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## FINANCE

The Grace of Giving  
(Acts 20:23)

# Introducing ...

## Melissa Riddle

### CO-LABORER's

#### New Editor

by Gwen Riddle Amorim



**M**elissa Riddle was born in Memphis, Tennessee in the year 1965, one of seven children born to Claude and Jane Pike. She attended elementary school in Booneville, Mississippi before returning to Memphis and graduating from Randall Christian Academy in 1983.

Melissa graduated with an English major from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1987. While at FWBBC, she edited both the college newspaper and the yearbook.

She began working on her master's degree in 1989 at Middle Tennessee State University, simultaneously teaching freshman English. Melissa transferred to Southern Illinois University to complete her MA requirements. Here she taught writing and computer composition. She was one of only four students chosen for a prestigious publishing internship at SIU Press in 1991.

Melissa comes into the WNAC office well qualified for the job. During this SIU internship, Melissa broadened her knowledge and experience in editing. She edited and proofread the complete text of *Something and Nothingness: The Fiction of John Updike and John Fowles* by John Neary. She also served as liaison between the university and the author, chose the layout and typography, designed the book jacket, and wrote all marketing copy on the book jacket, brochures and press catalogs.

Such comprehensive experience is unusual in one her age, but this accomplishment is no surprise for those who know Melissa. A junior high schoolmate recently reminded her about her school's job fair. Students were to come dressed as the professional they hoped to become. Not sure what a journalism professional looked like, Melissa showed up as a teacher or librarian with a big sign on her back reading JOURNALIST. Over time, she fine-tuned her goal to EDITOR/WRITER. That's no surprise either.

Melissa knows her own mind. She was born expressing her likes and dislikes and continues to express them with enthusiasm and determination. As a baby, "Missy" preferred going without a shirt like her older brother to being dressed like a doll by her older sister. As a toddler, she demonstrated fierce independence and unswerving loyalty (occasionally interpreted as stubbornness). These traits still characterize her.

Melissa accepted Christ at the young age of six and has always been steadfast in her commitment and straightforward in the expression of her beliefs. She is a member of the Donelson Free Will Baptist Church. She collects modern American literature and enjoys refinishing antiques.

Melissa has a knack for communicating effectively. Witty and articulate, she has excelled as student, teacher, writer and editor. As the newest member of the WNAC staff, she hopes to impact the CO-LABORER magazine positively with a fresh perspective on the role of contemporary Christian women in our community, our family, church, and around the world.

## OUR WRITERS



Mary Holland  
Campinas, Brazil

The Holland family, Curt, Mary and three daughters, Amber, 6, Kelsey, 4, and Brooklin, 2, are beginning their first term as missionaries. In addition to adjusting to a brand new culture, Mary is studying the Portuguese language, as well as doing home schooling.



Joan Gardner  
Antioch, Tenn.

This pastor's wife at Fellowship FWB Church works with primaries and in Children's Church. She is employed as secretary at the Home Missions department.

The Gardners have three married children and one grandchild. Joan enjoys sewing.



Kathy Reeds Brown  
Nashville, Tenn.

Billy and Kathy are involved in the Fellowship FWB Church where Kathy teaches juniors and serves as church clerk. They have two sons, Daniel, 13, and Jonathan, 8. She is bookkeeper for the Home Missions department.

Kathy, a former student missionary, enjoys reading.

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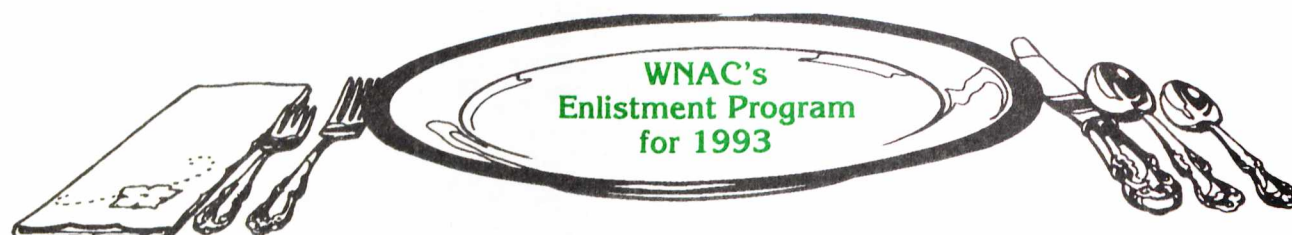
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# No-Food Enlistment Banquet



Joan Gardner and Kathy Brown, co-presidents of the Fellowship Auxiliary, Antioch, Tennessee, planned an elegant banquet for their women, but no real food was served. Because their church had several brides, each brought one of her china place settings. They sat around tables covered with white linen cloths and decorated with candles and flowers.

The four-course "meal", consisting of appetizers, salad, main course and dessert, was served by four waitresses.

They cut colorful pictures of the appropriate foods from women's magazines and pasted them on cardboard. They served them on silver or crystal serving dishes.

Each woman in the church received a personal invitation.

## Introduction

Welcome to our no-food banquet. We especially welcome those who do not usually come to our Auxiliary meetings. Instead of feasting on real food, we will be feasting on spiritual food and facts about our Woman's Auxiliary. We want you to know that we have done all this with one goal in mind: to make you so interested and informed of our Woman's Auxiliary that you will want to become a part of it.

## Blessing and Opening Prayer

## Appetizers

*(She serves her platter of "appetizers". Numbered Auxiliary facts are printed on the back of some of them.)*

A good appetizer whets your appetite and makes you eager for more to come. It starts your digestive juices flowing. That's what our appetizers do in this no-food banquet. It will stimulate your interest in Woman's Auxiliary. When you receive your food, look on the back for basic information about

our Auxiliary. Let's begin with number one and take turns reading the Auxiliary facts.

