he him? Because his own _____ were evil, and his brother's _____."

Cain may have professed a natural affection, or phileo love, for his brother while growing up. But his later attitude and action proved that no agape love existed. Envy quickly turned to hatred and murder.

THE ACID TEST (3:13-15)

3:13—"Marvel not, my brethren, if the _____ hate you." A Christian should not be defeated or astonished when his God-honoring lifestyle is belittled by those with whom he comes in contact. Open animosity may also be shown, even by unsaved friends and family members. The lifestyle of a true believer will automatically illuminate the difference in that of the world. Unknown and unexperienced, it will often be misunderstood as "holier than thou."

3:14—"We _____ that we have passed from _____ (spiritual) unto life (eternal) because we _____ the brethren. He that loveth not his _____ abideth in death." These words speak for themselves.

3:15—"Whosoever _____ his brother is a _____; and ye know that no murderer hath _____ life abiding in him." In other words, our outward actions are the acid test of what has or has not taken place within.

IN DEED AND IN TRUTH (3:17-19)

3:17—"But whosoever hath this world's good, and _____ (a need)...and _____ up (his compassion)... how dwelleth the love of _____ in him?" It was not the religious priest or pharisee the Lord commended, but the despised Samaritan who demonstrated an agape love and compassion to a stranger in need.

3:18—"My little children, let us not _____ in _____, neither in _____, but in _____ (performance) and in truth." The unsaved have every right to expect our actions to consistently prove what our lips profess.

3:19—"And by this we _____ that we are of the _____, and shall assure our hearts before Him." Knowing that our profession is in harmony with our practice and performance will give a boost to our assurance.

CONFIDENCE (3:20-24)

The devil would like to fill your mind with doubts and questions. But a calm and sure confidence comes to true believers who:

believe His promise of answered prayer (3:22). Note the two conditions in this verse.

exercise their will in loving others supernaturally (3:23). What word, used twice, tells us that love is not an option?

recognize the abiding and indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit (3:24). Note the three functions of the Spirit in John 15:26; 16:7,8,13.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. To most of humanity, is the phileo love natural or unnatural? What about agape love?
2. In as few words as possible, complete this sentence: Believers prove they have been born again by _____.
3. What is the difference between true compassion and words of compassion? James 2:14-20 may help answer this question.
4. Satan seeks to plant doubts in the minds of immature believers. What breeds a confident assurance that cannot be shaken regardless of circumstances?

Writer's note: A new name has been given to the series of Bible studies available for deeper study. They are now called "BASIC BIBLE STUDIES." The price remains the same (\$2.25 per set of study sheets and review questions, or \$19 for all 9 sets.)

A Mother's Response

to her Child's Commissioning

On May 20, 1990, Paul and Rhoda Creech were commissioned to missionary service in Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa. As a part of the ceremony, both of the mothers gave their reaction to this turning point in their child's life.

What if this were your child who was commissioned? Could you echo the words of these mothers?



Fleda:

Dear Rhoda,

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Ps. 16:11).

This verse seems to express the feelings of your heart as well as mine. The main desire in life is to be in God's will. The Lord has given me many pleasures and joys. One of the greatest of these is you, Rhoda, our daughter.

On September 1, 1964, God blessed our home with a precious baby girl whom we dedicated to Him even before she was born. We named you Rhoda, like the young damsel in Acts 12:13.

You grew with a sweet, sweet spirit. You gave your heart to God at the early age of four and have continually portrayed a tenderness for others and their need of Christ and salvation.

As you grew to young womanhood, the aim of our guidance, discipline and love has been to mold you into His image, to be a vessel used by God. You are an heritage of the Lord. You are a part of our "quiver full."

You have diligently studied and prepared yourself for God's service. Your accomplishments are evidence of your perseverance, courage and wisdom. Our hearts are filled with pride and joy in you.

As Hannah expressed in 1 Samuel 1:28, we have lent you to the Lord. As long as you live you shall be lent to the Lord.

Our joy is fulfilled as you become a surrendered servant of God. You are free in Him. You and Paul go with our love, prayers and blessings.

With all my love,
Mom

Mary Bell:

Paul,

"Mom, when thinking of my going to Africa, what are your thoughts?" That was your question to me a few days ago. Many others have asked the same thing.

Before I answer, let me reminisce a bit.

One of my greatest joys and privileges is to be a mother. You and your four sisters have been a real blessing to your dad and me. We gave each of you back to the Lord when you were born, and you were all saved at an early age. Today each of you and your spouses are actively engaged in the Lord's work.

Now to your question. Naturally, we would be most pleased if the Lord had chosen to use you near us. But that is not His plan. I'm thankful that you and Rhoda desire to do God's will. What an honor and privilege for our child

to be chosen as missionary in a faraway place.

Now—why my child? I must admit I was not completely surprised that one day God would call one of you five to be a missionary on a foreign field. Many missionaries have stayed in our home over the years. Many, many times each of you have given up your bedroom for a "real-live missionary."

We prayed for our missionaries in family devotions. You knew them by name!

We read books by and about our missionaries.

In a small way, we as a family have supported our missionaries financially.

So when I think about this, I am not surprised, only thrilled and honored that God allowed this to happen to us. We can only thank and praise Him.

We, your dad and me, pledge our prayerful support to you and Rhoda as you go. May the Lord bless and use you and make you a blessing to those to whom you will be ministering

We love you.

Love and Prayers,
Mom

Chuck and Fleda Snow are members of the Northside FWB Church in Marietta, Georgia. Ronald and Mary Bell Creech work in the Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville, TN.

The "Write" Mission

by Barbara Jarvis

Memorial Student Loan Fund Month

September is Memorial Student Loan Fund month for Woman's Auxiliaries. This month every Auxiliary should receive an offering for the Loan Fund.

With this fund started in 1956, WNAC has been able to help more than a hundred students finish training at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The fund replenishes itself as students repay their loans with seven percent interest.

Tuition costs must continue to rise, however, and more students need larger loans to finish their education. For funds to make larger loans, WNAC is dependent on Free Will Baptist women.

Your gift to the Memorial Student Loan Fund is a special gift to the future of our Free Will Baptist young people.

The Eunice Edwards Loan Fund

Our national project goal for the end of 1991 is \$50,000. On May 22, 1990, we had \$27,517.29.

We hoped to average \$10,000 a year for five years. To meet that goal, we need \$12,482.71 by December 31.

If you haven't already done so, encourage your women to give a special sacrificial gift to this fund. We do want to reach our goal and we do want to help build churches on our fields abroad.

Questions Arise About Canceled Stamps

WNAC still sells canceled postage stamps to a local stamp club. Since we are acquainted with some members of the club, we know that the stamps are not being used illegally. When we cannot be sure that stamps are used legitimately, we will not sell the stamps.

Domestic stamps sell for about thirty cents a pound; foreign stamps, about \$3 a pound. The money goes for office equipment and supplies.

Who me? Write a missionary? That was my first reaction when the mission prayer chairman of our Auxiliary handed each member a name and address with the admonition: "Write!"

After thinking about this assignment, I realized an important fact. Missionaries need letters. Just as we enjoy receiving letters from our family and friends, missionaries relish hearing from fellow believers.

Letters help missionaries overcome loneliness and offer encouragement. They assure them someone cares. Letters bridge the miles and connect them to a world that has lost familiarity. Letters bring a taste of home.

You are probably asking yourself—just as I did—how shall I begin? What can I say? Shall I write about my family? What if my letter bores the missionary? What if she doesn't answer?

The reason I never wrote a missionary before was the fear brought on by these questions. Perhaps the items I included in my letters will help you get started.

- Learn all you can about the country in which the missionary serves. Back issues of *Heartbeat* help. Also the Public Library is an invaluable resource.

- Give them a mini-bio of yourself. Include details you'd like her to tell you.

