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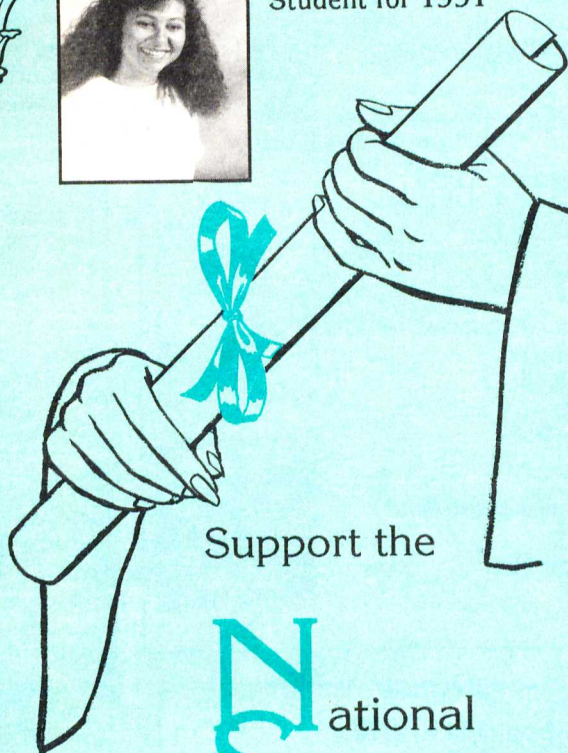
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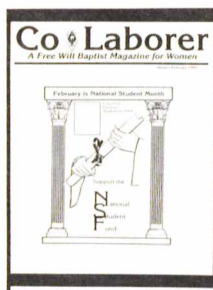
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For we are labourers together with God.
(1 Cor. 3:9)

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In This Issue

You've asked for a complete listing of missionary birthdays. It replaces the two posters in this issue. Tear out the sheet, fold it, and keep it at the place where you meet the Lord each day in prayer.

This issue also contains the new order supplies leaflet. Check it against your needs.

"Either the Lord is coming soon or He's getting ready to take me," a co-laborer confided recently. Most likely the new theme "Until He Comes" is beginning to grip her. Let's all shape up our lives in anticipation.



UNTIL
HE COMES

Titus 2:13-15

Editorial

Suzanne, our black daughter in Africa, was born with a hearing defect. No problem. She formed few words, but her quick intellect allowed her to move comfortably among the two cultures.

"She understands!" her mother marveled more than once when Suzanne promptly followed some specific instruction.

She started to school about the time we left for furlough. Clad in her new uniform and carrying a new satchel of books, she marched off to conquer a new language and way of life.

It was soon apparent that she would need help with her hearing problem before books made any sense. So on our next scheduled trip to Abidjan, we included diagnostic testing for Suzanne.

Modern Abidjan to a small bush Lobi girl was a fraction of what heaven might mean to me. She drank in every feature of this bustling metropolis of nine million. Her eyes picked up things mine only slid over. Across the way a man in a stereo shop window removed a pair of earphones. Her eyes lit up with recognition as she jabbed me to look. She had worn ear phones in her testing.

On the way home as darkness enveloped the car, her dam of elation broke. Perhaps she was rehearsing what she'd tell her family back home or maybe reliving some experience. Her voice gurgled with happiness, often punctuated with laughter. Her words made little sense to me as I strained to interpret them. Then I knew. She had no vocabulary to describe what happened to her.

Won't it be like that for us when we get to heaven?

*Eye hath not seen
nor ear heard
neither have entered in the heart of man*

*the things which God
hath prepared for them
that love Him (1 Cor. 2:9).*

Lord Jesus, will this be the year of Your coming? We wait in expectancy.

—Lorene Miley

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CO-LABORER explores the lives of some great missionaries who counted not their lives dear unto themselves and who lived in expectancy of His appearing.

Betty Olson, Vietnam Martyr

Most Americans would like to forget the dragon-shaped country of Vietnam in Southeast Asia where over 56,000 Americans have died. When Japanese invaders swept across the land in 1941, most missionaries refused to leave. Some were interred in camps while others went underground to tend their flocks.

A new phase of war began when the Viet Cong set out to purge their country of foreign indoctrination. By 1962, they were strongly established in the central jungle highlands.

In one fell swoop, on January 30, on the eve of Tet, the Vietnam New Year, they descended on a Christian and Missionary Alliance mission station where ten missionaries resided. When the ashes cleared, six were massacred, two freed and two forced to die a slow death in the jungle.

One of these was Betty Olson, daughter of missionaries in the Ivory Coast, West Africa. Her mother died of cancer when Betty was 16. The years following were characterized by frustration and confusion, rebellion and rejection. Meanwhile she completed her nurses training and desired God's best for her life.

Bill Gothard, a Christian counselor in her church, helped her

through her crisis. He later developed these same principles in his famous Basic Youth Conflicts seminars.

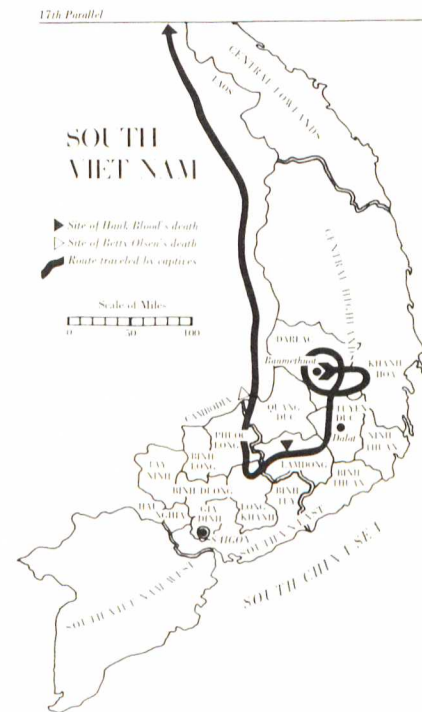
Betty eventually developed into a warm and caring person and was appointed by her mission board (Christian and Missionary

**Persecution
may increase and
more martyrs fall.
But God's messengers,
free or fettered,
will keep proclaiming
their Redeemer,
Reconciler
and Resurrected Savior
until that great
Day of the Lord.**

—James and Marti Hefley
in *BY THEIR BLOOD*

Alliance) to serve in Vietnam. She died in her first term while still in language study.

About 3:30 a.m. on that fateful day, the missionaries were caught in a crossfire between Communist attackers and government soldiers. Betty, Hank Blood, a fellow missionary, and Mike Benge, an agriculturist and sole survivor of the three-month march, were



driven by their captors into the jungle.

Just before her death, she told Mike. "It's all right. They can't hurt me anymore. The Lord is my Shepherd, I should not want. His strength is made perfect in my weakness ... neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

"She suffered terribly," Mike told Marilyn, Betty's sister, upon his return to the States. "She died from starvation and dysentery two days after her 35th birthday. She never showed any bitterness or resentment. To the end she loved those who mistreated her."

Betty Olson was not drafted into God's service. She volunteered in spite of the danger. She knew she was vulnerable, but she chose to be faithful, even unto death. 

Miss Olson's story is detailed in *NO TIME FOR TOMBSTONES*.

WNAC's Enlistment Program for 1991

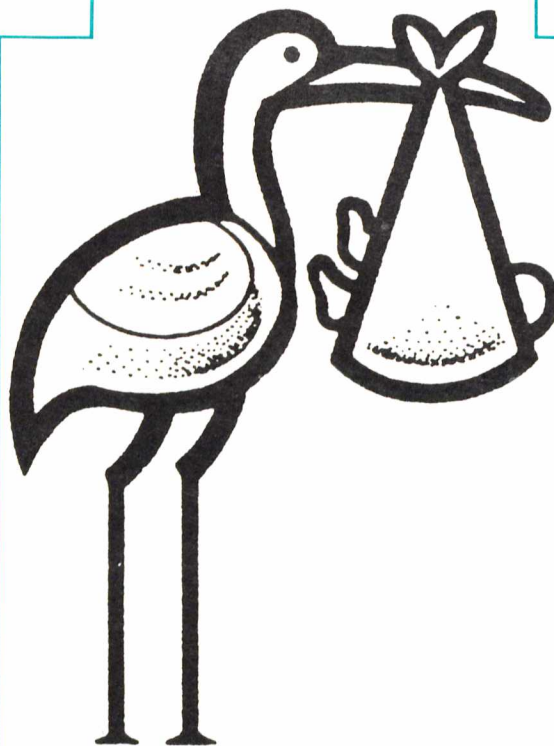
WE'RE EXPECTING.... NEW MEMBERS

Aim: To enlist new members into
the Auxiliary
Scripture: Titus 2:11-13
Hymn: "Until He Comes"

Until He Comes
(To the tune of: "Saved by
Grace")

Until He comes, I'll work
and pray,
I'll study faithfully each day;
I'll thank Him for His saving
grace
Expecting His appearing
face.

And I shall see Him face to
face,
And tell the story—saved
by grace;
And I shall see Him face to
face
And tell the story—saved
by grace.



Enlisting in Study, Action and Prayer

Introduction

Word games are popular in many social functions. The participants are given a word—missions, for example. Using the letters in that word, they see how many words they can form in a specified time period, say, one minute. The one with the most words wins.

Let's give the game a new twist. Interchange the first letter from each of these three words: study, action and prayer. See how many words you can make in thirty seconds. Granted few possibilities exist, but how did you do?