1. The theme of the Auxiliary is taken from 1 Corinthians 3:9: We are "laborers together with God." We also have a theme for the year. This year we are emphasizing giving. The theme is "The Grace of Giving" based on Acts 20:35: "...It is more blessed to give than to receive."

2. The Auxiliary is a missionary service of the church. It helps by teaching and supporting missions and by praying for our missionaries. We call this mission study, mission action and mission prayer.

3. The last Great Commission of our Lord to go into all the world and make disciples of every creature has been neither withdrawn or substituted. The Auxiliary helps the woman find her place in this Great Commission.

4. We have adopted the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us" as a permanent hymn, but each year we also choose one to go along with our theme. This year we have chosen, "Something for Thee" (sing together or as a solo).

5. The Auxiliary colors are lavender and white. Lavender symbolizes royalty and white, purity. They remind us that we should be pure vessels that our King can use as His witnesses.

## Salad

*(Cut out pictures of salads and paste to green "leaves." Print prayer requests on the back. Call Hotline—615-731-3839—for current missionary requests. Serve from a salad bowl.)*

Just as a salad gets the meal started, so does prayer get an Auxiliary started. More things are accomplished by prayer than this world dreams of. On the back of each salad is a prayer request. Let's take turns reading our requests. If you have one of your own, please share it with us.

## Prayer for these requests

## Main Course

*(Serve "meat and potato" dishes from a silver platter.)*

The main course is the meat and potatoes of the meal. It's what gives it substance. The Woman's Auxiliary is not a club or a money-raising organization. It's not a business meeting or fun and games. On the backs of seven of your meat and vegetables are written some of our Auxiliary goals. Beginning with this table, would you read yours?

- To provide interesting and inspirational meetings, with programs that are spiritually uplifting and stimulating.
- To know our missionaries and their families, their work and their fields, their needs and requests—so that we can pray for them daily and intelligently.
- To encourage spiritual growth by making God's Word a daily part of our lives.
- To develop a close family relationship between the women in the church by providing opportunities for fellowship and interaction.

- To have a burden for lost people and to be faithful in witnessing to those with whom we come in contact.
- To be involved in mission action, reaching out and touching people in their hour of need.
- To be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. Not only of our money, but our time, talents, and possessions.
- To be a helper, an auxiliary, to the church by supporting it, praying for it, and serving wherever needed.

## Dessert

*(Serve various "desserts" from a silver tray.)*

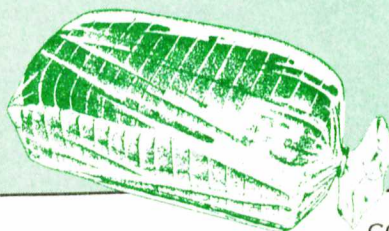
Dessert is that sweet treat we all look forward to at the end of a great meal. We have a special treat planned for you as well. We're asking each of you to share something that would help us to know you better. Would you turn your dessert over and see what your assignment is? Each of you has one. We'd like you to answer the question in just a few sentences.

*(We give you some suggestions. You may eliminate, substitute, or add others as needed.)*

## Welcome New Member!

Welcome your new members with a homemade gift of love. It may be any craft idea, perhaps an old-fashioned shoe pin cushion made from felt, cloth, lace and buttons. Small loaves of gift-wrapped pumpkin or zucchini bread would go along with the enlistment program. Tie this note to the ribbon:

We welcome you, new member,  
Your feet have found the way  
Into the missions organization  
That teaches, serves and prays.



In how many different places have you lived? Where was your favorite? Why?

Tell us one thing you remember about your mother.

Tell us one thing you remember about your dad.

How old were you when you were saved? Where? Anything else you remember about it?

If you won the Reader's Digest Sweepstakes, how would you spend the first \$1000?

Quote your favorite Scripture verse. Why is it special?

What is your favorite hobby, interest or pastime? Why do you enjoy it?

Which title would you choose for your autobiography?

Diary of a (Fulfilled, Unfulfilled) Housewife

Confessions of a Would-Be (an ambition of yours)

My Life as a (a profession or interest)

If someone offered you an all-expense-paid trip to one of our mission fields, which one would you choose? Why?

Who influenced you most during your first year as a Christian? How?

Tell us how you started attending our church.

What one year of your life was so happy you'd like to live it over. Why?

What one year of your life was so sad you'd not like to relive it? Why?

Tell us about your first job and paycheck. How did you spend it?

What book have you read that you'd recommend to others? Why?

If someone gave you a magazine subscription, which would you choose? Why?

Which is your idea of a memorable vacation—sightseeing, on the beach, or a mountain hide-away? Do you take an annual vacation?

If you could change one thing in your job/home situation, what would it be?

What is your favorite hymn? Why?  
Music: "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"



## Program for January

by Ron and Judy Blue

# A Woman's Guide to Financial Peace of Mind

Conduct this program as a question and answer session. Number the questions and distribute them to various women in the audience. The one who gives the answers should dress very professionally and carry a brief case with many important looking papers.

### Introduction

This year our theme is "Finances: The Grace of Giving." So we'll be hearing a lot about money in our Woman's Auxiliary, both giving and managing it. Most of us have the responsibility of managing it all right, but few have very little practical training. This first program should help us.

Let's welcome "Judy Blue," wife of Ron Blue, financial counselor and advisor, who has come to answer our questions and help us gain financial peace of mind.

### Question 1:

**My husband manages the money in our family. Do you think women need this information?**

A. Like it or not, most women will end up managing all the household finances since seven out of 10 married women become widows.

It's also been our observation that a mother is the primary trainer of children in managing money. Her role is probably the most significant influence they'll have. The value system she passes along is the one that children will take into their marriages and pass on to their own children.