- Send news from home and their hometown. They probably re-

ceive a news magazine, but will be interested in how the news relates to you.

- Send pictures of yourself, your family and church functions. Send cartoons, bulletin excerpts, newspaper clippings and jokes.

- Remember her birthday, anniversary, and other special occasions. The booklet, "Gifts for Missionaries" (\$1 plus postage and handling is available from WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202) offers helpful suggestions.

- Be regular in corresponding, at least once a month or two. Write even if your missionary doesn't always answer. Blessed are you if you choose/are assigned a writing missionary. Just like us, not all missionaries enjoy writing.

- Personalize your letters with enclosures as Kool-Aid, chewing gum or small mixes.

- Use Aerogrammes occasionally. These letterforms from the Post Office require neither an envelope or stamp and are a quick and convenient way to write.

That first letter I wrote to a missionary was the most difficult I have ever written. The happiness that crept over me the day I received a reply made me glad I made the effort.

Enter into a partnership with a missionary now. Become a part of the "write" mission. ♦

Stamps we sell must be clipped properly before the club will accept them. Please see our instruction sheet and follow it carefully. We do appreciate your saving and sending the stamps.

Provision Closet Needs

Queen size sheet sets
Queen size mattress pads
Bedspreads, standard and queen size
Matching bathroom sets

A Missionary Writes

by Glenda Leatherbury
missionary to Côté d'Ivoire

One day before Jalayn and I left for language study in France, we visited the missionary provision closet. Arilla, a fellow missionary, went with us to suggest items we would need. We ran across a bunch of tools: a Stanley saw, level, screw drivers, drill, etc. "Get those," Arilla said. "You'll need them."

Jalayn and I looked at each other and laughed. Of course, she wasn't serious.

She was. So being the eager-to-learn novices, we followed the advice of this experienced, single missionary.

When we unpacked all our tools it became a big joke to everyone. Well, they're not laughing now.

After purchasing what appeared to be an entire pig, it became impossible to butcher some parts because of the bones. Not one to fear and armed with the Stanley saw, Elaine Holland and I were able to cut that pig down to size. Now Jalayn and I are looking for something to use our drill on. We'll let you know how we fare.

Thought you'd enjoy the photo and wanted to say thanks for all the Auxiliary has provided to make life easier for us.

Glenda, a RN, and Jalayn Martens are in the middle of their first term. They live on the medical station in Doropo and both work in the medical ministry.



Over My Coffee Cup



By Eunice Edwards

Once again the leaves are beginning to fall. I watched as each leaf detached from the tree and floated down to earth. The soft whispering sound spoke of finality, its cycle now complete.

While attached to the tree, the leaf helped provide shade to those who stopped by. Now, separated from its life source, its work is over.

I watched, fascinated by the parallel it presented of God's army of believers. Each person is a part of the whole and a blessing as long as she is attached to Christ. One person, like a single leaf, is unable to accomplish what the leaves can do as a whole. The importance of individuals filling their part in God's plan startles me. Strength manifests itself in numbers.

Believers dismayed with cross-bearing should remember that others in this army stand ready and willing to share the load. This truth assures us "that we are more than conquerors through Him that loves us."

Each leaf that falls has completed its destiny. Not so with the Christian. God gives countless opportunities for continued service.

"Only one life will soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last." This is true, but our gracious Lord offers uncounted "grace" periods as we respond to Him. Bear in mind He gives only one life. We will not pass this way again.

Jesus is coming soon. What we hope to be doing when He comes must be getting done now. I surely don't want to miss heaven. How about you? ♦

SEE YOU AT RIDGECREST!
September 20-22, 1990

1989-1990 Creative Arts Contest Winners

92 women from 21 states and 2 foreign countries submitted 276 entries.

Articles



Lynette Morgan
Cote d'Ivoire



Vicki Turner
Centerville, MO



Barbara Jarvis
Sapulpa, OK



Diane Thomas
Grifton, NC

Plays/Skits



Vicki Hubbard
Russellville, AR



Susan Burgess
Bloomington, IL



Sue Winchester
St. Louis, MO



Margaret Ashcraft
Morehead, KY

Programs



Sheila Scarborough
Nashville, TN



Odessa Ledlow
Detroit, AL



Margie Patton
Pleasant View, TN



Mary Holland
Liberal, MO

Poetry



Fannie R. Henderson
Greenville, TN



Virginia Weber
Clarksville, TN



Barbara McLeary
Lawton, OK



Linda Sligh
Smithfield, MS

Helps for Leaders

Ideas to Stimulate Your Imagination

President Vice president



September

September is a good month for a "Back to School" meeting. Cofer's Chapel Auxiliary, Nashville, TN, planned theirs like a "Mrs. Powell's Homeroom." She dressed as an old-fashioned teacher and prepared a schedule for each "student."

Opening

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags
Scripture and Prayer
Music Class
Show and Tell

Classes

Geography (missionary prayer)
History (Five members shared how they entered the teaching profession)

Reading

Arithmetic (1+1=secret pals)
Recess (refreshments)

Philadelphia Auxiliary, Mt.

Clemens, MI, also had a "Back to School" meeting. Everyone who came brought school and office supplies for the Missionary Provision Closet.

"We set up the room like a classroom," reports Betty Johnson, president. They began with prayer and salute to the flags. History (reading of the minutes) followed, with Math (treasurer's report); Current Events (new and old business); Music; Geography (missionary prayer); and Show 'n Tell (testimonies and a devotional by a school teacher).

Members enjoyed refreshments of a chicken sandwich with sticks of celery, carrots and broccoli. Jo Symington packed the lunches in a brown bag and drew an apple on each.

A Writing class concluded the meeting which was a report to the WNAC office and writing letters to the missionaries their church supports.

"We had a fun evening," Betty concluded.

If your Auxiliary has done something special, write CO-LABORER and tell us about it.

October

Wanda Powell, of Cofer's Chapel Auxiliary, Nashville, TN, prepared these invitations for the October meeting:

A Special Invitation

Yellow, orange and maroon, too
All these colors make a glorious hue;
As the autumn leaves fall two by two,
The Woman's Auxiliary is calling you.

Please join us at our October meeting,

You will receive a very warm greeting;

Thursday, October 26 is the date,
Be here by 7:00 and you won't be late.

Since plans called for each one to come dressed as a Bible woman, Mrs. Powell added these two stanzas:

It's sure to be fun for everyone,

Since Biblical costumes will be worn;

Choose a lady from the Old or the New,

Just be sure to bring us a clue.

Who is that with the purple cloth to sell,

Standing there by the lady at the well?

And who is that with the basket of wheat?

Come and find out at this October treat!

G	O	T	J	A
Prayer	Pre-Thanksgiving Week of prayer	Co-Laborer	Student Loan	Manual
Action	Pre-Easter Week of Prayer	Mission-Grams	Foreign Students	Study Books
Study Missions	Laura Belle Barnard	Heartbeat	Emphasis Month	Play Booklets
Enlistment	Lizzie McAdams	Church Library	McAdams Provision Closet	Report Forms
	Alice Lupton	Actionettes	Creative Arts Contest	Record Books

Mission --- --- STUDY --- --- Chairman

MANUAL: Continuing Education Study

Most professions require continuing education credits to keep up their degree or license. This insures topnotch performance in their field of expertise.

A Manual study is like a continuing education course. It trains new officers, refreshes experienced ones, and enlightens the entire Auxiliary.

TIME FOR EVERYTHING outlines a challenging study of the Manual in a classroom setting. It includes 12 visuals for flash cards or overhead masters. To order, send \$1.50 plus 55 cents postage and handling to: WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. Add another \$1.20 if you need a Manual.

Or play Auxiliary Gotja (same rules as Bingo).

Print one of the terms on page 15 in each square. Make a card for each woman with no two cards alike.

Betty Reeves, Fellowship Auxiliary, Flat River, Missouri, prepared booklets for each person attending their Manual study. She entitled it "THE WNAC STORY."