The word "SAP" naturally evolved. According to Webster, sap has several meanings: to impair treacherously, to undermine,

by Wanda Cooper

to exhaust gradually; a stupid person, silly; a watery juice of plants; or a tunnel driven under enemy positions for purpose of attack.

Let's see how all this relates to the Woman's Auxiliary. Until He comes we must enlist others to mission study, action and prayer.

STUDY (2 Tim. 2:15)

If we don't study, we should be ashamed. Without study, we cannot rightly divide the Word of Truth.

In order to form a good habit, we must do it thirteen times in a row. This sets a pattern. Even if necessary to mark thirteen days on a calendar, wouldn't it be worth it to say that we have formed the good habit of studying God's Word? Applying the mind to God's Word, meditating on what we have read, and giving thoughtful attention to application are all aspects of study.

Numerous opportunities abound as we study. Our character is developed and we mature as Christians. We teach our children, as Deuteronomy 6:6-8 instructs. Our spouse may grow because we are growing. We may teach a class or study course, lead a workshop or give a devotional.

Satan cannot sap us of our strength as we apply our minds to get wisdom.

Feature Display some books your Auxiliary has studied.

Announce plans for future book studies.

Introduce your church library.

Encourage reading the Bible through each year. Distribute reading schedules.

Beforehand mark one chair in some way—as tape on the bottom—and give a book to the one sitting in this chair.

ACTION (Luke 10:27)

In this verse, a lawyer asked Jesus what he must do in order to inherit eternal life. His answer demanded action.

James says: "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only" (1:22). Now that we are in James, let's read 2:14-26 and spend a few minutes discussing the importance of our being doers.

In his book, *HOW TO BE A PEOPLE HELPER*, Dr. Gary Collins tells how we are guilty of the Gold Rush syndrome. In the gold rush days, prospectors dared not stop to help a man in trouble lest someone beat them out of the best claim. This resulted in a highly individualized, self-centered, private existence.

Like the men who passed by the wounded man on the Jericho road, we tend to hurry through life engrossed in our own little worlds. May God help us be sensitive to the hurts and needs of others.

Feature Describe some of your Auxiliary's mission projects.

Distribute Missionary Provision Closet leaflets (free upon request from: WNAC, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202).

Encourage new members to participate in the action project of their choice.

PRAYER (1 Sam. 12:23)

Sap is also defined as a tunnel driven under enemy positions for purpose of attack. Satan attacks us when we fail to pray. Prayer changes things, ladies. So why then do we allow Satan to rob us of such a valuable privilege?

In 1 Sam. 12:23, Samuel expressed his conviction to pray for others. Israel was God's chosen people. Samuel considered it sin against God if he failed to pray for Israel. Do we sin by failing to pray for others?

Real prayer is simply talking with God (Ps. 66:18). Jesus taught us to pray in Matt. 6:9-13. Note here how God links what He does for us with what we do for others. "...And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

Program Ideas

Wanda Cooper, the author of the enlistment program, suggests a baby shower enlistment program.

Invitations—Use the stork pattern and send to every woman in the church.

Pair a member with each woman to be enlisted to see that she has a baby sitter and transportation.

Posters—Enlarge the letters "We're Expecting" and surround it with an assortment of baby items, either magazine cutouts or real articles.

Enlarge the stork pattern and cut from colored poster board.

Decorations—Decorate the room as you would for a baby shower. For a smaller group, arrange chairs in a semi-circle with a bathinette filled with baby items in the center. Larger groups may sit at tables with baby items as centerpieces.

Refreshments—Serve refreshments of nuts, mints, small sandwiches, cake and punch.

In *WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WOMEN PRAY*, a popular study on prayer, Evelyn Christianson promotes six S's to get prayer groups started, encourage newcomers and motivate timid people to pray aloud:

1. Subject by subject. Pray about only one subject at a time.

2. Short prayers. Sentence prayers are helpful at first.

3. Simple prayers. Avoid using a special vocabulary.

4. Specific prayer requests. Keep a prayer notebook.

5. Silent periods. Don't panic when it's quiet.

6. Small groups. Confidence can be gained by praying in small groups.

Feature Explain your Auxiliary's prayer emphases, as prayer chain, prayer group, weeks of prayer, prayer retreat and prayer fellowship hour (these prayer cards are available from WNAC. Specify number needed.)

Display some prayer reminders used in past meetings.

Distribute prayer reminders.

Lead in a prayer for our missionaries.

Conclusion

Besides SAP, what other words did you think of? Did you find asp, as, spa, pa and pas? Pas is a word. I looked it up.

Sap relates to our subject very well. Until He comes, let's be faithful in study, action and prayer. Let's not allow our Woman's Auxiliary to be sapped of strength through our neglect in studying, acting and praying. Let's not be called saps because we failed to study, act and pray. Let's not fall into a sap dug by Satan because we failed to study, act and pray.

Let's be the sap that circulates through a plant bearing water, food, vigor and energy to our Woman's Auxiliary. Until He Comes!



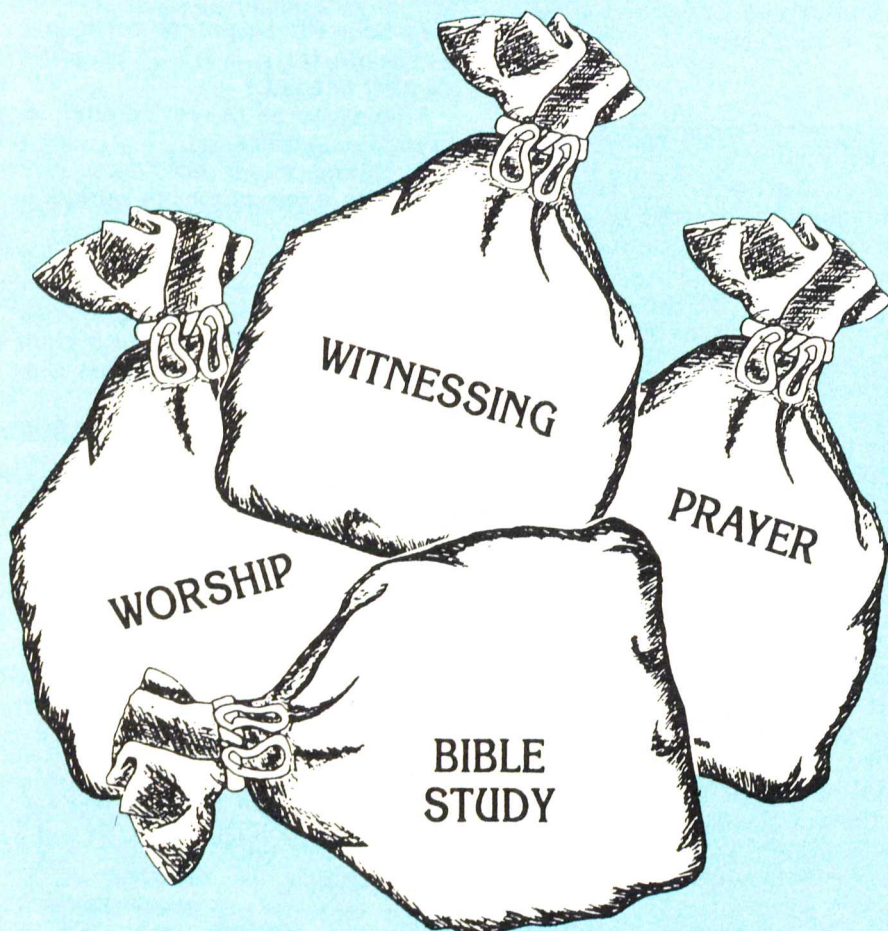
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January Program

by Alice Lindsay

Aim: To encourage women to live
in anticipation of our Lord's
second coming
Scripture: Luke 19:12-26
Hymn: "He Is Coming Again"

I WILL COME AGAIN Occupy Till I Come



Introduction

God's Word makes it clear: just as Jesus went away, He is coming again. Each of the New Testament books mentions or refers to His second coming (John 14:1-3; Acts 1:10,11; Rev. 22:20). No one knows just when He will return (Matt. 24:36).

Jesus often used parables, familiar stories to illustrate spiritual truths. Such a one is found in Luke 19. The nobleman represents Jesus; the ten servants, believers; and the ten pounds, our responsibility.

The assignments were equal. Ten people had ten pounds, one each. "Occupy till I come," He told them.

Other versions clarify the sense of the word "occupy." One says, "Do business till I come" (NKJV). Another, "Put this money to work" (NIV). The bottom line is we must use what God has entrusted to us for His honor and glory. One day He will return for the final accounting. We should live in expectancy of His coming.

We prepare for His coming by following specific laws or commandments. Let us consider four of them.

**Occupy through Bible
Study** (2 Tim. 3:16, 17)

God's Word to the soul is what food is to the body. "I am the bread of life," Jesus said.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." literally "God-breathed. God talks to us through His Word. He teaches us about Himself, rebukes us for our sins, corrects errors, and trains us for ministry. The Holy Spirit is our teacher and the Bible our textbook. See John 5:39 and 15:26.

Occupy in Prayer

(1 Thess. 5:17)

We should continually be in an attitude of prayer. Prayer may be compared to quiet restful physical sleep. Our bodies are so constructed that rest is vital for physical growth. Our spiritual bodies are likewise attuned to prayer. When we pray—really pray—we shut out the world around us. The Holy Spirit takes our sins, needs, problems and deep desires and intercedes for us (Rom. 8:26).