The objective for our own daughters when they graduate from college and begin to manage their own income is the following:

- Tithe their gross income
- Have no debt
- Have significant savings account
- Manage their monthly expenses by a budget
- Know how to manage a checking account
- Know how to use credit cards responsibly

### Question 2:

**Do women have different financial needs at different stages in their lives?**

A. Certainly. We've identified nine "seasons of life" that will influence a woman's specific needs. They are:

- The young single
- The young married
- The mother of young children
- The mother of teen and college-age children
- The empty-nest mother
- The retiree
- The widow
- The single mother
- The career single.

A woman's relationship with her husband, be it good or bad, can also have a tremendous impact on her needs and views regarding money.

### Question 3:

**God has promised to supply all our needs. If we're trusting God can we be overly concerned about finances?**

A. We recently received a letter from a woman who quoted numerous Scriptures that speak of God's provision for His people and of how we should trust in Him and not in riches. She said in part, "In light of these Scriptures and

many others, should the church be reading (or writing) books that teach us how to handle our money so we can have a higher standard of living, save for retirement and vacations, and employ certain measures of risk to possibly increase our gains?"

Indeed we should trust God. He is the source of all we have, and rather than worry, we can depend on Him to meet our needs. But that doesn't mean we shouldn't plan. We can see many cases in the Bible where planning was done with beneficial results.

When Joseph planned for the seven years of famine in Egypt by setting aside resources in the seven years of plenty, he was practicing sound financial planning. When Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem, he spent months in preparation and planning before he even arrived at the city. The result: The walls were built in only 52 days.

David planned to provide the financial resources of his son Solomon to build the temple, and he collected them before his death. Jesus Himself, in urging people to count the cost of discipleship before committing themselves to His cause, referred to the wisdom of good financial planning (see Luke 14:28-30).

In Proverbs 15:22, we read, "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed." That's an endorsement for good planning.

### Question 4:

**Do you recommend families use a budget?**

A. When the word budget is mentioned, almost invariably people think about constraints, inflexibil-

ity, rigidity and guilt. In reality, a budget is just a short-term spending plan; preparing one simply means you decide ahead of time how you're going to spend your income.

Living within a budget is the same as taking a trip with a pre-planned route. The mere exercise of writing a budget will give you greater confidence in your financial situation than just about anything else you could do.

When you prepare a budget, priorities are set. The process helps you to avoid debt and to spot potential problems. It doesn't have to be an elaborate system, either. Elizabeth, a young single, told us how she controls her budget. She divides all her expenses into five categories and keeps one envelope in her purse for each. Her categories are:

- Overhead and tithe.
- Loan payments: student loan and parent's loan
- Food and fun: groceries and entertainment
- Credit card charges for gasoline and travel
- Utilities and phone.

Every month, she writes the amount she has budgeted into each envelope. If she writes a check or uses a credit card, she records the amount on the envelope. If she pays cash, she puts the receipt inside it.

At the end of the month, she knows how much she has spent and can compare the amount to what she has budgeted. For the "Food and Fun" envelope that has actual cash in it, she stops spending when the envelope is empty. That, incidentally, is the key to controlling a budget.

#### Question 5:

**What is the best investment the average family can make?**

A. Paying off all high-interest debt, including credit cards, car loans and installment debts. That's the equivalent of investing with a return of 12 to 21 percent! Not even the most successful investors can achieve that rate of return.

The question often comes up,

"Should I take money out of savings to pay off that debt?" The answer is generally yes, because as soon as you stop paying interest, you can start earning it. However, don't leave yourself without money to cover emergencies (usually one to six months of living expenses). Pay off debt only with savings in excess of your emergency fund.

#### Question 6:

**What do you suggest for those shopping for a new car?**

A: The first rule is always pay cash with the money you've saved. If you can afford to make monthly payments, you can afford to make monthly payments ahead of time—that is, save for a car. It may mean you drive your current car for a longer time before you purchase a new one, but it can be done.

Research shows that the cheapest car you will ever drive is the one you own today. The cost of buying a new car or a recent model far outweighs the repair and maintenance costs of an older vehicle. It's never advantageous from a purely economic standpoint to replace your existing car.

We'd never recommend, however, that you drive an unsafe car. But an older car doesn't have to be mechanically unreliable or unsafe. Many people trade cars after just two or three years of ownership, so lots of safe cars are available at reduced prices.

#### Question 7:

**What are the biggest financial challenges in childrearing?**

A: Training them in money management and the funding of a college education.

To learn how to manage money responsibly, children must have responsibility for managing money. They learn by doing. Our youngest son, 13, is a tennis player and has begun stringing rackets to pay for some of the extra costs of playing competitive tennis, such as expensive rackets. He's also saving to buy a car when he turns 16.

This has all been done with no argument, incentive or inducement on our part. Rather we gave him the responsibility, beginning at about age 8, of managing for himself the amounts we were willing to supply for clothes, spending money, lessons and incidentals. He's seen that it's necessary to work to get some of the things he'd like. Therefore, it's been natural for him to save for long-term desires.

Children shouldn't leave home without knowing how to manage money, balance a checkbook, use a credit card responsibly and set up a simple budget. A caution here: One of the greatest problems is the differences in the parents' and the children's expectations. Children may expect, for example, to buy Polo shirts, have new cars when they reach 16, and have college totally paid for and get help from Mom and Dad in acquiring their first home, and so on.

Parents, on the other hand, may have no intention of providing for all those expectations. You do that by making your decisions early about what you'll provide in the way of cars, college, first homes, and wedding expenses. By communicating your decisions early, you give your children time to accept the reality.

#### Conclusion

I believe that's all the time we have now for questions. Thank you, "Mrs. Blue", for being with us tonight. *(applaud)* Do you have a last minute word of advice for us?