W omen
N ecessary
A ccording to
C hrist

I. Introduction

- Privilege of being a woman
- Once women were nothing more than property to be used or abused.
- Pendulum has swung to the opposite pole. Women no longer want equality, but often, superiority.
- Women wage a battle for a goal already given them by God.
- Jesus elevated women.

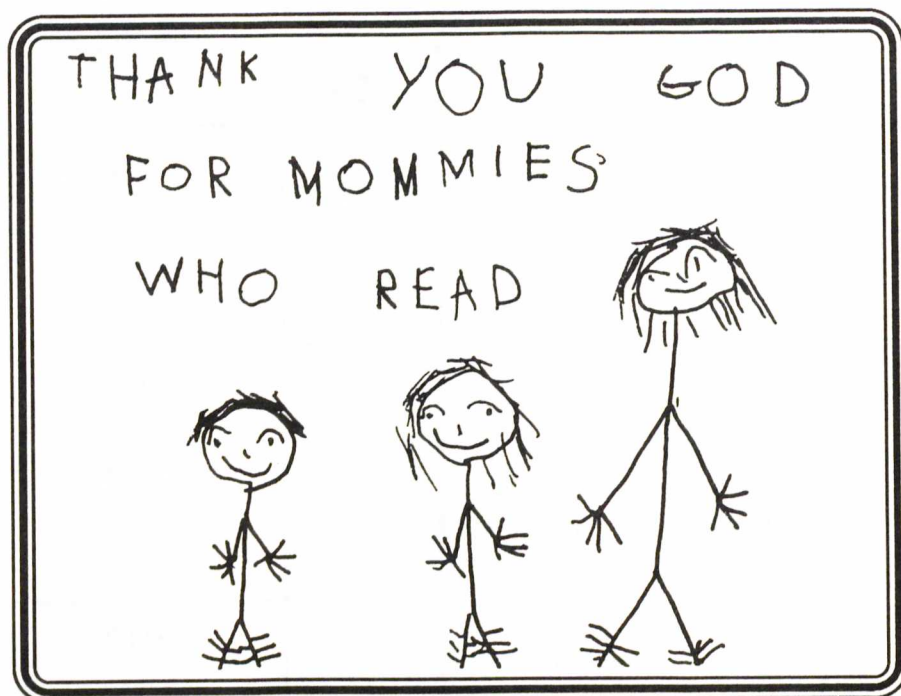
- Women Necessary for the Completion of God's Plan of Creation (Genesis 1 and 2)
- Women Necessary for the accomplishment of the promise of a Savior (examples: Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary)
- Women Necessary to the ministry of Christ (examples: Mary, mother of Jesus; Mary and Martha; Mary Magdalene; Salome, mother of James and John; Peter's mother-in-law; and others)
- Women were/are Necessary for the Fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15) Lydia, Dorcas and others who witnessed Christ's love and shared it with others.
- Free Will Baptist Women and Their Part in Christ's Ministry
 - WNAC History
 - Plan of Work
 - The Five Basics: purpose, definition, watchword, hymn, and colors
 - The Officers: president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and the three missions chairman—study, prayer and action
 - The Methods

- Co-operate with the pastor
 - Set a regular meeting time
 - Officers planning sessions
 - Interesting programs
4. Finances
- Welcome all women, whether or not they have money for dues or offerings.
 - Annual dues
 - Special Offerings
 - Pre-Thanksgiving (home missions)
 - Pre-Easter (foreign missions)
 - Emphasis Month
 - Student Loan
 - Foreign Students
 - Co-Laborer Offering Fund
 - State Projects

VI. Conclusion

Woman's Auxiliary is fulfilling in both the spiritual and physical sense. It can be fun and exciting. All you need are women who are willing to give their time, talent and testimony to win others to Christ. Women, we're special!

Write to the WNAC office, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202, for samples of free literature for distribution. State the number needed.

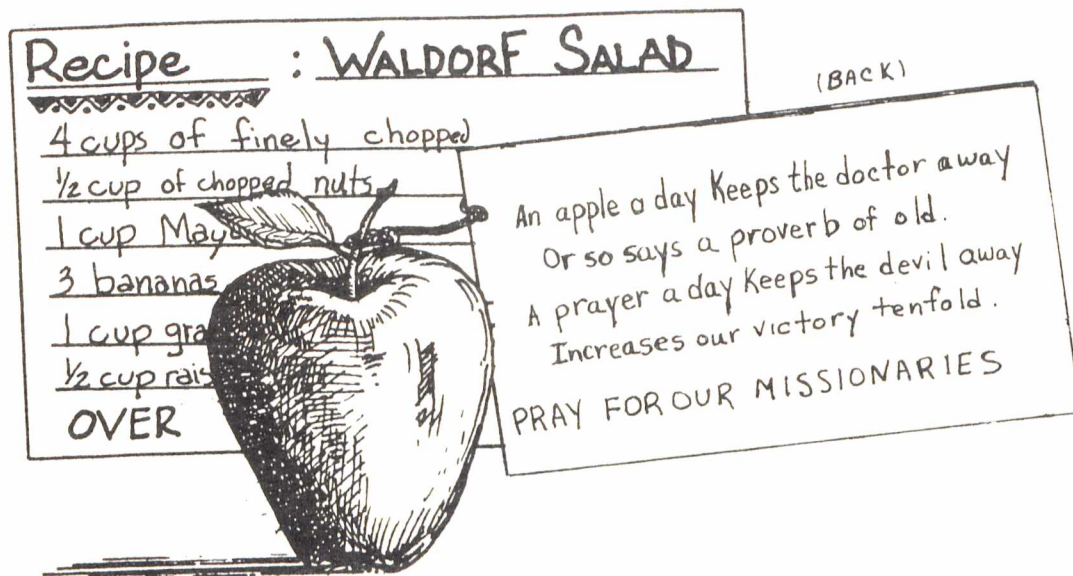


Mission PRAYER Chairman

October Prayer Reminders

Apples are relatively inexpensive this time of the year, so plan to give one to each lady as a prayer reminder.

Print a recipe for Waldorf salad on a recipe card. On the back of the card print the poem. Tie to the apple.



September Prayer Reminders

Distribute the missions brochures as suggested in the September program. Use them as prayer reminders.

Or if you use the "Back to School" theme, distribute prayer folders with as appropriate cover. Write missionary requests inside.

Where Am I?

This quiz matches a missionary to his field. Use these clues or prepare your own from the field brochures.

1. My country is the crossroads of the world by means of a canal linking the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Where am I? Name a missionary to this country.

2. Over four million people concentrate in the urban center where our missionaries work. We speak the world's third most widely spoken language. Where am I? Name a missionary to this country.

3. I work in a border town of the smallest country among our mission fields. Our country has a long history of democratic government. Where am I? Name a missionary working here.

4. My country encompasses almost half of the continent where we work. It is the fifth largest country of the world. Where am I? Name a missionary here.

5. We travel south of the border to reach our mission field with the largest number of national pastors. Where am I? Name a missionary—or national—serving here.

6. Internationals, migrant workers, minority groups and cults all make up my mission field. Where am I? Can you name a missionary to these groups?

7. The literacy rate in my country approaches 100%. English and cooking classes are tools of evangelism. Where am I? Name a missionary to this country.

8. We have more missionaries serving in this country than any

other field. A low literacy rate (25%) poses as one of our biggest problems. Where am I? Name a missionary working here.

9. Only one couple is able to serve in this country first opened to the gospel by Miss Barnard. One sixth of the world's population lives within my borders. Where am I? Can you name this missionary couple?

10. I live and work in one of the world's most secularized countries. Few, whether Catholic or Protestant, attend church. Where am I? Name a missionary in this country.