Not only did Jesus teach us about prayer, He left us an example to follow (Matt. 6:9-13). Much of our spiritual weaknesses would be replaced with strength if we could only learn and claim the promise found in Isaiah 40:31. Daily communion with the Father rejuvenates and refreshes us.

There is a place where thou canst touch the eyes of blinded men to instant, perfect sight;
There is a place where thou canst say, "Arise!" to dying captives, bound in chains of night;
There is a place where thou canst reach the store of hoarded gold and free it for the Lord;
There is a place upon some distant shore where thou canst send a worker for the Word;
There is a place where heaven's resistless power responsive moves to thine insistent plea;
There is a place—a silent, trusting hour—where God Himself descends and fights for thee.
Where is that blessed place? Dost thou ask "Where?"

Oh soul, it is the secret place of prayer.

Author Unknown

Occupy in Worship

(Matt. 22:37-38)

Worship and praise go hand in hand. Praise is the outward expression of worship. We cannot worship God without praising Him and we cannot praise Him until we have truly worshiped Him. Worship may be either private or with others.

Private worship—when we are alone with God in His Word, prayer or meditation—is to our spirit what gentle rain and warm sunshine are to a garden. Unfortunately, it is often one of the most neglected areas of our spiritual life.

Private worship brings us face-to-face on a one-to-one encounter with God. The Holy Spirit speaks through us and for us. Jesus our Savior intercedes for us and transforms us to His image. If you do not have a time for private worship, arrange your schedule for it now.

Public worship is also commanded in the Bible and was practiced in the early church. On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended on a group of believers gathered together in one place in one accord (Acts 2:1).

Public worship is composed of various activities. It may include singing, praying, reading God's Word, giving, preaching, teaching, or testifying. Many go through a form of worship which is not necessarily worship. Paul reminded Timothy that some have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof (2 Tim. 3:5).

We grow stronger as we reaffirm our faith through worship (Ps. 96:9).

Occupy by Witnessing

(Matt. 5:16)

Christian witnessing gives outward evidence of an inward experience. We witness by what we do

and what we say. The two must be consistent both with God's Word and with each other. We are the only pictures of Jesus that some will ever see.

Jesus has left an example for us to follow (1 Pet. 2:21). Following close in His steps is one of the greatest challenges a Christian will ever face. We can never succeed in our own strength. Walking in the steps of Jesus means obeying His commandments and relying on the Holy Spirit's leadership.

The Great Commission to "Go Ye" (Matt. 28:19,20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:48; John 20:21; and Acts 1:8) involves every believer. Most of us will never go to a mission field in person, but we can go by sending—our prayers, our money, and our children and grandchildren.

Jesus likened the Christian witness to fruit (Matt. 7:17, 20). Paul describes the fruit in Galatians 5:2, 23. One whose life displays these virtues cannot help influencing others to faith in Christ.

Conclusion

Jesus is coming again. Each of us will be accountable for the use we have made of what God has given us. Will it be for His glory or for our own selfish ends? Prepare for this final accounting by following the spiritual commandments of Bible study, prayer, worship and witnessing.

Giving heed to these areas will naturally result in spiritual growth.

Program Helps

Use bags to visualize the talents the nobleman gave His servants. Cut four bags from sheets of construction paper. Write on each a title, as BIBLE STUDY, PRAYER, WORSHIP and WITNESSING. Those who give the topics will pin them to a board as they give their topics.



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Introduction

"I missed you last Sunday," Lori blurted, with that "why-weren't-you-here?" judgmental tone in her voice.

Darlene choked back a waterfall of tears and managed a soft "Thank you." She needed an understanding and compassionate friend, but Lori impatiently dashed into the choir room.

Seven days had passed since Darlene's absence from her church family. And on the way to the choir room, all

CONCERNED OR CURIOUS

Lori said was, "I missed you last Sunday!"

What did Lori mean by, "I missed you last Sunday?"

- Was she sorry Darlene's absence made the attendance drop?

- Was she annoyed because she (Lori) felt obligated to drag her feverish child to church—while Darlene stayed home?

- Was Lori playing God's Private Detective—hoping Darlene would explain her absence from Sunday service?

Was Lori curious why Darlene missed church? Or was she genuinely concerned about Darlene as a member of God's family?

Something to Think About

Does the person concerned about others wait several days to say, "I missed you?" Or does she lovingly contact (call or visit) the one for whom she is concerned?

Aim: to develop a concerned attitude toward others; to minister to them in the name of Jesus

Scripture: Matthew 25:40-46

Hymn: "Help Somebody Today"

Why Are We Curious?

We are selfish creatures. We are more concerned with self than others.

We lack love for others. While the command to love one another appears several times in the New Testament, we can ignore the command or choose to obey it (John 13:34-35).

Our judgmental spirit propels us into curious tailspins. Where is she today? Why wasn't she here Sunday night? Why doesn't she take a more active part in church activities? "Why" questions usually gush from "Junior Holy Spirits" like water over Niagara Falls (see Matthew 7:1-5).

We are curious because it's easier to throw rocks than touch feverish brows. We'd rather throw rocks than soothe wounded spirits. Ephesians 4:23-32 transforms rock throwers into caring Christians.

A critical spirit makes one curious instead of concerned. A woman with a critical spirit often harbors bitterness in her heart. She can't show genuine concern for a hurting Christian because she's too busy nursing her own wounds (Ephesians 4:31).

We emit curiosity rather than concern because we are insensitive toward others. While others weep, we really don't care what caused the pain. We forget that God calls us to be His healing agents on earth (Romans 12:15).

Why Should We Be Concerned?

We should be concerned for one another because "we are members one of another" (Eph. 4:25).

In his letters to the Romans, Corinthians, Ephesians and Colossians, Paul used the word "body" more than 30 times to describe the functioning church. In half of the uses, he referred

to the physical body with its many parts and members. The rest of the time, he applied the word to the Church, the Body of Christ.

I Corinthians 12:14-27 makes it clear that no individual Christian functions effectively alone. A song from the 50's is more Scriptural than sentimental: "No man is an island; no man stands alone." Each member of Christ's body is important. No member of His body can say, "I don't need you."

The human body performs at maximum efficiency only when every member is healthy and functions in proper relationship to other parts. The same is true with the Body of Christ. The Body of Christ fulfills its destiny when every member lovingly exercises his distinctive role in relationship to other members. This is done in the context of local bodies of believers who know each other and who, because of that knowledge, express loving concern for one another.

As members of God's family, do we share life together—meals around a table or pain beside a bed or chair? Or do we hide behind empty greetings and an insincere "How are you?" that expects no reply?

Only God knows how many people wish that just once they could honestly answer that question. Please take time to care.

How Do We Show Concern?

What better example in showing concern do we have than Jesus?

A long look at John 13:1-20, a passage describing the One who modeled true servanthood, will help us care more deeply for one another.

Jesus went where there were people. The concerned Christian takes time to be with others. We need to cultivate a sense of awareness which comes as we focus on others and their feelings.

Jesus deliberately chose to be a servant (Matt. 20:28). He stooped and washed dusty, or dirty, feet. The Gospels show Jesus' loving concern for untouchables.

How do we show genuine concern for others? By following His example.

How Can We Show Concern?

We can say little to solve another's problems or change the circumstances that cause his pain. We can, however, do specific things to help him endure the pain and ultimately experience healing.

Be available. Our mere presence is needed more than our words or our insights. For someone in pain (emotional or physical), the gift of your time is the most valuable gift you can offer. Often the person in pain just wants someone to sit and cry with him or her. Be there with the person over and over again, whether quietly or actively, even after the crisis has passed. Your presence is appreciated more than your advice or your sermonettes. Someone has well said, "People will not care how much you know until they know how much you care."

Learn the art of being a good listener. Listen without your motor running. Hurting people need a caring listener who will not lay a guilt trip on them for outbursts of anger, bitterness or self-pity. Let the hurting person ventilate his anger. It's part of the healing process. People in pain often go through the process of putting their lives back together in the presence of an active, caring listener.

Be sensitive to the person's pain. "If one member suffers, all suffer with it" (1 Cor. 12:26). Ask God to make you sensitive to others' hurts. Someone described compassion as "your pain in my heart." Put yourself in another's pain. Don't hand band-aids to those who need intensive care.

Pray for and with the person in need. James tells us to "pray one for another that ye may be healed" (5:6). Sometimes the one suffering has difficulty praying, so we need to lift this brother or sister to the Father and intercede in his or her behalf.

Touch your hurting friend. There's healing in the touch. "We need to put an arm around a shoulder when a heart is aching," suggests Joan Schwartz. "Rather than fear this type of communication, we should learn from physically expressive cultures that touch is unifying and edifying."

Demonstrate your love. In John 13:34, Jesus says love for one another is the distinguishing mark of the believer. Say it! Show it! Take food. Invite a hurting friend to your home for a meal. Share a book or tape. Offer (and mean it) to clean house, iron, or keep the children. Buy groceries or pay a utility bill. The New Testament regards sacrificial financial giving to fellow Christians as an indispensable expression of love. "Share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (Heb. 13:16).

A brief phone call says, "I care." A note, or card, or poem, or article expresses loving concern and will help ease the pain.

Ask God to give you wisdom, compassion, sensitivity and creative ways to minister to those in pain. God frequently uses the pray-er to answer her own prayer.

Conclusion

Jesus lived in order to serve others—not to be served. The same should be true of us. The measure of a woman is not the number of people who serve her, but the number of people she serves.