A: Yes. Don't expect to achieve financial freedom or peace of mind immediately. Just take the first step God has impressed upon you now. The second step, whatever it may be, will become apparent after the first has been taken.

I'm glad I could be with you tonight. I pray that some of these guidelines will help each of you achieve financial peace of mind.

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# PARADE OF HEARTS

## Program for February

by Mary Holland

**Aim:** To examine some hearts mentioned in Scripture and try to determine what our heart would look like if we could see it.

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 16:7b

**Hymn:** "Is Thy Heart Right With God?"

### Introduction

Have you ever wondered what your heart would look like if you could see it? What type of face or personality would it have? When others look at you, what do they see? What do you see when you look at others?

In this parade of hearts we hope to show you what some hearts might look like. As you look at each one, try and see which of them fit you. Be honest!



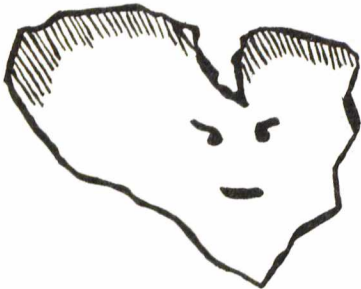
### Troubled Heart

A troubled heart worries about everything—finances before the payment is due, health when no one is sick, the children, the future, the past. Sometimes she worries because she can't think of anything to worry about. She puts a lot of pressure on herself and is simply no fun to be around.

Heart Ache should read the verses in John 14:1,27 and let them change her life.

*(She turns her heart over to reveal a pastel colored heart labeled "PEACEFUL HEART.")*

PEACEFUL  
HEART



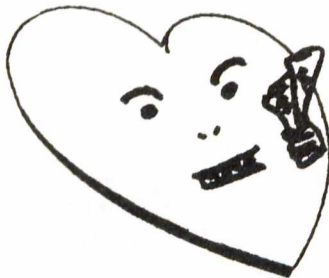
### Hard Heart

A hard heart seems made of steel. She cares little what anyone thinks, takes no advice, and is totally insensitive to hurting or needy people. In fact, Hard Heart is so hard she finds it almost impossible to accept love, even God's love.

Poor Hard Heart will be crushed when she realizes God warns against hardening our hearts (Ps. 95:8; Heb. 3:13).

*(She reads these verses then turns her heart over to a TENDER HEART.)*

TENDER  
HEART



### Selfish Heart

Selfish Heart must be really be in style because there are so many of them. She is never satisfied and always wants more. God has blessed her beyond measure, but she is unwilling to share it. She looks well after No. 1—Me, Myself and I—but cannot see the lost beyond her own doorstep.

Selfish Heart needs to remember what Christ said in Matthew 16:24. Then she would find her place in the Great Commission.

*(She reads this verse and changes her heart to a GIVING HEART.)*

GIVING  
HEART



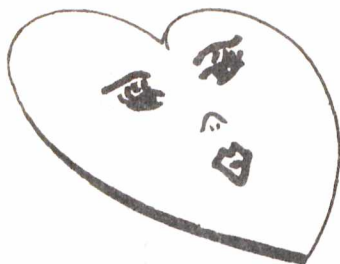
### Wicked Heart

Our next heart thrives on evil—gossip, lying, cheating, deceit. Such things ought not to be! The tragedy is that those who have accepted this fashion often try to get others to wear it with them. Wicked Heart will never have peace of mind no matter how many have a similar heart.

Isaiah 57:20,21 describes a wicked heart. Psalm 51:10 gives the remedy.

*(She reads these verses then turns hers to CLEAN HEART.)*

CLEAN  
HEART



### Proud Heart

Next let's meet Proud Heart. Proud Heart thinks she's prettier than anyone, dresses better, has a more attractive home, better behaved children, and can do everything more efficiently. And she probably is...has...can!

God condemns her haughty spirit. He has a lot to say about a proud person, and none of it complimentary. Matter of fact, he warns that a proud heart leads to a fall.

Her example is the Lord Jesus in Matthew 11:29.

*(She changes her heart to MODEST HEART.)*



### Empty Heart

Next let's meet Empty Heart. Almost three billion lonely people wear this type of heart. Most would gladly exchange it for another, but they don't know how. They've searched their whole lives to fill the void, but they don't know where to look or they've looked in the wrong places. If no one tells them of Jesus, they will die empty and unfulfilled.

Jeremiah 46:11 says Empty Heart will try many medicines but will not be cured. Only Jesus can satisfy. Psalms 63:5 describes a satisfied heart.

*(She displays SATISFIED HEART.)*

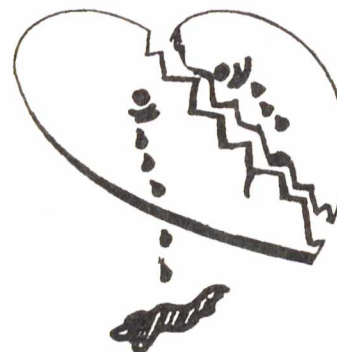


### Worldly Heart

Meet Dirty Heart, or Worldly Heart. Paul calls her a carnal Christian, one foot in the church and one foot in the world. She may have only a small portion that is worldly, but God sees the whole as worldly. Some might call her a hypocrite—professing one thing but living another.

Listen to what the Bible says about Worldly Heart in Matthew 15:18-20. Then Titus 1:15 describes the kind of heart God would have her have.

*(She reads these verses then displays PURE HEART.)*



### Broken Heart

The next heart in our parade is Broken Heart. Poor girl, she has been hurt so many times that you wonder if she'll ever be whole again. Events of the past still weigh her down and she allows neither time nor God to heal them. Her problem is she carries these burdens and hurts instead of forgiving those who caused them.

Broken Heart needs to remember that Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted (Luke 4:18). Also Isaiah 43:18,19 has some good advice for her.