Answers to "Where Am I?": 1. Panama 2. Spain 3. Uruguay 4. Brazil 5. Mexico 6. United States 7. Japan 8. Cote d'Ivoire 9. India 10. France

Mission ACTION Chairman

Tiny Turtles

Last September, Action 5, St. Petersburg, FL, made Tiny Turtles for all the women in their Auxiliary. Here's how:

Supplies Needed

English walnut shells, 1/2 for each turtle
miniature plastic hats, 1 each
moving eyes, 2 for each
small pompoms, any color, 4 each
brown felt
glue

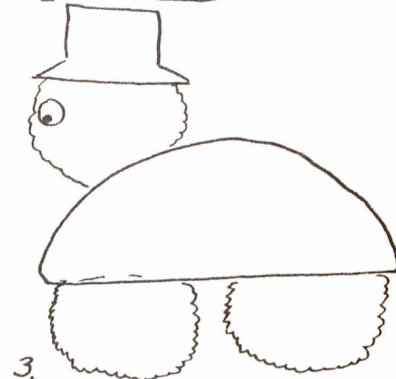
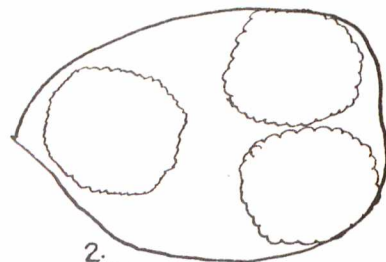
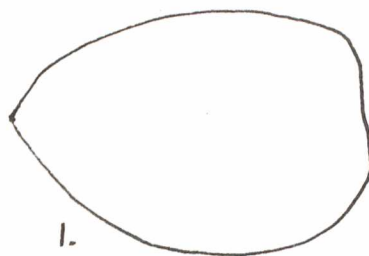
How to Make

1. Trace the flat side of the walnut shell to brown felt. Cut out and glue in place.

2. Glue on 3 pompoms for the feet. Save the other for the head.

3. Glue eyes on the 4th pompom. Glue on the hat. Glue this pompom to the top of the turtle.

Cheryl Ann Day, missions action-prayer chairman, suggests names be written on the shell with a fine-tipped marker.



Actionettes

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

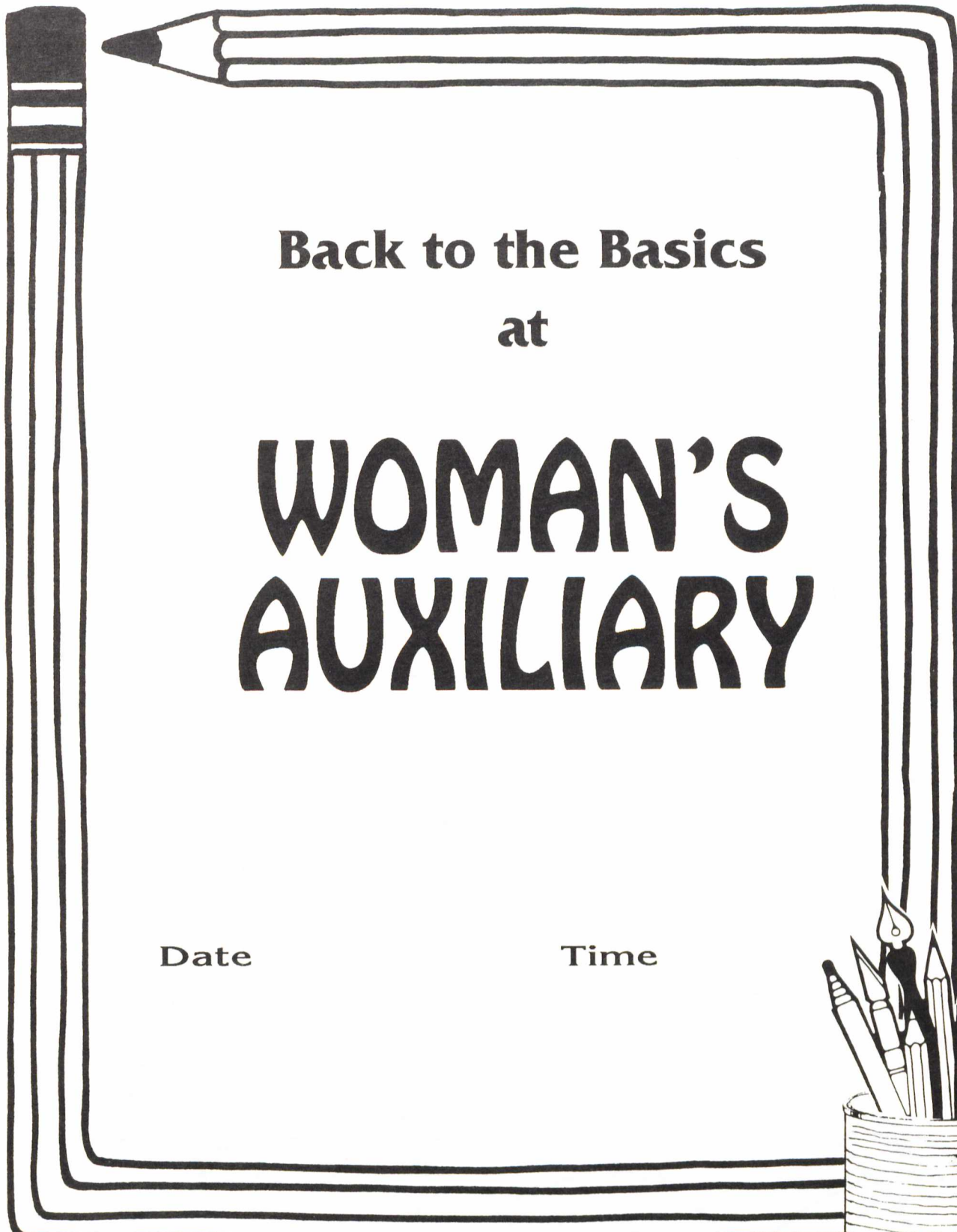
Let's get together!

Johnston City Actionettes in Action



When Brother Gene Waddell, director of Foreign Missions, came to the First FWB Church, Johnston City, Illinois, the Actionettes were ready. They had prepared a sumptuous meal and served it following morning worship.

back row: Amy Gaddis, Stephanie Utley, Amy Mishler, Sonya Utley, Jamie Crain, Tyra Utley and Brother Waddell
front row: Tracy Crain, Tracy Star-rick, Dawn Phillips