Caring for others requires sacrificing one's most precious commodity—time. But remember that each interruption has a divine purpose. God wants us to be available to Him when others are in need. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good until all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10).

When we love someone in Jesus' name, we're loving Him. And when we touch someone in His name, we're touching Him. 

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Over My Coffee Cup



By Eunice Edwards

How many people do you know who put God first in their lives? Are you? Am I? This question often gives me pause to think.

The majority of people today seem to be more interested in getting ahead, a raise, promotion, or some special pleasure than listening to God's daily assignment. They forget that putting God first ends in gain; not just in this life, but for eternity. Obedience to God brings its own rewards.

Elijah was a faithful servant who walked by faith not by sight. He rested by a brook for about a year when "the brook dried up." God immediately made known His will and Elijah wasted no time in obeying God's direction for his future care.

How sad is the Christian who has been "resting" to be faced with the "drying up" of his pipeline. Sometimes this is God's method of mercy to us. He takes away the props in order for us to lean on Him.

Dear Friend, read for yourself Luke 12:15. Now decide if you are putting God first. 

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Key to Pictures

1. Gwynn Hendrix
2. Betty Hill
3. Sarah Fletcher
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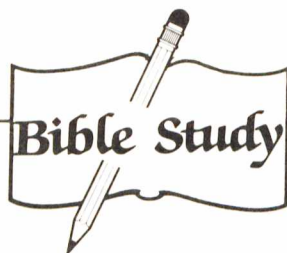
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I John Chapter 4 Part 2

Review: In the previous study, John warned against the infiltration of false teachers (prophets) among the ranks of believers. Today we are not only plagued by the multiplicity of cults with their perversion of Scripture, but Satanism is on the rise in our country, as well as in other parts of the world. News reports call our attention to their inhuman rituals and practices—all in the name of religion. As verse 6 says, we are required to KNOW the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

COMFORT AMID CHAOS (4:7-10)

4:7,8—"Beloved, let us _____ one another; for _____ is of God, and _____ that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." This four-letter word "love" is tossed about in our society until it carries little meaning. However, in verses 7-10, "love" is used no less than 10 times. John reiterates and emphasizes what he has said in the previous chapters. These are not redundant words and phrases. Loving God and loving one another with an agape love is the acid test of a true salvation experience as opposed to a mere head belief accompanied by good morals. "He that _____ not, knoweth not God; for God is love."

4:9—"Love" is only a word unless proven by action. We might say that love is God's Show and Tell. God demonstrated His unfathomable love to mankind. "...God sent His only begotten _____ into the world..." For what purpose? "That we might _____ (eternally with Them) through Him."

4:10—"Herein is _____, not that we _____ God, but that He loved _____, and sent His Son to be the _____ for our sins." In other words, Jesus came to fully satisfy the just demands of a Holy God whose Holy Nature must demand a payment for sin. Jesus has made it possible for God to deal with sinners in mercy rather than judgment and justice.

WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD (4:11-13)

4:11—How can we profess to gladly accept God's free gift of full and undeserved salvation through His Son and, in turn, try to "justify" dealing with others as they "deserve?" "Beloved, if God so _____ us, we ought also to _____ one another."

4:12, 13—Though "No man hath seen _____ at any time..." we can KNOW that He dwells within"...if we love one _____...and His love is perfected in us."

Sinless perfection is not implied here, but rather full Christian development and spiritual maturity.

AN EYEWITNESS REPORT (4:14-17)

4:14,15—John walked and talked with the Savior! He is a reliable witness. Therefore he can boldly state that "Whosoever shall _____ that Jesus is the Son of God, God _____ in him, and he in God." Note that a verbal affirmation of what has taken place within the heart is necessary.

4:16—"And we have known and _____ the love that God hath to us. God is love, and he that _____ in love _____ in God, and God in him." John is speaking of an abiding love following salvation and not a temporary or vacillating affection. The verb form of "dwell" denotes continued action.

4:17—"Herein is our _____ made _____...", meaning developed and mature. Allowing God's supernatural love to flow through us to others produces a "boldness" or confidence, knowing that our sins are buried under the atoning blood of Christ. Read 2:28 again.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The little word "love" is used at least 48 times in various forms in this brief epistle. Can you find any significant differences in the various uses?
2. What does the phrase "God is love" mean to you?
3. Why must love be demonstrated as well as spoken?
4. Define the word "propitiation" as it relates to the believer.
5. Verse 17 says our love is made perfect. How?

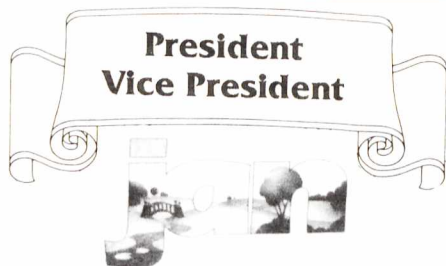
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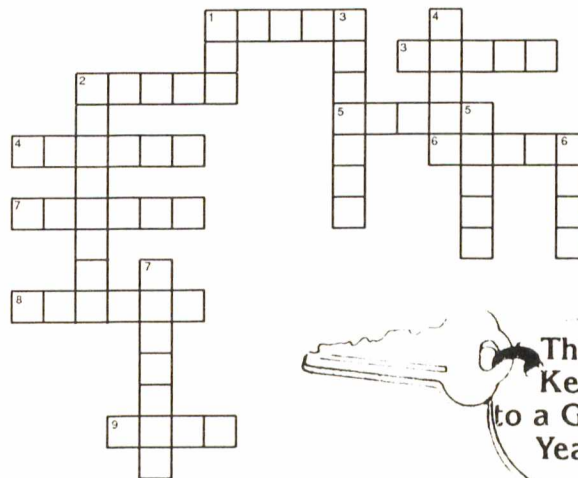
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These shall insure thee a happy
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Get the new year off to a good start by examin-
ing some goals that motivated the following
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Now think about your own goals. What do
you hope to accomplish this year? What would you do
differently if you knew that Jesus would come back
today?



What Were Their Goals?

Across

1. to betray
2. to steal his brother's birthright
3. to escape God's call by fleeing to Tarshish
4. to have a child she could give back to God
5. to deny his love for his master
6. to destroy
7. The goal of this Jewish queen was to help save her people.
8. to stay true to his convictions
9. to persecute the early Christians

Down

1. to stay faithful to God at all costs
2. to help protect his friend David from his father, King Saul
3. to do God's work at risk of stoning
4. to lead the children of Israel to the Promised Land
5. to shelter the spies in Jericho
6. to do as God commanded at risk of ridicule
7. to learn the secret of a certain man's strength

—Judy Lewis



Program Helps for "Concerned ... or Curious?"

Choose from one of the following ways to give the program:

1. Ask a person with a compassionate heart to give this program.
2. Assign parts to five women.
3. Lead in a discussion period following each topic.
4. Two women give the program as a visit or in a telephone conversation. It could begin something like this:

First: Darlene missed church again yesterday

Second: I know.

First: Oh well, probably had company or something.

Second: Do you really want to know why Darlene wasn't at church Sunday?

First: Well, sure. Why?

Second: I just wondered. Most of the time we are *curious* as to why someone misses church, but I wonder...are we genuinely *concerned*?

First: Is there a difference?.....

Assignment: Alert the women to the fact that an assignment will be given at the close of the program. Ask them to listen with prayerful hearts. Lead in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to make us sensitive to needs of others.

At the close of the program distribute a paper heart to each one. These may be like the one on page 17, a store-bought one with blank space, or one of your own design. Allow time for the women to fill in their blanks. Join hands and close with prayer, asking God to make us genuinely concerned and not just curious.

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Hebrews 12:1-2

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Rom. 12:1-2

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Rev. 3:8

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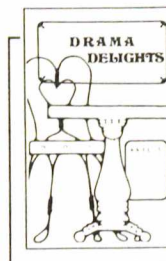
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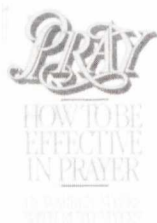
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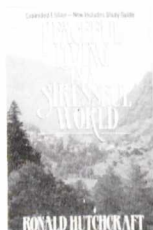