*(She changes her heart to FORGIVING HEART.)*



### Conclusion

I hope you enjoyed our parade of hearts, Were you honest? Did you notice any hearts that might picture yours? Do you need a heart transplant? It doesn't matter what others think. It does matter what God sees, "... for the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7).

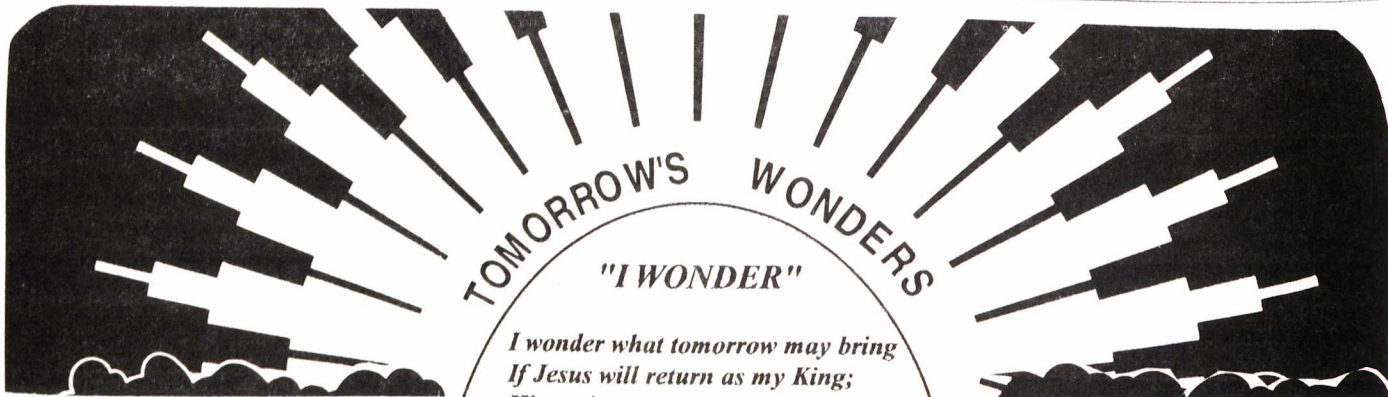
God wants all of us to have a clean heart (Isa. 1:18). A cleansed heart is available for all (Rom. 10:10).

*Prayer of Confession and Consecration*

*(Please turn to page 15 for Program Suggestions)*

# Communicator

BY MARY RUTH WISEHART



## Tomorrow!

"I wonder what tomorrow will bring," sang about 650 women at the WNAC retreat in September.

Yvonne Brown, Patricia Collins, Brenda Evans, Vernie Hersey, Delois Loveless, Lorene Miley, Ruth Mullen, Cleo Pursell, Amy Robinson, and Debe Taylor led seminars calculated to help women face tomorrow. They addressed concerns about family living, finances, social problems, civic action, woman's place in the church and as a leader, leaving a heritage, and missions tomorrow.

"Missions 2000" on Friday evening highlighted home and foreign missionaries. A radio talk show, 2 videos, narrators and other participants pointed out how God is making Himself known in the world today and how we can be a part of that work. Amy Robinson and Florine Coscia, retired missionaries, challenged the women to commit themselves, their children and grandchildren to declaring salvation to all people.

Angela Trotter and Lumpsey provided delightful moments with laughter and Bible thoughts especially for women.

Lisa Wallace coordinated the music and with Carol Reid at the organ and Susan Ervin at the piano led the women in learning the chorus, "I Wonder," composed

## "I WONDER"

*I wonder what tomorrow may bring  
If Jesus will return as my King;  
His praises ever more I'll sing;  
O, I wonder what tomorrow  
may bring!*

*I've put away the sins that once  
enslaved me;  
And I've laid aside the weights that  
pull me down.  
I'm looking unto Jesus to complete  
His work in me;  
And I'll run the race until the  
trumpet sounds!*





by Beverly Welch. Women enjoyed a "Song for Tomorrow" with Lisa Wallace in concert.

Laura Thigpen helped women relax and laugh Thursday evening with a monolog, creative drama and her suggestions for eliminating calories.

"If Jesus will return as my King," the women sang. And Mrs. Thigpen gave a challenging message to attendees about living in anticipation of His return.

The mountains supplied an inviting setting and beautiful weather. The Ridgecrest staff made the retreat a pleasant experience for all the attendees.

The next retreat at Ridgecrest is scheduled September 15-17, 1994.

Tapes of the speakers are available. See the tape order form on page 12.



### Speaking of Tomorrow ...

Change is the only constant in life, and this issue of CO-LABORER introduces change.

Lorene Miley, editor since 1979, is retiring—that is, entering a new position in her life. Lorene has served the Free Will Baptist people in a variety of ways. She was



WNAC president, 1955-1959. She and her husband, LaVerne, spent 19 years as missionaries in Ivory Coast. Dr. Miley taught at Free Will Baptist Bible College before and after his service in Ivory Coast, and Mrs. Miley had influence on students and student wives during those years.

Writer, speaker, Bible teacher, spiritual leader and example—Lorene Miley has won a place in the hearts of many.

She was introduced as the new editor of CO-LABORER in the October/November/December, 1979 issue. She wrote, "I returned with full confidence that my years on the mission field would be a preparation for this NEW THING He had awaiting me." Who can tell what NEW THING the Lord has waiting for her tomorrow.