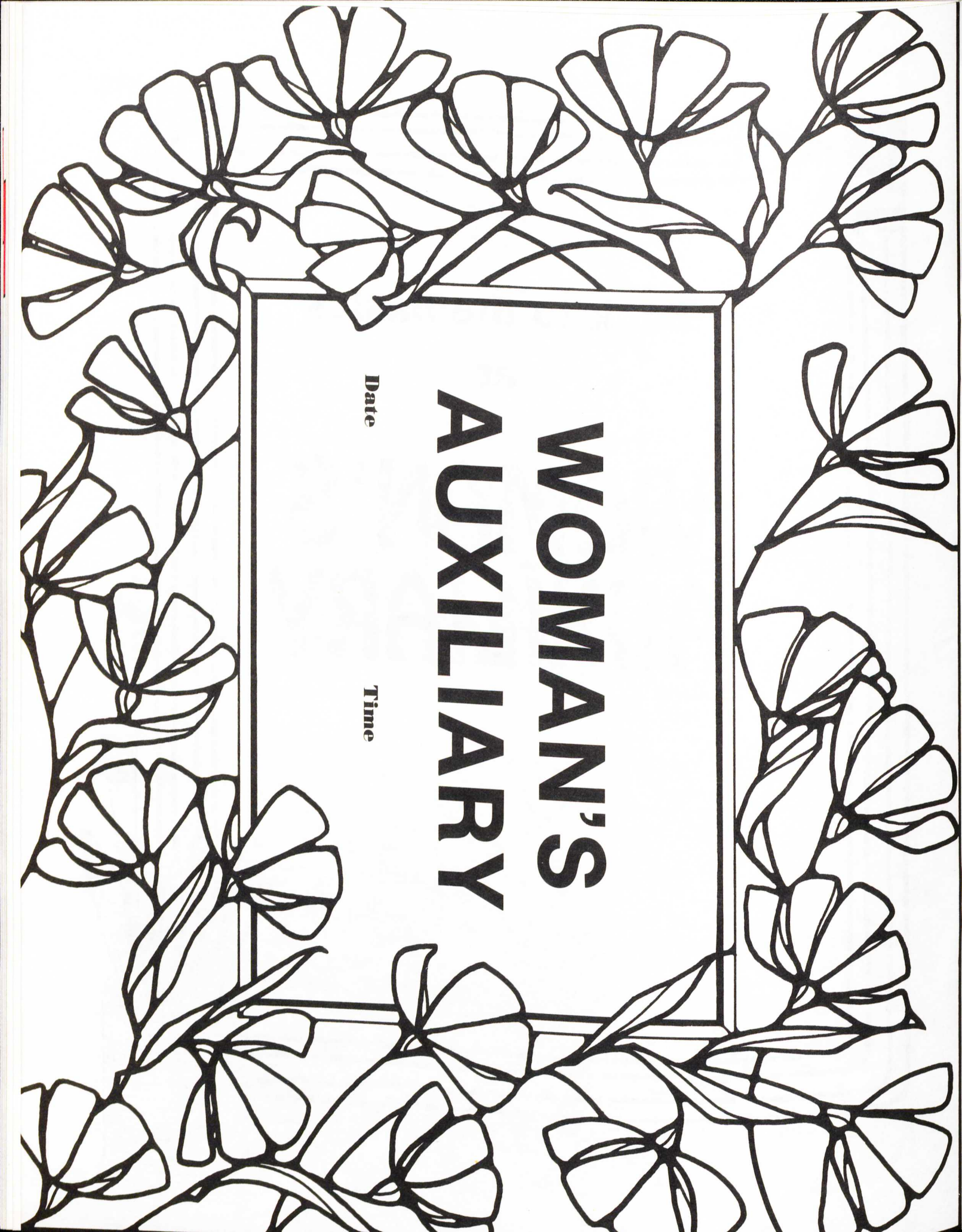
**Back to the Basics
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The Ministers Wife

Newsletter

Compiled By Cleo Pursell



volume 10, number 5, 1990

Barely 18, I met and fell in love with a young preacher boy. When he asked me to marry him, I did a lot of praying and soul-searching before I said yes. Even at that young age, I knew that a minister's wife wields a great influence and the success of her husband's ministry depends to a large degree on her dedication and willingness to share in his work. I didn't want to be a hindrance.

Two weeks after we married in 1948, I began my role as pastor's wife as we accepted the pastorate of a small country church in our native south Missouri. I had been raised in a pastor's home. This, plus my observations of others, constituted the sum total of my training for this responsibility.

Some ministers have no encouragement or cooperation from their wives. I didn't want to be like them. I knew some who never went to church and others who conjured up illnesses or other excuses to keep their husbands home. Some even gave their husbands an ultimatum to either give up the ministry or them.

I knew many good ministers' wives, including my own mother. She worked side by side with my father in his ministry and I decided it wouldn't be such a bad life. I wanted to be like her.

In those days I probably could not have quoted 1 Corinthians 3:9: "We are laborers together with God." I don't remember thinking, "Now I am going to be a co-laborer with my husband in the Lord's work." But I do remember that I wanted to be a help. On the way to the preacher's house to

say our wedding vows, my husband told me that with God's love and our love for each other, we would travel life's road together. I trusted God to make me a co-laborer both to Him and my new husband.

The Excitement of Sharing

The Woman's Auxiliary redecorated our first parsonage, a three-room log cabin, with new wallpaper and linoleum. A nearby spring supplied our water and we raised a small garden. Our loving church family had little money, but they gave liberally of themselves—their food, homes, love and whatever they had. We basked in this first experience of co-laboring.

When I earnestly sought God's will concerning marrying a preacher, He didn't tell me that in a few short years He would be leading us to the Northeast, 2500 miles from home. In His wisdom, He never outlines our entire lives before us.

For 15 years we helped establish churches in Oregon and Washington. We enjoyed the grandeur of some of the most beautiful scenery in the world, met many wonderful people and established lifetime friendships.

Both joys and sorrows, lean years and fruitful ones, have characterized our ministry. We've known heartache caused by faltering members and rejoiced to see souls saved or reconciled to God. Some week-ends left us extremely fatigued in spite of the overwhelming satisfaction in

Co-Laborer in my Husband's Ministry

by Leah M. Postlewaite

Both joys and sorrows, lean years and fruitful ones, have characterized our ministry.

knowing we had offered Him our best. As we visited hospitals and nursing homes, we rejoiced with those who recovered and wept with those who could not. We have received both criticism and words of encouragement.

Sharing both the good and bad is an important and rewarding part of being a co-laborer.

Humorous Experiences and Frivolous Excuses

A young married woman explained that she and her husband could not both come to church at the same time. Their pet monkey became depressed if left alone. "Would it be okay if we came and put the monkey in the church nursery?" she asked.

A young bride-to-be asked permission to carry her pet poodle down the aisle on her wedding day.

I tried to keep a straight face when a couple of middle-aged bachelors came to our front door carrying a cake. "This is for your surprise anniversary dinner," one of them said.

During a baptismal service, my husband looked up to see the next candidate entering the water dressed in a strange-looking garment. The garb our shepherds and wise men wore in our Christmas programs hung in the dressing room, and he assumed them to be baptismal attire. My husband wanted to laugh and I'm not sure I didn't!

These experiences, and many more, added spice to our lives and created a storehouse of memories for instant recall.

Great Opportunities

We have traveled in 40 states and one foreign country. Our pastorates have led us to six states.

We have opened our home to those in need of food, shelter and encouragement. Once I wondered if I could possibly offer assistance to one more person when the phone rang. A dear woman from 100 miles away had come to be with her husband during surgery. We opened our home to her and assisted the family in any way we could. This established a special friendship that will last a lifetime.

One of our greatest thrills is helping train our young people, encouraging them to use their talents, attend Bible college, and be their best at whatever God has planned for them. Many occupations do not lend themselves to the type of teamwork that my husband and I enjoy. My part in working with our youth has been greatly rewarding.

The Lord has blessed us with four children. They were all saved at early ages and escaped periods of teenage rebellion. Instead of resenting our ministry, they labored

with us. Growing up as PK's gave them foundational experiences for the Christian work they now are all involved in.

I have always adored George Bush," said our first lady. "He has given me so many wonderful things...I am the luckiest woman in the world."

I greatly admire Mrs. Bush's feeling for her husband, but I would like to reword her statement. "I love my husband and we have shared many wonderful experiences. I am gloriously blessed by God."

One of my favorite songs says, "By and by, when I look on His face/ I'll wish I had given Him more." I wish I had been a better co-laborer and helped a few more people. Sharing in my husband's ministry has offered opportunities to labor together with both God and His children. ♦

Leah Mae was the youngest daughter born to George and Oma Scott of Mountain Grove, Missouri.

All four Postlewaite children are in fulltime Christian service. Sam directs music at the Gateway FWB Church, Virginia Beach, VA, and serves as principal of the school.

Joseph is a home missionary to the Virgin Islands.

Sue (Mrs. Earl Larson) is employed at the Foreign Missions office where her husband is treasurer/administrative assistant.

Ruth and husband Donnie are missionaries to Japan.

Ten grandchildren bring joy to the Postlewaite family.



Women in Action

The entire church participated in the Tupperware party sponsored by the Myrtle Auxiliary (MO). Items valued at \$300 were donated to the missionary provision closet.