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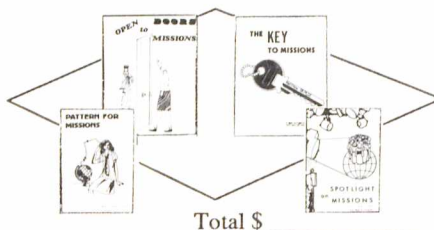
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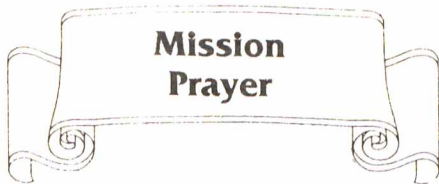
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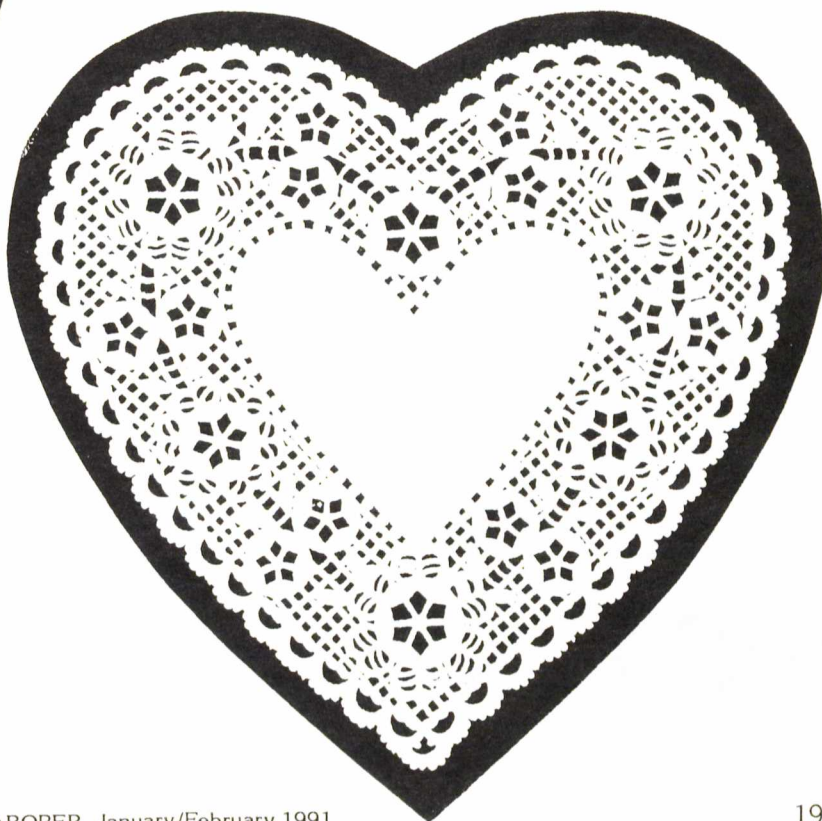
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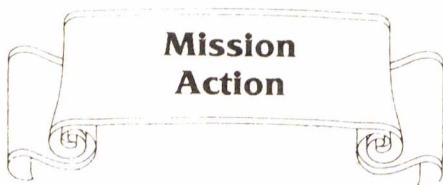
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Put Your Heart in Missions

Buy a bag of candy hearts. Put a portion in the middle of a square of cellophane. Gather up the corners and tie at the top with a ribbon.

Cut hearts from white construction paper. Using a red marker, write a missionary request on one side of the heart. On the other side, print: PUT YOUR HEART IN MISSIONS. Give to each one as a reminder to pray.





Mission Action

Wash Cloth Snowman

Materials needed:

- a white washcloth
- personal size soap, as Ivory
- straight pins
- felt scraps
- tissue paper
- rubber band

How to make:

1. Fold the washcloth in half. Baste together the two tops.
2. Slip the bar of soap inside the fold, upright. Wrap. Stick straight pins through the edge and into the soap.
3. Slip a rubber band around the top edge of the soap. This makes a neck. The rest of the cloth is the head.
4. Pull the basting thread and gather until tight.
5. Stuff head with cotton or tissue paper.
6. Make hat and facial features from felt scraps. Pin or glue on.



Rag-Tied Heart Wreath

Materials needed:

- 8" wire or styrofoam heart
- 1/2 yard fabric

How to make:

1. Tear fabric in 45x1" strips. Then cut again in 7" lengths. A small print is pretty interspersed with a solid.
2. Fold strips in half, right sides out.
3. Place the heart on the table. Starting at the top, place the folded strip underneath, the fold outside and the loose ends inside the heart.
4. Pull the two loose ends back over the heart. Then pull the loose ends through the folded end of the fabric, like a slip knot. Pull tight.
5. Continue this process around the heart. Alternate the colors. Pull knots close together.
6. When finished, fluff the strips. Add a bow or wooden hearts.



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- ** 12—Richard Atwood (DE)
- 14—Lonnie Sparks (Spain)
- * 14—Rosa Lee Thomas (CO)
- 18—Tom Hughes (Brazil)
- 19—Molly Barker (Uruguay)
- ** 20—Rebecca Pugh (TN)
- * 21—Tammy Miller (RI)
- 22—Tom McCullough (France)
- 24—Louis Coscia (Brazil)
- ** 24—Rex Lynn (GA)
- ** 24—Mary Nell Whitehead (FL)
- * 27—Patsy Gwartney (AZ)
- 27—Dave Franks, Jr. (Uruguay)
- 30—Arilla Wode (C'I)
- ** 31—Carol Keen (SC)

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Missionaries supported by both the National Home Missions and Foreign Missions departments are listed by their birthdays. Detach these sheets and use as a reminder to pray during the year.

You are encouraged to add your own state missionaries, associates and tentmakers to this list.

January

- 1—Florine Coscia (Brazil)
- ** 1—Odis Whitehead (FL)
- ** 3—Bob White (KY)
- * 4—Mark Thomas (CO)
- 5—Donna Daniel (C'I)
- ** 11—Shirley Gibson (MI)
- 11—Walter Ellison (Uruguay)
- 13—Jim Combs (Brazil)
- 13—Karen Cowart (Brazil)
- 14—Shirley Combs (Brazil)
- 23—Priscilla Inscow (Panama)
- 24—Jerry Pinkerton (C'I)
- 26—Cathy Crawford (France)
- * 27—Linda Harvey (AZ)
- 29—Janice Banks (Japan)

February

- 1—Linda Reeves (Spain)
- 2—Jim Cowart (Brazil)
- 5—Judy Bailey (Japan)
- * 5—Bill Reagan (Canada)
- 7—Linda Reeves (Spain)
- 7—Pam West (C'I)
- 8—Don McDonald (Japan)
- * 11—Willie Johnson (KY)
- 11—Norman McFall (Brazil)
- ** 13—Billie Sexton (TN)
- 13—Rejane Eagleton (C'I)
- * 14—Janice Sasser (MD)
- * 14—Mitzi Munsey (Mexico)
- * 15—Louie Nix (Hawaii)
- * 16—Sherry Reynolds (AZ)
- * 17—Ron Dail (VI)
- 17—Barbara Gibbs (France)
- ** 19—Richard Hendrix (AL)
- ** 20—Robert Glyatt (FL)
- 21—Judy Lytle (Panama)
- 24—Glennnda Leatherbury (C'I)
- ** 27—David McGowan (OH)
- * 27—Larry Reynolds (AZ)

March

- 2—Evelyn Hersey (Japan)
- ** 5—Willie Booth (OH)
- * 5—Vonda Johnson (WY)
- 7—Patty McCullough (France)
- 13—Vada Lee (C'I)
- 14—Allan Crowson (France)
- 15—Linda Moore (C'I)
- * 15—Lynda Hunt (WA)
- 19—Anita Sparks (Spain)
- 20—Trena Owen (Spain)
- ** 21—David Potete (IL)
- ** 24—James Sasser (MD)
- ** 25—Pamela Potete (IL)
- * 25—Howard Gwartney (AZ)
- * 26—Tom Hunt (WA)
- 27—Olena McLain (Japan)
- * 29—Lois Reagan (Canada)

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* Home missionary or church extension pioneer.

** Joint project worker or deputation missionary.

April

- 1—Bobby Aycock (Brazil)
- 9—Marie Hanna (India)
- 13—Charollette Tallent (France)
- *15—Donna Nix (Hawaii)
- *18—Miguel Vera (Puerto Rico)
- *24—Tim Coats (SD)
- *25—Bill Johnson (KY)
- 27—Marvis Eagleton (Brazil)
- *29—Mike Criswell (OR)

May

- 4—Ron Moore (C'I)
- **6—Rose Haggard (OK)
- **10—Delores Burns (GA)
- 11—Elaine Holland (C'I)
- 13—Amy Robinson (Uruguay)
- *14—Brenda Lewis (CO)
- 16—Dale Bishop (Japan)
- *16—Elaine Parker (LA)
- *17—Ora Booth (OH)
- 17—Steve Reeves (Spain)
- 21—Ernest Holland (C'I)
- 25—Lynn Midgett (Spain)
- 26—Kenneth Eagleton (C'I)
- 30—Alice Smith (C'I)

August

- *1—Alyne Maness (NH)
- 1—Deleen Cousineau (C'I)
- 2—Judy Bryan (C'I)
- 3—Carlisle Hanna (India)
- 3—Jerry Banks (Japan)
- 5—Dennis Owen (Spain)
- 6—Darrel Nichols (C'I)
- 7—Vicki Sturgill (Brazil)
- *10—Jim Munsey (Mexico)
- *12—Pat Nason (NH)
- 17—Jim Sturgill (Brazil)
- 18—Judy Smith (Japan)
- 26—Larry Inscope (Panama)
- 27—Sandra Bishop (Japan)
- 29—Linda Callaway (Spain)
- **31—Curtis Alligood (FL)

September

- 1—Rhoda Creech (C'I)
- **1—Grace Williams (MO)
- **2—Glenn Poston (TN)
- 2—Ken Bailey (Japan)
- 3—Sue Aycock (Brazil)
- 7—Susan Turnbough (Spain)
- 7—Mirial Gainer (Japan)
- 8—Jeff Turnbough (Spain)
- *8—Jerry McClary (NE)
- **9—Gloria Ciyatt (FL)
- 9—Nancy Hughes (Brazil)
- **10—Cliff Donoho (IL)
- *11—Terry Miller (RI)
- **11—Sandra McGowan (OH)
- **12—Joel Nason (SC)
- 14—Carol Teague (France)
- 16—Sherwood Lee (C'I)
- *16—Steve Trail (LA)
- *17—Gail Criswell (OR)
- **17—Laverne Alligood (FL)
- 20—Debbie Crosby (Spain)
- **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)