## Retreat Tapes

Cassette tapes of the retreat sessions are available. Please enclose \$4 (price includes postage and handling) for each tape requested.

| QUANTITY |                  | SPEAKER             | TOTAL |
|----------|------------------|---------------------|-------|
| ( )      | Laura Thigpen    | (comedy)            | _____ |
| ( )      |                  | (message)           | _____ |
| ( )      | Angela Trotter   | (3 devotions)       | _____ |
| ( )      | Yvonne Brown     | (Civic Action)      | _____ |
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| ( )      | Brenda Evans     | (Community Service) | _____ |
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## I Timothy Chapter 3, Part 2



REVIEW: Chapter 1 emphasized the charge given to Timothy by Paul, that of condoning only the teaching of sound doctrine. Chapter 2 stressed church order. Chapter 3 refers to main offices in the church, the office of bishop and of deacon. The previous study covered verses 1-7, the resume for a bishop.

### CHOOSING A DEACON (3:8-11)

3:8—"In like manner, must the deacons be \_\_\_\_\_, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not \_\_\_\_\_ of filthy lucre." The qualifications for deacons closely resemble those for a bishop (read verses 1-6). Deacons must also be serious-minded, rather than frivolous. He must be absolutely truthful, not a gossip, not addicted to wine or the accumulation of material treasure.

3:9—"Holding the \_\_\_\_\_ of the faith in a \_\_\_\_\_ conscience." Paul uses the word "mystery" often, but not meaning that which is hidden and cannot be understood. Rather, that which was once hidden but has now been revealed through spiritual discernment (see 1 Cor. 1:18 and 2:14).

3:10—"And let these (candidates for deacon) also first be \_\_\_\_\_: then let them \_\_\_\_\_ the office of a deacon, being found blameless." Paul doesn't specify the period of examination. However, it must reveal the character, reputation, lifestyle, attitudes and dependability of the candidate. The term "blameless" means irreproachable.

3:11—"Even so must their \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ (serious-minded), not \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_, sober, \_\_\_\_\_ (absolutely trustworthy) in all things." It would strain the wording to suppose that this admonition refers to a separate female office of "deaconess" as some propose. It is the deacon's wife specifically mentioned. Her services are often required in visiting other women as well as in assisting women and girls during baptism. These four moral qualities are essential.

### THE DEACON AT HOME (3:12, 13)

3:10—"Let the deacons be the \_\_\_\_\_ of one wife, ruling their \_\_\_\_\_ and their own houses well." These attributes, while very personal, certainly demonstrate order, stability and parental control in the home.

3:13—"For they that have used the \_\_\_\_\_ of a deacon well \_\_\_\_\_ to themselves a good \_\_\_\_\_ (standing) and great \_\_\_\_\_ in the

faith which is in Christ Jesus." A deacon must have earned esteem, respect and influence in the church and community he serves. Someone has rightly said, "Influence is a by-product of character."

### IN CASE I AM DELAYED (3:14-16)

3:14, 15—"These things write I unto thee, \_\_\_\_\_ to come unto thee \_\_\_\_\_; but, if I \_\_\_\_\_ long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to \_\_\_\_\_ thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the \_\_\_\_\_ God, the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the truth."

Given Paul's experience with the Judaizers as well as the religious hierarchy and unbelievers, it is not surprising that he is unable to pin down his time of arrival. Before Paul left Timothy at Ephesus, he had doubtless spoken orally to him of many of these elemental principles. But now, in writing them, he reinforces the authority of his deputy, in the event he is delayed.

The Greek word for "behave" means "to conduct oneself." Timothy had been placed in charge of a spiritual assembly. The church must be a stabilizing pillar in the midst of storm and change as well as being grounded as a custodian of spiritual truth.

3:16—"And without controversy great is the \_\_\_\_\_ of godliness: God was \_\_\_\_\_ in the flesh, \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, \_\_\_\_\_ on in the world, \_\_\_\_\_ up into glory."

The preceding guidelines in choosing church leaders involve practical godliness. Here Paul reveals the secret of acquiring inner character, a mystery to those on the outside of saving faith. The NIV version beautifully sets forth the six refrains of this Christian hymn which encompasses Christ's ministry.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

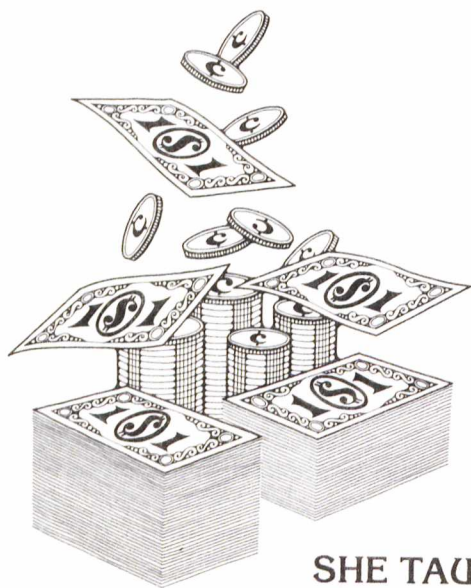
1. Verses 8 and 11 state that deacons and their wives are to be grave. What are some synonyms for this word?

2. Discuss the 3-fold qualification in verse 12. Why is it important?

3. Believers who adhere to the high moral standards of Scripture are an oddity if not an outright mystery to the unsaved. Can you quote or find a verse that calls for behavior above the norm?

# She Taught Me To Give

by Yvonne Wolfenbarger



**“W**e’re going to have a baby!” our friends proudly announced as they sat around our dining room table. It was their second, but they couldn’t have been more excited.

“Congratulations! That’s wonderful!” we offered between hugs and handshakes.

Our nine-year-old daughter, Angie, could hardly contain her excitement. She turned to Amber, almost-two, and hugged her tightly. “We’re going to have a little sister,” she told her. Angie loved Amber. She fed her, changed her diapers, read to her and rocked her to sleep. Now she would have another child to love.

A pall settled over the dining room table. Our friends, a young pastor’s family in a small neighboring church, had no maternity insurance. How would they manage? We discussed the problem while Angie and Amber played nearby. We offered our sympathy and promised to help if we could.