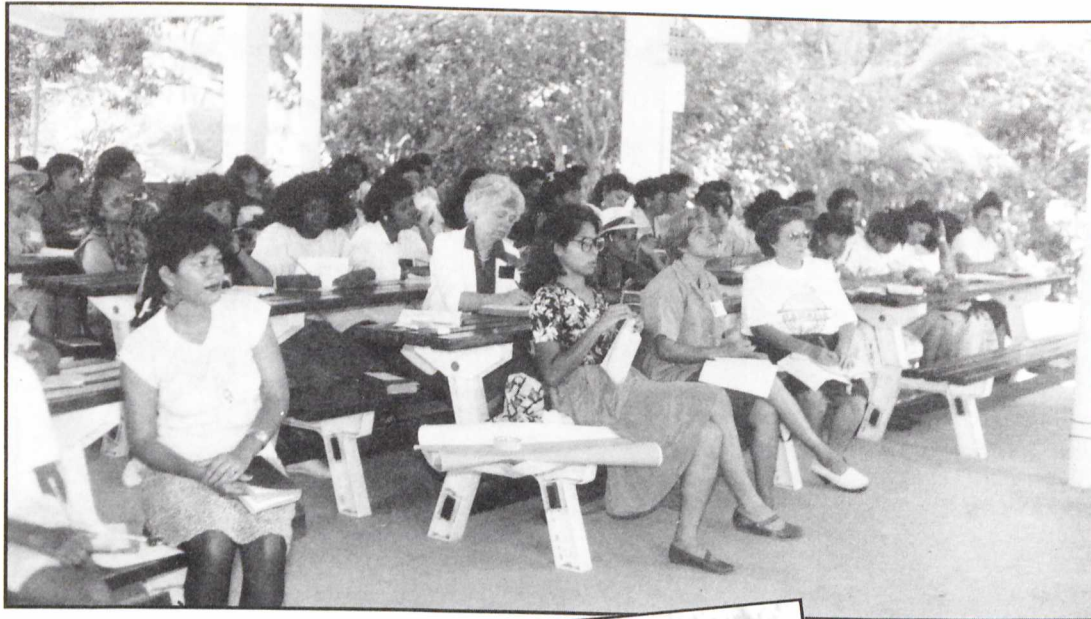
Pictured are: Blanche Wisheart, Mary Sorrell, Dianne Naumann, Evelyn Umfleet, Louise Sorrell and Geneva Sorrell.



Philadelphia Auxiliary, Mt. Clemens, MI, enjoy a Hawaiian luau, reports Betty Johnson, president. The 21 ladies attending brought gifts to the missionary provision closet.

Rocky Pass Primary class, Marion, NC, boosts Auxiliary missions by \$146. Ken and Madge Cade with Sherry Arrowood are teachers.





Seventy-four women overcame economic and political hardships to attend Panama's second ladies retreat. Mary Ruth Wisehart, Nashville, TN, participated.



Missionary Judy Lytle with others who spoke or led workshops.

Susie Robinson, pastor's wife of the First FWB Church, Wellington, KS, directed their Pre-Easter Week of Prayer service in which they enacted the drama of the five wise and five foolish virgins. They gave \$92 to missions using the 30 pieces of silver offering bags.

wise virgins: Vicki Johnson, Jackie Robinson, Jessica Anderson, Jennifer Anderson and Lenora Alexander

foolish: Susie Robinson, Dolly Moore, Mary Nugen, Shelia Anderson and Inez Russ



OUR CHURCH HAS A BIG
HEART FOR MISSIONS
praise the LORD
GOAL \$1160.75 \$1,000

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.

God Made a Way

by Sylvia Eaddy

First Auxiliary, Houston, TX, surpass their \$1000 missions goal! This reflects their quota of the amount Texas women voted to give the Cousineaus and Nichols (\$2000 each), both of Cote d'Ivoire.

Ladies in West Virginia chose, "Making of an Instrument," for the theme of their annual convention which featured Delois Loveless, Columbus, OH, and two workshops, "Instrument of Praise," and "Instrument of Service," led by Jody Sullivan and Saebrá Pauley.



Sylvia Eaddy seven months after her transplant, with Randy, Cynthia, 15 and Alice, 13.

In 1987, in my 17th year of marriage, I was diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver. The doctor suggested it must have stemmed from some unknown childhood disease since I've never used alcohol in any form. They agreed I was a good candidate for a liver transplant.

No, I decided. When the Lord is finished with me, He'll take me on home. I wrote out my funeral arrangements and told Him I was ready.

After a year my body began to deteriorate. In a four month period, from November to March, I was hospitalized three times with fluid retention, muscle cramps, slurred speech, shortness of breath and failing memory. Maybe I should look further into a transplant, I told Randy, my husband.

Finally, on March 11, my mother moved in with our two teenagers and we left for Omaha, Nebraska for a three-day evaluation that would determine my place on the list of liver donors/receivers. On the plane I lapsed into a coma so was oblivious to the hospital admission and being hooked to a life support system.

Four days later I awakened. God was so good. I slept through all those needles, tubes, tests...and the pain. The one thing I feared most was the pain. Randy told me the hospital did a

lot of transplants on the weekend so I shouldn't be surprised if they called and told me they had a liver for me. He failed to tell me that my name had been moved to the top of the list.

The next Sunday, around 6 a.m., the doctor called and said my liver transplant was scheduled for noon.

"A liver? For me?" I asked in surprise.

"Isn't that what you're here for?"

When Randy got to the hospital and before I went into surgery, he read Psalm 23 and Isaiah 53:5. We thanked God for what He had brought us through and claimed His continued strength.

The 7 1/2 hour surgery went well and the liver began functioning immediately. Less than two weeks later, I was moved from intensive care to a private room. Before returning home, I underwent another surgery to remove infected fluid around my lungs. Finally on May 4, after 54 lifechanging days, we returned to South Carolina and I slept in my own bedroom once again.

A year and four months have passed since my transplant. The Lord continues to give me hope and strength for each day. He's granted an extension to my life and I pray I will always be used for His honor and glory. He is worthy of all our praise. ♦

Book Highlights

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Helping Adult Children Resolve Their Past

by Charles M. Sell

Multnomah, \$8.95, reviewed by Tammy Keiffer



Are you an adult child? The author defines adult children as "grown-ups from homes where a parent was addicted to alcohol, drugs, work or gambling; or one where a parent abused or grossly neglected them."

In this book, adult children are

encouraged to deal with their past and all its memories which are still a part of them, whether consciously or subconsciously. Sell, himself the child of an alcoholic, urges them to confront their past in order to form healthier, more intimate relationships.

Another goal is to break the cycle of unhealthy relationships often passed from one generation to the next.

Although I do not consider myself an adult child, I benefited from this book. As a mother, I am more prepared to help my children form healthy self-images based on Biblical truth.

I strongly recommend this book

because of its Christian approach to dealing with problems we all face, as anger, guilt and self-doubt. This book points us to the one true answer, Jesus Christ.

OUR DAILY TIMES WITH GOD
Favorite Selections from Our Daily Bread, Discovery House, \$5.95



This book features favorites from the popular devotional, OUR DAILY BREAD, published by the Radio Bible Class. Organized by themes and the great events of Scripture, the

book combines insights received from Scripture plus instruction from Bible teachers.

I NEED YOU

Being Friends With Your Grandkids

by Spike and Darnell White
Questar Publishers, Inc.



The authors not only enjoy their grandkids, they work hard at improving their relationship. Areas covered are: communication • making memories • giving encourage-

ment • passing on your values • supporting the parents • sharing each other's world • making the best use of your home • and persevering—even when you're tired.

A scrap book at the back of the book features quotes, activities, memories, and comments from the grandkids themselves.

Since 1955, the authors have directed the Kanakuk-Kanakomo Kamps near Branson, Missouri.