June

- 2—Jean Deeds (Brazil)
- 6—Stan Bunch (Panama)
- **11—Kathy Donoho (IL)
- **13—Mabel Willey (TX)
- 14—Steve Lytle (Panama)
- 20—Paul Robinson (Uruguay)
- **22—Bernice Hanna (SC)
- 24—Jim McLain (Japan)
- *28—Ron Parker (LA)
- 29—Steve Riggs (France)

July

- 1—Ken Eagleton (Brazil)
- **2—David Burgess (IL)
- *3—Mark Vandivort (AZ)
- **6—Hope Nason (SC)
- *7—Wanda McClary (NE)
- **9—Luther Burns (GA)
- **9—Don Sexton (TN)
- *11—Barbara Jones (Mexico)
- **19—Gail Fender (TN)
- 20—Robert Bryan (C'I)
- 20—Fred Hersey (Japan)
- **22—Roy Roach (OH)
- 27—Lynette Morgan (C'I)
- 27—Ron Callaway (Spain)
- **29—Larry Haggard (OK)
- 29—Dennis Teague (France)



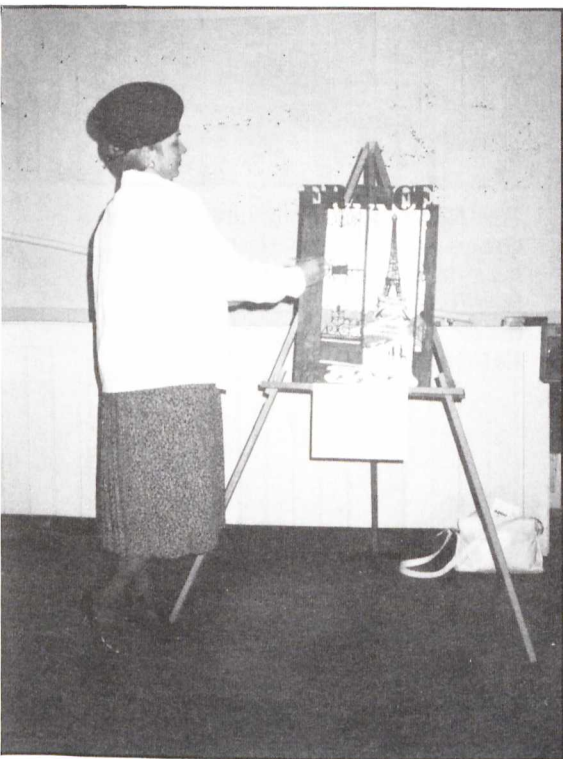
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WOMEN in ACTION



In lieu of a banquet at their state convention, Missouri women sponsor an International Taste Tour. Districts set up areas to represent different mission fields. Tickets for \$5 benefited the "Munch to Alleviate the Crunch" fund divided among the following missionaries: McDonalds, Japan; Manesses, NJ; and two of their state missionaries— Bigelows in Sedalia and Richmanns in Poplar Bluff.

The project was so successful the women plan to do it again next year.



The cookbook committee of the Faith Auxiliary, Kannapolis, NC, display their latest project with proceeds going to benevolent and mission related causes.



left to right:

Paulette Scott, president of the Alabama state convention; Janie Aldridge, speaker; Odessa Ledlow, vice president and devotional speaker; Mary Ruth Wisehart, speaker; Elwanda Oakes, secretary-treasurer; and Betty Hawkins, host pastor's wife.

In Alabama, the local Auxiliary missions project (LAMP) of \$100 each alternates between home and foreign missions. In the state project, all nine districts raise \$125 for specific projects. In 1990, the money was divided between Mark Riggs and Jeff Turnbough. The 1991 offering goes to Richard Hendrix who is planting a church in Huntsville.



Ann Reed, center, addresses the Vernon district convention (AL). She is flanked by Noble Taylor, vice president, and Joyce Gibson, president.



The Ruth McDonald circle of the Grace Auxiliary, Greenville, NC, hosts a shower for the McDonald family, Japan. Among the gifts were \$500 savings bonds for Katie and Evan.



The Colorado state retreat features Pam Williams, Rosa Lee Thomas, Barbara Myer, Brenda Lewis, Chi Myers and Nadine Hood.

Barbara and Brenda were guest speakers for the retreat, along with Charlotte Moore and Viki Messer.



Deleen Cousineau, Cote d'Ivoire, is surprised at a birthday party given by the Norman First Auxiliary, Oklahoma.



Calvary Auxiliary, Jacksonville, NC, presents MK Marie West with gifts and a money tree upon her departure for Africa where she is now enrolled in boarding school. Marie is the daughter of Robert and Pam West, Cote d'Ivoire.

The Minister's Wife

Newsletter

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When the Pastor's Wife is Childless

by Brenda Martin

"Sister Brenda, will you be in charge of decorations for the Mother's Day banquet?" the Auxiliary president asked, almost routinely. "Oh Lord, please, not again!" How could I do it again? Being the pastor's wife, I felt obligated to help out whenever asked. This was no exception. So with a smile pasted on my face, I agreed. But I was crying inside.

My husband and I had been married for over 14 years and were unable to have children. We had spent thousands of dollars trying to find out what was wrong with us. When the final results were set down in black and white, we had to face the finality of it all—there would be no child for us. We found it a difficult pill to swallow.

As pastor's wife, I had attended many baby showers in 14 years. Everywhere I turned, I was asked to help with one. My arms ached to hold a child of mine, so it was hard to be joyful at these events. To be sure, I rejoiced with each of these new mothers-to-be. I didn't begrudge her her new child in the least; I only wanted one of my own.

I locked these feelings away from the world around me. Even my husband was unaware of the depths of my anguish. Only the Lord knew my sorrow as I often cried out to Him, as did Rachel, "Give me children, or else I die" (Gen. 30:1). I felt my life totally useless if it were to be childless forever.

I identified with Hannah in 1 Samuel 1:10: "And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto

the Lord, and wept sore." I thought the bitterness would never go away. One lady in our church told me that I should be content and accept the fact that God didn't want me to have children. I should get on with my life and accept it as God's will, she said. After all, children only get in the way of a pastor's duties.

Her advice came at the same time the doctor confirmed I would never bear a child of my own. I sat down and pondered it all. Was she right? With children I could no longer pick up and go somewhere on the spur of the moment. When a call came in the middle of the night, I could no longer accompany my husband. Sick children would keep me out of church. Sleepless nights. They would cost money. Money for food, furniture, clothes, toys, doctor and dentist bills, and other expenses I couldn't even imagine. A pastor's salary barely stretches to cover the necessities.

Maybe this lady was right. I tried hard to convince myself that she was.

One day I came to realize that my desire for a child had come between me and the Lord. I repented of this and willed myself to be content without children. I looked for things to do that would help fill that void in my life. Many children came to our church through the van ministry who had no one to love or care for them. Many came from broken homes and only came because their parents wanted to get rid of them for a couple of hours. I decided to take these children under my wing and into my heart and work with

We knew the first moment we saw Jonathan and Jeremy that they were the ones for whom we had prayed and waited.

them on a regular basis. I taught Sunday school and children's church. On Wednesday nights I directed a youth choir. These children became dear to me and helped fill the emptiness in my heart.

As the months passed, we felt led of the Lord to consider adoption as an alternative. Because of the popularity of abortion clinics, it was almost impossible to adopt an infant. The Lord led us to an adoption agency that handled "hard to place" or "special needs" children. These children had special medical, physical, or psychological problems, or often a sibling group who wanted to be adopted together.

We completed our adoption study...and waited. We searched books full of pictures of children waiting for a new home and parents to love them. We submitted our case study to many different agencies for many different children. The days and weeks blended into months of waiting.

One sunny afternoon in May the telephone rang. Our case worker had submitted our case study to an agency without our knowledge. The call informed us that we had been accepted as potential parents for two brothers, ages four and eight. We had an appointment to meet them in two weeks. Our ecstasy knew no bounds!

Our first visit went well and we would hardly wait to see them again. However, the second visit was canceled because Jeremy, the youngest, had so grieved for us that he made himself sick. Both the judge and social worker decided to place the boys with us

without any further visits. We learned later that this is rarely done. Our boys permanently became a part of our family on June 25, 1987.

Now that our family was complete, we wanted to share it with the world. A friend helped us make special adoption announcements with 1 Samuel 1:27 on the cover: "For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath give me my petition which I asked of him."

Hannah had nothing on me! My boys, too, were sent by God! God had prepared them for us and us for them. How else could everything have worked out so perfectly? I had prayed for a child and the Lord answered my prayer, not in my time, but in His own perfect time.

I still work with the youth choir and enjoy every minute of it, even more because two of those voices belong to our boys. Mother's Day is special because I am now a mother. I hold a special place in my heart for neglected children because once our boys were two of them.

I can think of no situation where our boys have hindered our pastorate. Not once have we been

called in the middle of the night where we both were needed. We still fellowship with our church family as before, only now they may visit us more so the boys can get to bed on time.

Our money stretches enough for four instead of two. The Lord has promised in His Word to supply all our needs (Phil. 4:19), and He has been faithful. We thank Him for giving us a church family who loves and cares for us.

Dear friends, if your pastor's wife—or for that matter, any sister in the Lord—is childless, please stop and think before you ask her to do certain things. Mother's Day is very hard for a childless woman. Baby showers can be pure torture. Putting her in charge of the newborn nursery may be too much for her to handle. She will probably do whatever you ask her to do, but she may be hurting and crying inside.