## SHE TAUGHT ME TO GIVE SACRIFICIALLY

A few days later, Angie told me she had been thinking about what she could do to help her friends. She had received money for her birthday from her grandmother. “I’m going to save this money until the baby comes,” she said, “and then I’m going to pay it on the hospital bill.”

She had it planned out. She would save her Christmas money and her allowance, too. “Maybe I can save \$200!” No small sacrifice for a nine-year-old with a \$3 weekly allowance.

Her father and I offered words of encouragement and promised to help “if we can.” Words. Mere words. But Angie taught us that love requires more than words. It requires sacrifice.

## SHE TAUGHT ME TO GIVE ANONYMOUSLY

It was important to Angie that no one know. “Mom, please don’t tell anyone about this money. This is just between our family and God,” she said.

Secretly she saved every penny.

When the baby finally arrived we gathered up her money (\$176) and went to the hospital. First we visited April Dawn (named after our Angela Dawn) and then we located the accounting department. Angie handed the money to the lady at the desk and asked it be applied to our friend’s account. “And don’t tell them who paid it,” she cautioned.

## SHE TAUGHT ME TO GIVE JOYFULLY

I’ve never seen Angie more happy than the day she walked out of that office, except perhaps one day last summer when both Amber and April were in her wedding.

The reward for giving with pure motives is a joyful heart. Never mind about the sacrifice. So what if no one (not even the receiver) knows who gave it. Even today, when Angie remembers that (still anonymous) gift of love, she’s happy that she could help her friends through a difficult time.

My daughter taught me that true giving is motivated by love, and that anonymous, sacrificial giving brings lasting joy.

# FOR LEADERS



*Vice President*

- Make hearts from different colored poster board. They should be about 12" wide. Loop a string through the top of each so they will fit around the neck. Or they may be held.
- The author suggests each model make a facial expression descriptive of the heart she is depicting.
- The hearts will form a parade as one lady narrates the script.
- The Scripture verses are not printed in the text. If the narrator does not read them, print the verses on index cards for the models to read.

Remember the days of the Standard of Achievement Chart? Each Auxiliary was encouraged to keep one each year to chart its progress in specific areas.

In spite of its negative aspects, the Standard of Achievement did one thing. It kept before its members what they were supposed to be doing. The Sophia Auxiliary, Beckley, West Virginia, uses a large poster to chart their growth. They've divided their goals into four areas and listed these on a chart which is kept before the women constantly. Each time an activity is completed, it is recorded under its proper heading.

For example, serving a meal to a bereaved family is listed under "Action." The quilt they sewed for a missionary is under "missions." They placed their Mini-Bible Conference under "Study." Their prayer reminders are attached under "Prayer."

What do you want to be doing this year in your Auxiliary? Print your goals on a large sheet of poster board and each month chart your progress.

## Woman's Auxiliary Let's Chart our Growth!

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## Mission STUDY

In addition to your studies in Missions, gear up for a year of intensive study on Finances.

### Distribute Tracts

1. "How God Taught Me to Give" and "Joyful! Cheerful! Hilarious!" from: Good News Publishers, 1300 Crescent St., Wheaton, IL 60187. Request information on other titles concerning money.

2. "Money" from: Gospel Tract Society, Inc., P.O. Box 1118, Independence, MO 64051.

3. "God's Stewards" and "You're Poor" from: Faith, Prayer & Tract League, Grand Rapids, MI 49504-1390.

### Provide Helpful Books

Finance is such a timely subject that a wealth of books is avail-

able. How many are in your library? How many can your Auxiliary provide? This year plan to keep a good number circulating among your women.

Review one at each meeting and get it started, round robin style. Keep track of the books and see they get passed on to others.

*What Husbands Wish Their Wives Knew About Money* by Burkett (Victor)

*Investing for the Future* by Burkett (Victor)

*The Complete Financial Guide for Single Parents* by Burkett (Victor)

*Financial Planning Guide* by McGregor (Bethany)

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*Master Your Money* by Blue (Nelson)

*Going Broke* by Krockner (Herald)

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### Church-Wide Study

- Meet with your pastor to get his approval and suggestions. Decide on a date. If possible, plan a series of Wednesday night studies.

- Choose a book and a teacher. Perhaps someone in your town gives seminars on this subject and would be available.

- Publicize it in the church bulletin, by word of mouth, and phone those who especially need to come. Display posters announcing it. Announce it on the radio or newspapers. Some in your community may attend this when they wouldn't come to church. Give special recognition to those who attend each session.

## Support the ...

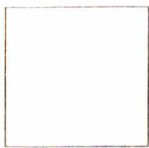
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## Mission PRAYER

### January

#### Broken Names

Take two groups of letters at a time, join them together, and you have the names of ten missionaries.

Prepare a card for each lady expected. Write a missionary request on the back.

### February

Make a heart cookie tree and bring to your meeting. Write the name of a missionary on each cookie. Ask the ladies to take a cookie as they leave and pray for her missionary before she eats the cookie.

#### Sugar Cookies

Cream:  $\frac{1}{3}$  c. soft shortening with  $\frac{1}{3}$  c. sugar. Beat in 1 egg. Add:  $\frac{2}{3}$  c. honey, 1 t. flavoring,  $2\frac{3}{4}$  c. flour, 1 t. soda and 1 t. salt.

Cover and chill for at least an hour.