A Woman God Has Used

Being handicapped doesn't mean being put on a shelf. Virginia Johnson of Bluff Springs, Arkansas proves this over and over in many ways.

In 1937, at age 7, Virginia was stricken with polio. She returned to school the following year, graduated from business college, and has been going full steam ahead since.

Virginia lived with her parents until their death. Her love and concern for missions stems through the visits of the missionaries in their home during that time. She lives alone now and is on oxygen most of the time. However with a 50 foot cord and a portable oxygen stroller, she does her housework, drives, and carries on her many church activities.

Miss Johnson has served the Fayetteville First Free Will Baptist church well since her salvation as a child:

Sunday school teacher for Primaries, Juniors and Teens

Youth director

Clerk/treasurer (in her 24th year)

Auxiliary president; treasurer since 1973

Youth Camp teacher

Camp secretary (14 years)

District quarterly council secretary

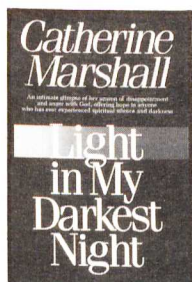
Editor of the district Auxiliary newsletter

Virginia exemplifies a life of perseverance and dedication to God and His service. We forget she's handicapped because she serves in whatever capacity she's asked to fill. She is a woman God is using.

—Nancy Webb



LIGHT IN MY DARKEST NIGHT
by Catherine Marshall
Fleming H. Revell, Reviewed by
Lorene Miley



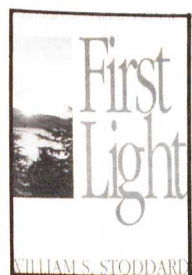
If you've long admired Catherine Marshall and her 21 books, as TO LIVE AGAIN, CHRISTY, and A MAN CALLED PETER, you will not want to read this latest book published posthumously by her

husband.

Compiled from journals and taped interviews, LIGHT IN MY DARKEST NIGHT, chronicles a dark period from the author's life. Less than half the book's 255 pages are the author's; family and friends contributed the rest. She comes across as a pathetic creature gripped by her frailties and humanness. Sadly, this image now taints all her other books.

I've already told my husband that I want my journals to die with me. This book proves that some books are best left unwritten.

FIRST LIGHT: Morning Conversations with God
by William Stoddard
Multnomah, \$12.95



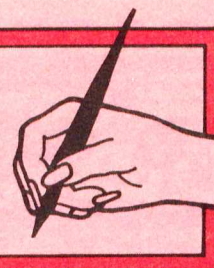
This six-month daily devotional guide helps believers establish—or reestablish—a consistent walk with God through Bible study and prayer.

The author leads the reader into a short

Scriptural devotional, offers helpful application, leads in a prayer, then draws the threads together in a final "Moving On" word of encouragement.

This refresher course in walking and talking with God provides a fresh surge of energy to fuel one's devotional flame. ♦

The poet's CORNER



Bloom! You Have Been Planted

If in life you have been planted
along the highway, straight and
wide,
Then bloom along the highway
for travelers fall on either side.
Your blossom will give them
courage
to get up and go anew;
You can help them make the
journey
so they'll reach heaven, too.

If by chance, the place you're
planted
is dark and very drear,
Then bloom among the shadows
for others you can cheer.
The fragrance of your blossom
will waft to the darkest part,
Until their hearts are lifted
and they for heaven start.

If your garden is in the city
where the poor and homeless
live,
Then blossom there with vigor
for a witness you can give.
For those whose hope has van-
ished,
from the blows of the evil one
Need someone who'll show the
way
and who'll lead them to God's
son.

Perhaps among the aged
your hap has chanced to fall;
There you are surely needed
to help them hear the Savior's
call.
Many have turned a deaf ear
and of the Savior took no heed,
They need to know He loves them
as He continues to tenderly
plead.

Perhaps a lonely prisoner,
guilty, condemned and sad
Is close to where you're planted,

then rise up and make him
glad.
Tell him Christ paid for his guilt
and shame
when He died upon the tree;
Help him receive sin's pardon
so he can be truly free.

Or, praise the Lord, the little ones
for whom the Savior died
Can see your bloom and come to
Him
and ask Him in to abide.
A child's life saved is a whole life
saved,
so trusting and sweet are they;
Teach them to tell His story, too,
help them show others the way.

It doesn't matter where you
bloom,
just make your roots go deep
Down to the solid rock, our Lord,
and He will surely keep.
He'll help you bloom and see you
through
the storms of life that come;
Remember trials come to
strengthen us
some day He'll say "Well
done."

—Maizie Sevits
Kirksville, MO

The Death of a Foreign Missionary

Don't weep for me—
I have followed my dear
Jesus one last time
Across a border.

Weep if you must
For those I love so much—
People in darkness bound
With few to care.

And joy with me
As I behold His face,
Casting my burden down,
While lost in praise.

—Diane Dadian

Appointed to pray

Someone Planted a Seed

by Olena Filkins
missionary to Japan

For seven years he carried a tract in his pocket but was unable to understand the meaning. One day a sign caught his attention: Fred Hersey would be conducting religious tent meetings. He would go, he decided. Perhaps it would help him understand the words on that dog-eared scrap of paper.

Today he and his wife are faithful members in the Bihoro church. Someone planted a seed.

As a college student, Shuki Abe and his three buddies, attended an English class held in the Free Will Baptist church. They also heard

the marvelous story of forgiveness in the name of Jesus. In time they were saved and became active in the church.

One day he heard the children sing, "Jesus Loves Me," and recognized it as a song he sang in a Christian kindergarten. He has now built and heads two Christian kindergartens here in the city of Sapporo.

Someone planted a seed.

Atsuko Tanaka worked as a tutor in the cram school (preparatory tutoring for exams) held in our church. She attended services and accepted the Lord al-

most immediately. Does she really understand, I wondered?

She gave her testimony on the day of her baptism and told how coming to church revived memories of the time she attended Sunday school as a child in a sea-coast town. Today she is enrolled in Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Oklahoma.

Someone planted a seed.

Mr. Terashima, or "Older Brother" as we call him, gave his testimony during his baptism. An old Christian grandmother in the neighborhood where he lived as a child had influenced his thinking toward becoming a Christian.

Someone planted a seed.

These typical stories illustrate the power of the planted seed here in Japan. Others have the seed planted in their hearts but have allowed other things to crowd in. Yet their words reveal the seed is still operating.

Our Lord gives several examples of seed. We plant the seed of the Word but cannot make it grow; that is the work of the Spirit. Some seeds lie dormant for years and the sower often does not see the harvest of the seed he has planted. But God's Word promises:

So as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it (Isa. 55:10,11). ♦

Personality Profile



Jim and Olena McLain
Missionaries in Japan



If it's true that opposites attract, Jim and Olena are good examples. Jim, reserved and reticent, complements Olena who is friendly, outgoing and hospitable.

Free Will Baptist Bible College brought together Jim from

East Tennessee and Olena from North Missouri. They are in their fifth term, having completed 24 years of missionary service.

Jim is a church planter and preacher; Olena enjoys teaching.

The McLain's two

children, Don and Mary, are both married and live in Missouri. They work in a Japanese-owned factory and have opportunities to keep their Japanese alive. Don and Brenda have two children.

Missionary Prayer Calendar

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

September

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

October

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

Names underlined indicate they are on furlough.

Please send mail to: P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202

* Home Missionary or church extension pioneer.