Love your pastor's wife enough to ask her how she really feels about doing certain things. Try not to make her feel guilty in refusing to do those things that may cause her hidden grief. Let her do those things that might bring her joy and help fill the void that consumes her. As you seek the Lord's guidance, He will direct you.

I can never describe the joy that our two boys have brought to our lives. God answered our prayers in a way we would never have thought of by ourselves. 



Brenda Martin, a native of St. Louis, Missouri and the Berkeley FWB Church, is married to Dan who pastors the Waltonville FWB Church, Waltonville, IL. She presides over the Woman's Auxiliary, directs the youth choir, and is a full time college student majoring in nursing.

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.

Born to be Different

anonymous

"Right now it would be best if you didn't call your baby either a boy or a girl."

The words of the pediatrician still ring in my ears. Didn't he know the first thing every mother wonders after delivery is whether it's a boy or a girl? "I think we have a little defect here," was all my obstetrician had been able to tell us.

Having three normal children and a perfectly normal pregnancy had not prepared me to accept the fact that I would bear an abnormal baby. Lord, PLEASE help me, I prayed to the only One who could help.

Three hours later, the hospital issued an eight-hour pass for us to take the baby to a children's hospital in the next city. A short time after birth, the obstetrician had given me a pink pin announcing "It's A Girl." "In my opinion, your baby is a girl," he comforted, "but the specialist will tell you for sure." We wrapped the baby in a pink blanket and pink bonnet which helped avert any painful questions of identification.

My husband and I prayed as we drove to the hospital. He began to sing "It Is Well With My Soul" in his soothing bass voice and I sensed God's awesome presence with us. I had cried and shaken so as I readied for the trip. I knew God

was taking care of us, but somehow my body couldn't stop crying long enough to listen. Now a calmness began to flood my being.

The nurses hooked our baby to all sorts of tubes and monitors and sent us off to eat and rest. The specialist would not arrive until 4 p.m.

As we sat in the restaurant, the turmoil of our thoughts spilled around us. What if our baby was never either a boy or a girl? How would our other children accept it? How could we tell our parents? My husband was a relatively new pastor—how would this affect his ministry?

The dream was too real... and frightening. Lord, please, help me wake up!

Back at the hospital, we scrubbed, suited and entered the Newborn Infant Care Unit. The doctor never so much as blinked before giving his diagnosis. "This is a little girl with a protruding bladder," he said. "She'll need closing surgery, but she'll be just fine." He explained her condition as Extrophy of the Bladder, and described the surgery scheduled for the next day.

She..she..I had a little girl. That precious little figure in the yellow crib with the bright eyes and wiggly feet had an identity! "She'll be fine," the doctor had said. God was so good.

We brought our little girl home 19 days later, but several more hospital stays and four surgeries lay on the horizon. God worked many miracles in her life and through it all He taught me valuable lessons. His promises of comfort became very real. "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9). The poem "Footprints" took on special meaning, for many times God carried me when I could walk no farther.

Today our little girl is an active, lovable, intelligent first grader. She has asked the Lord Jesus into her heart and her spiritual depth and perception continues to amaze us.

God desires to work in each of our lives and in the lives of our children, whether they are born healthy or not. No one can tell that our little girl is physically different from any other normal 6 year-old. She's also spiritually different. Perhaps her physical differentness has given her a greater capacity to be spiritually different. If so, we can thank God she was born to be different.

We never know how the Lord will use our children for His glory. We must always be ready to let God work in their lives even if they are born different. 



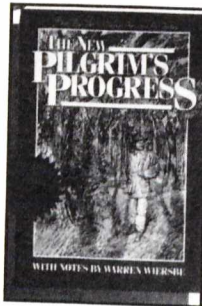
BOOK HIGHLIGHTS

THE NEW PILGRIM'S PROGRESS
by John Bunyan with notes by
Warren Wiersbe
Discovery House, \$7.95

Few books have endured as this classic allegory of the Christian life. If you've always wanted to read it but bogged down in the old English of 1678, you'll cherish this revised version.

This edition retains much of Bunyan's style and form while translating words, phrases, and expressions into their contemporary equivalents.

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HALF THE MAN I USED TO BE
by John Goodin, Word Publishing Co.
Reviewed by Yvonne Wolfenbarger

Why read another book about weight loss? This is not your average dieting book. In fact, the author doesn't believe in dieting—"dieting is immoral and should be illegal." He presents a better way to lose weight.

Most of our bodies are spoiled brats wanting to be fed all the goodies they can hold without considering the consequences, the author points out. He outlines the UBIC—You Be in Control—principle, which, when followed, eliminates dieting forever. You reach



and maintain your desired weight and feel wonderful physically and emotionally.

This interesting book takes a serious look at weight loss from a light-hearted approach. Although the ideas may be too simplistic, he stresses that in order to successfully control your weight you must change your lifestyle and eating habits permanently. In order to become half the man he used to be—he lost over 200 pounds—he became twice the man because, with God's help, he became master of his own body. Isn't this what Christ expects of us all?

Give yourself enough time to read the whole book because if you start you won't be able to put it down until it's finished.

MOMENTS WITH MAJESTY
by Jack Hayford
Multnomah, hardback, \$14.95

This attractive, colorful devotional book contains thoughts for 12 months of the year. Themes include: Expectation, Comfort, Remembrance, Growth, Power, Triumph, Prayer, Praise, Contemplation, Faith, Thanksgiving and Wonder.

Devotionals are gleaned from the author's weekly column as pastor of The Church on the Way, Van Nuys, California. He uses this highly personal medium to exhort, encourage, inspire, warn, rally and teach.

This book reminds us that the intimate times we spend with Him in the course of a week can change the way things look in our lives.



A Woman God Has Used

Revival swept through Lawton, Oklahoma in the early 50's which brought Chester and Billie Bailey to the foot of the cross. A deep hunger for God and His Word led this young homemaker to diligent study and application of its principles. This zest carried over into the classroom where she taught Sunday school most of her life.

Billie supported her husband wholeheartedly in his role as deacon, music director, and charter member of the Brockland FWB Church. An avid Auxiliary worker, she held many offices and supported the work on all levels.

Mrs. Bailey is known as a consistent prayer warrior and has prayed many into the kingdom. She maintains a correspondence ministry with many whose lives have touched their own. Seems no one ever forgets the Baileys.

The Baileys retired to Checotah in 1988 where she continues to be a woman God is using.

—Martha Langford

"Moments in His majestic presence remind you of the brevity of life, the depth of eternity, the availability of His power, the nearness of His love."

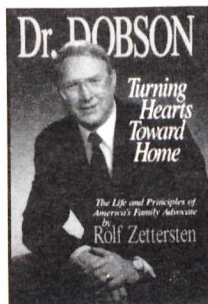
DR. DOBSON
TURNING HEARTS TOWARD
HOME

by Rolf Zettersten

Word Publishing Company

Reviewed by Yvonne Wolfenbarger

James Dobson is a household name in the Christian community. He is loved and respected for his defense of the home and family. His radio broadcast is aired daily on over 1400 stations in 17 countries.



But what of the private man? What personal principles guide his life and operate his vast ministry? The author, close friend and associate, gives a glimpse into Dobson's personal life. He credits much of his success to the godly influence of his parents.

Dr. Dobson's philosophy of life, his principles of work, his views on the value of human life, his relationship with his wife, Shirley, and their two children, are all part of this interesting biography.

Read this book. You'll see this famous man as simple and down-to-earth, full of passion and faith, whose principles have been tested by experience. This book will make you want to read and adhere to his other writings, as well.

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The POET'S CORNER

Listen

Listen to the sounds around you
Hear the heartache and the woe;
People dying without salvation
And they know not where to go.

Won't you tell them about Jesus?
Tell of the price He paid for sin
How He gave His life a ransom
Just to save the souls of men.

Tell how they crucified the Savior
How He rose up from the grave
And is seated now in heaven
To intercede for souls He saves.

Listen, hear the Savior calling
For more laborers His work to do;
Won't you go to the field for Jesus
Just to tell what He did for you?

—Kathryn Christy
Ashland City, TN

The Answer

She asked,
"Son, will I see you in heaven?
I've got my soul set for that goal;
And it's breaking my heart into
pieces
To think that you won't get to go."

He said,
"There's still plenty of time, Mom,
I'm young yet—there's so much to
do!
Someday I'll come back to your
Jesus
And I'll make it to heaven with
you.

"There's a whole world out there
to explore, Mom,
So many new things yet to see;
And if I gave it all up for your
Jesus,
Now, what would my friends think
of me?

"I'm just now tasting the good life,
And the freedom of being a man;
Church was all right as a young-
ster,
But now it doesn't fit in with my
plans."

The headlines in yesterday's
paper
Could never begin to explain
The loss of the life that was taken
Without time to find Jesus again.

She kneels at the graveside in
mourning,
And asks him the question again,
"Son, will I see you in heaven?"
But the answer is always the
same.....

—Vicki Turner
Carterville, MO

She Came My Way

Lord, she passed away today,
Never to be seen again;
Yesterday she came my way,
But her soul I didn't win.

Lord, I know you led her here
Yet, I was too weak;
I listened to my fear,
So of You I didn't speak.

Forgive me, Lord, I failed You,
Your plan was not fulfilled
And I know I failed her, too,
Now her destiny is sealed.

Help me your children cherish,
I know this, You expect;
Another soul must never perish
Because of my neglect.

—Vicki Luna
Vaillant, OK

Bound in Hinduism

by Marie Hanna



From Our Mission Fields

The first time Ron preached in a village, a man about 50 years ago gave his heart to the Lord. What a thrill! It was kinda like our glorious God confirming His will for us to be here.

Ron and Linda Moore, Cote d'Ivoire

We are beginning a Bible study that meets weekly in different homes. Whoever is host for that week prepares the topic for study.

Dennis and Mary Heath, Germany

The Lord gave us a contact with a young married lady in a fast food restaurant. This resulted in a weekly Bible study in her home.

Bobby and Sue Aycock, Brazil

Although accustomed to Spain, this is our first experience as a family. Pray for an easy adjustment.

Mark and Juli Riggs, Spain

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We enjoy CO-LABORER more and more. Each issue seems to be better than the previous one.

*Bessie Simmons
Cordele, GA*

We have been very impressed with CO-LABORER and praise your staff and God for your endeavors.

*Gwen Butt
Roseville, MI*

I would like to thank you for the good material in CO-LABORER. Having spent over 38 years in business offices, I know something of the effort that goes into the work. But on top of that, you publish interesting and informative publications. My hat goes off to you!

*Agatha Hill
Cove City, NC*



My name is Shrimate Guha. My title reveals to most Indian people that I am a higher caste Hindu.

When very young I married into a strict orthodox Hindu family in what became East Pakistan and then Bangladesh. My husband, a village "doctor" was murdered by Moslems. They put my older son in jail for no reason. As soon as he was released we escaped across the border into India.

I follow the strict, binding laws of Hinduism concerning widows. I eat only vegetables, bathe after touching anything unclean, and fast for long periods of time. This has weakened my body until I have been near death many times. Everyone considers me very old although I am only in my early sixties.

When my second son worked in Patna, the capital of Bihar State, he heard about salvation in Jesus Christ. When he returned to our village in Sonapurhat, West Bengal, a Free Will Baptist preacher introduced him to this Jesus. He became one of His followers and was baptized. I told him not to come home anymore. I could not worship my Hindu gods when he was there. He came anyway and has kept coming. Over and over

he tells me that Jesus is the Truth and the Life and the only way of salvation.

I know he is telling the truth. But I am so bound in Hinduism that I have not given my life to Jesus. I ask, How can I leave what I have practiced all my life?

My son, Pastor Ronen Guha, and your missionaries in India ask you to pray for my salvation.



Marie Hanna and husband, Carlisle, are veteran missionaries to India. They have three married children and three grandchildren.

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Our Auxiliary enjoys CO-LABORER magazine. I can't wait to read it each time a new one arrives.

*Olga Wallace
Pinetown, NC*

I couldn't believe the negative comments about CO-LABORER. Carnal? Unless I'm pretty dense, I have never seen anything carnal in any CO-LABORER I've received.

Lacking depth? We all have our favorites in lessons, but if we put anything at all in them, we get something out. The August lesson on Unmeasured Devotion was terrific.

I never study as much as I would like, but I, too, read CO-LABORER from cover to cover, and some of it twice.

*Juanita McClerren
Mt. Vernon, IL*

We thoroughly enjoy your magazine. We're kind of a reserved lot, but we're hoping to do one of your skits one day. The missionary information is invaluable. As an officer of our Auxiliary, I appreciate tips to my department.

*Genie Horner
Union, MO*

Missionary Provision Closet

It's always a joy to see the generosity of Free Will Baptist women. Thanks for all the nice things we were able to get.

Deleen Cousineau, Cote d'Ivoire

Thanks for the opportunity to visit the closet and your support of missionaries through the years.

Barbara Dail, Virgin Islands

Loan Fund

I would like to express my thanks for allowing me a loan for this school year. With my very busy summer (as summer missionary to Germany) and having two siblings in school, finances are very tight.

*Kim Zegelian, FWBBC
Nashville, TN*

WORDS FOR WOMEN



*by Mary Ruth
Wisehart*

These are exciting days. Every day, events remind us that our Lord is coming again. Yet no one knows exactly the day or the hour. So, what are we to do in the meantime? Does this mean I shouldn't plant a tree? You shouldn't plan for children? We shouldn't have a savings plan? Or study for exams?

Live in the light of His coming. If you knew that He was coming tomorrow, what would you do today? What are the most important things in your life? What are the most valuable things? Live doing those most important things. Select the most valuable things and let the lesser values go.

Choose to live soberly. Not with a grim determination, but wisely with a deep joy in the Lord.

Recently a graduating high school senior called her mother at work to say, "Life is hard, isn't it?" She was just experiencing the difficulty of making major decisions on her own. Yes, sorting out values, making choices, choosing the best over the good—difficult decisions, indeed.

Yet, remember God promises wisdom to those who ask.

Let's be a people looking expectantly toward tomorrow and His coming.

Let go. "Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts," Paul wrote to Titus. Determine from the Word of God those things that are ungodly and worldly lusts. Let them go. They are perishing things.

Look expectantly for His coming. He has given us the Holy Spirit so that we know we are not alone and that He is coming to redeem us to Himself.

Don't sit and wait. Turn your face toward tomorrow and His coming. But when He comes, He should find us faithful. Faithful in doing His work in our world.

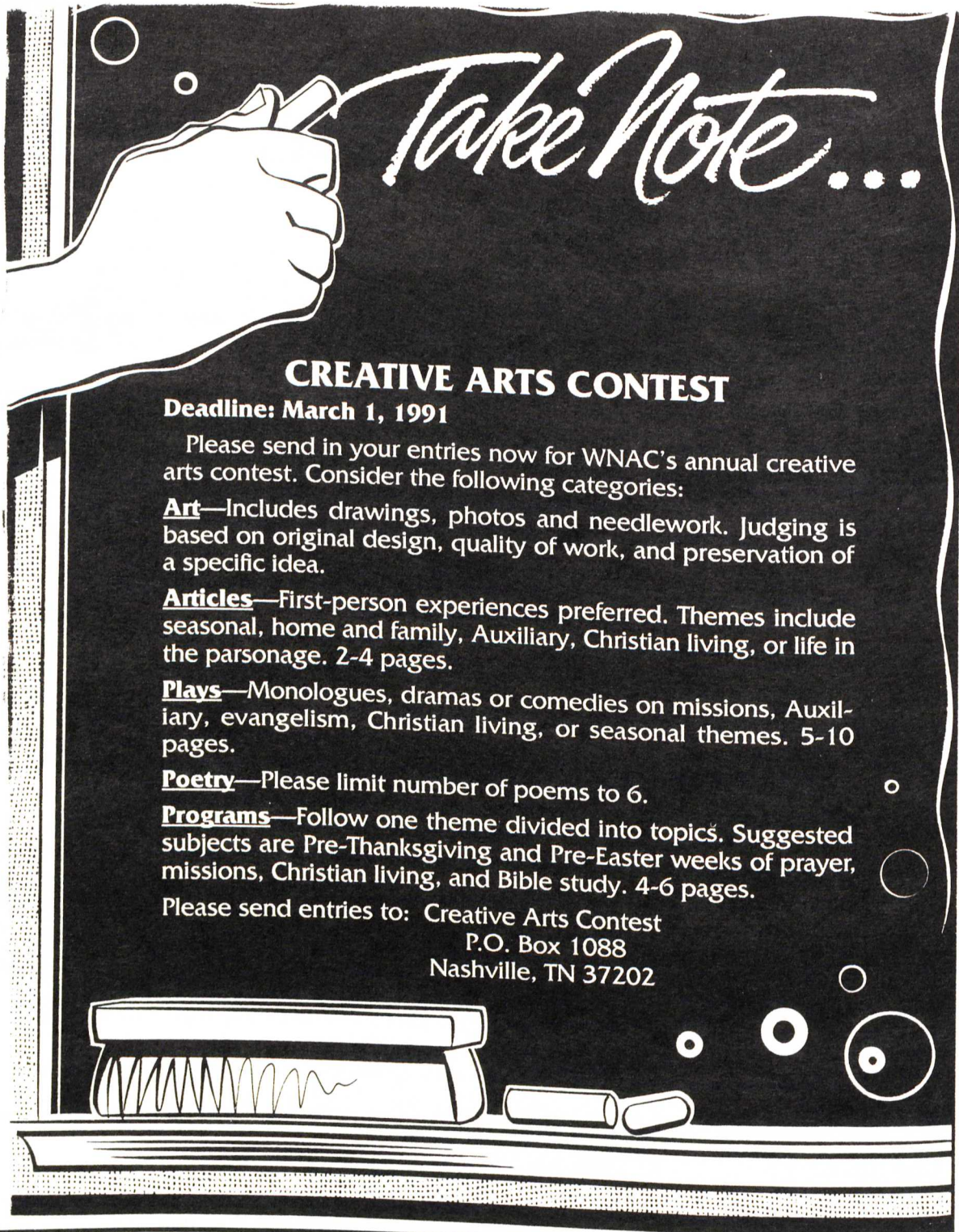
Pray that His coming is soon. Let's say with John the Beloved, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Eunice Edwards Loan Fund



5 year goal
\$50,000

Amount Received
\$30,340.33



CREATIVE ARTS CONTEST

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Please send in your entries now for WNAC's annual creative arts contest. Consider the following categories:

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Plays—Monologues, dramas or comedies on missions, Auxiliary, evangelism, Christian living, or seasonal themes. 5-10 pages.

Poetry—Please limit number of poems to 6.

Programs—Follow one theme divided into topics. Suggested subjects are Pre-Thanksgiving and Pre-Easter weeks of prayer, missions, Christian living, and Bible study. 4-6 pages.

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