** Joint project worker or deputation missionary.



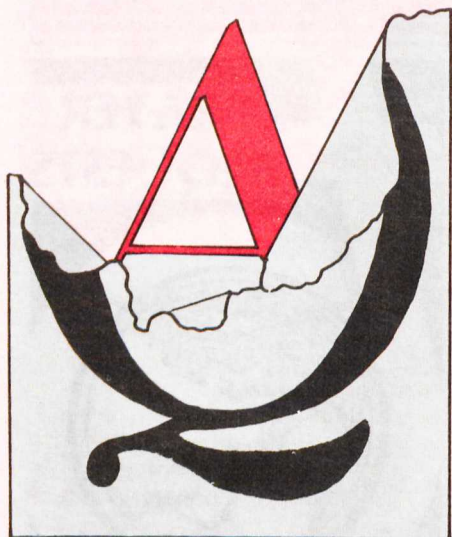
Lynette Morgan with some of the pastors' wives in Cote d'Ivoire. Pema, mentioned in the editorial on page 2, is on Lynette's left.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Pray for:

- WNAC retreat in Ridgecrest, September 20-22, and its missionary challenge.
- Dr. Priscilla Welch, Turbeville, SC, short term replacement at the Medical Center in Cote d'Ivoire.
- The opening of the new school year in Virgin Islands and Joseph Postlewaite, the new director.
- The health of Alicia Bunch as her parents resume their ministry in Panama.
- New appointees on deputation raising funds to start new churches in strategic areas: the Gerald Fenders, Knoxville, TN; Terry Miller, Providence, RI; David Potete, Chicago, IL; and Joel Nason, Chesne, SC.
- Charlotte Tallent and her Bible studies with the university students in Nantes, France.
- Ken and Judy Bailey in the Iriso church, Japan, and for new contacts and enlargement.
- Ramon and Ede Zuniga, FWBBC graduates and new teachers at the Bible Institute in Mexico.
- Missionary builder Howard Gwartney and his crew of volunteer help as they build churches in Memphis, TN and Cheyenne, WY.
- Erecting a church building in Puerto Rico continues to be an urgent need.



Your questions
answered on:

Woman's Auxiliary

by Mary Neal
WNAC President

Our secretary and treasurer each have always sent separate end-of-the-year forms. Is this no longer required?

Check with your district and state to see what annual reports they request. WNAC is asking for one report from the state conventions (or locals or districts where there is no state convention). This annual report replaces the two: one from the secretary and one from the treasurer. Reports for local and district Auxiliaries similar to this annual report to the national convention are also available from WNAC. Simply request the number you need.

The MANUAL we have was printed in 1971. Are there any plans for a revision?

The Executive Committee is proposing a study committee. The decision about this study committee will be made at the July Convention, 1990. A study committee formed in the '60's suggested changes in the MANUAL. No doubt this study, if approved, will bring about some changes also.

What are some obstacles an Auxiliary faces?

Being misunderstood. Some think of Auxiliary as a gossip session, a social club, or a money raising organization.

Reaching the younger women. We had youth organizations, girls grew up knowing about Auxiliary (boys, too).

Communication. We need to communicate to all the women better than we do.

Leadership. We need more trained leaders, willing and dedicated.

Finances. We tend to give all our money away, overlooking the need for self-support.

What does the future have in store for WNAC? What are some of your goals and projects?

Dreams! We hope to reach \$50,000 in the Eunice Edwards fund by 1991. We'd like to double our membership by the year 2000. We'd also like to make CO-LABORER a monthly magazine. We'd like to be giving at least \$1 million by 2000 to missions and related causes.

We have an organization for teen girls. We'd like to have a more structured organization for them, as well as additional literature.

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



Our Missionaries Write

Thanks, Ladies, for all the nice things, especially since we didn't expect a sudden trip home nor setting up a house again from scratch. You make our moves, even unexpected ones, less traumatic.

Mark and Donna Daniel
Cote d'Ivoire

Please pray for our children. We live in a city the size of Nashville, TN and there are five small Bible preaching churches. Their "youth group" is quite small.

Allan Crowson, France

When I celebrated my birthday, 20 Auxiliaries from 14 states wished me well. How could missionaries continue to serve without the prayers and encouragement of the Woman's Auxiliary?

Tom and Patty McCullough,
France

In these days of economic crisis, robbery has been an increasing problem. Please pray for our personal safety and the security of our home.

Tom and Nancy Hughes, Brazil

Farmers are making yam hills again and I've been out digging in my "fields", too—two narrow strips of dirt along the drive way. Maybe it's the farmer in me, but I like to plant and see things grow.

Carol Pinkerton, Cote d'Ivoire

We're excited about graduation. After that, we are going back to Mexico and teach at the Instituto in Altamira City.

Ramon and Ede Zuniga, Mexico

Co-Laborers Write

Please include more missionary-written programs. I like to read firsthand accounts of how the people are reached for Christ.

*Lauretta Coffman
Mt. Pleasant, AR*

Our God is great; our God is good,
we so much to thank Him for:
Home, health, and a place to serve,
setting before us an 'open door'.
He gives old friends, new friends,
And with it all, His wondrous love;
Our daily physical and spiritual food
are also gifts from heaven above.

The materials in the Co-Laborer are great! May God bless all who write articles, programs, poems.

*Reba Ritter
Marion, IL*

The Donelson Woman's Auxiliary took a poll and all agreed that CO-LABORER magazine continues to get better and better. Most confessed they couldn't put it down until they had read it from cover to cover.

We want to express our thanks for your labor of love and expertise in compiling such an action-packed informative magazine for Free Will Baptist women.

*Donelson Zuxiliary
Nashville, TN*

Thanks for publishing my story, "Church by the Side of the Road." Tears came to my eyes as I read it again. How wonderful the Lord is as we trust Him and are submissive to Him.

*Lottie Campbell
Pocahontas, AR*

What would we do without you! We appreciate all you do for missions. I like the new computer format listing donor's gifts.

Elaine Holland, Cote d'Ivoire

WORDS FOR WOMEN

Mary Wisehart



"People need love, especially those who don't deserve it." These words jumped at me from the bulletin board as I walked down the hall of the nursing home.

"How appropriate," I thought as I looked at the silver haired lady in the wheelchair, smiling her vacant, toothless smile. "Yes," I thought as I heard the man in Room 203 calling, "Mama, take me, please take me."

But those words continued to haunt me until I thought, "Who among us deserves love?" If you knew me as I know me— If I knew you as you know you—

Love is such a warm, giving, sacrificial, wonderful force. What would we have to do to deserve it? And if we knew what was required, how could we possibly fulfill the requirements?

Yet we are loved. And perhaps even more amazing, we are capable of loving. We can pour out that warm, unselfish, sacrificial force called love. We can lavish it on those around us, even though they don't do anything to deserve it. Just think what a difference that beautiful force makes in your life and the lives of those around you.

What makes it possible for us to love? Does it just come "naturally"? Is it a quality reserved for special people? All good and perfect gifts come from God. This strong force, this beauty beyond compare, comes from God, for God is love.

Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). His love went beyond, as Paul explains in Romans 5:8: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

We didn't have to deserve it. We never could.

What about the people in our world? To us some may seem more deserving of love than others. But remember God's principle, "Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you" (Luke 6:27-28).

Those irritating ones, those hateful ones, those provoking, trying ones, even enemies—we all need love, especially since we don't deserve it.

Eunice Edwards Loan Fund



5 year goal
\$50,000

Amount Received
\$28,010.59



Support the Memorial Student Loan Fund

WHAT IS IT?

The Memorial Student Loan Fund was established as a tribute to the pioneer women of the WNAC work. This fund assists needy and worthy students in completing their education at the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

WHY WAS IT INSTITUTED?

Since the Woman's Auxiliary is a missionary service of the church, we believe that one of the best means to reach our goal is to help train students to more effectively carry out the Great Commission.

HOW IS IT FINANCED?

During one month of the year (usually September) each local Auxiliary is requested to emphasize the Student Loan Fund. A special offering should be received and sent through regular channels to the WNAC office.

DOES IT REALLY WORK?

Absolutely! Last year WNAC gave \$18,436.50 in loans to 13 students. One wrote, "I really appreciate the loan which made it possible for me to stay in school."

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