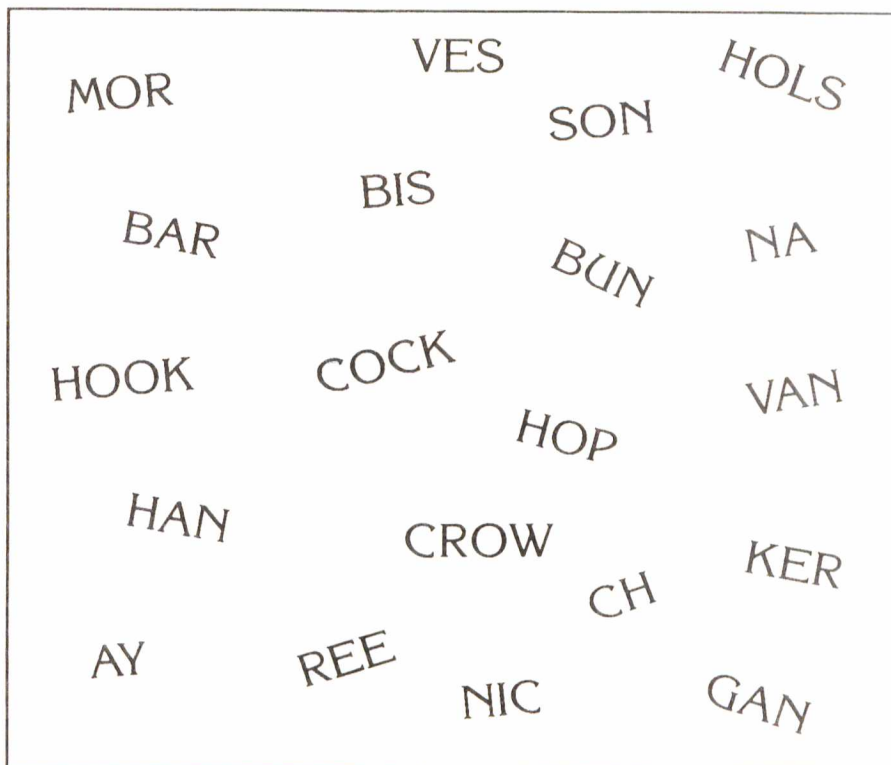
Roll out  $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick. Cut in heart shapes. Bake in 375 oven.

Sew a length of thread through the top of each heart while still warm. Decorate when cool.

Fill a can with sand and secure bare branches in the sand. Loop the cookie thread over the branches. Use small flowers and bows for added decoration.

#### Lollipop Prayer Cards

If you're not into baking cookies, buy heart-shaped lollipops. Tape to a missionary prayer card and distribute as a prayer reminder.



Answers: Aycock, Barker, Bishop, Bunch, Crowson, Hanna, Morgan, Nichols, Reeves, Vanhook.

### Parade of Hearts

Use prayer cards from both the Foreign and Home Missions departments (available upon request from P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002). Rubber cement them to paper hearts. Make a chain of the hearts by fastening them to a ribbon and encircling the room. Ask the women to take one of the hearts home as a prayer reminder.

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- Money Tree. Make flowers from the bills and attach to a cardboard tree.
- Checks or money gifts may be placed in objects representative of the work or country of the missionary, or the object for which the gift is for. If the project is a car, cram the money in a toy car or van. For a house, wrap the money in plastic wrap and tape to wooden blocks or lumber scraps. Stuff the gift in a doctor's bag, adobe, coconut, drums, pottery, purses or clothing.
- Seasonal. Winter—Make a snowman from foam balls and pipe cleaners for the arms. Roll up the check and place in the snowman's hand.
- Spring—Flower Garden. Insert plastic or silk flowers in green styrofoam and attach a bill to each flower. Or arrange in a basket. If

only one bill or check, curl inside a rose bud and present in a bud vase.

- Fall—Slip money inside a large ball-point pen, fake book, or a plastic pumpkin.
- Christmas—Cover a large candle with bills. Decorate a Christmas tree with small inflated red and green balloons into which bills have been inserted. Or wrap bills in colored foil.
- February—Empty a valentine candy box and fill with money.
- Easter—Insert money in plastic eggs and make an Easter basket. Or make a large egg from paper mache.
- For one bill or check, slip inside a cassette or CD case, wallet, pair of house shoes or gloves. Clip to the inside cover of a choice book, magazine or software program.

### Gifts

- Sock Shower. Use a fireplace made from a large cardboard carton. Hang the socks in pairs along

the mantle.

- Lingerie Shower. Stretch a line across the room and clothespin the dainties to the cord.
- Book Shower. Present the books on a book shelf which doubles as a packing container.
- Food Shower. Sort the items and pack in appropriate size baskets. Display perishables in a foam cooler.
- Travel Shower for Children. Make tote bags from sturdy fabric. Embroider or paint his name on the front. Fill the bags with small toys, books, games, crafts and puzzles suitable for travel and the age of the child. For larger children, gift wrap and number. Include instructions to open only one package each day.

*(For additional helps, request Gifts For Missionaries. Order from WNAC, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002. Please enclose \$1.25 plus 75 cents postage and handling.)*

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**Pictured:** Leslie Vosburg, Jennifer Ford, Laura Hamick, Ashley Dickey, Darla Trimble, sponsor, Amber Strand, Tessa Vosburg, Crystal Rowland, Vicki Downen, sponsor, Kim and Staci Ford.

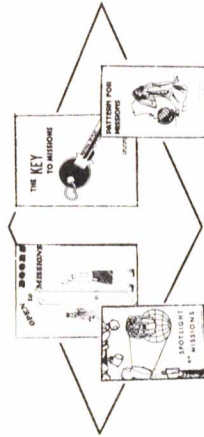
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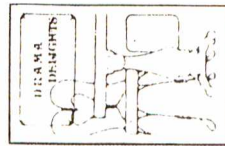
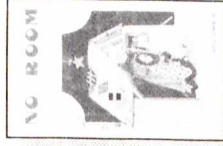
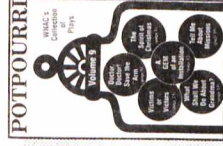
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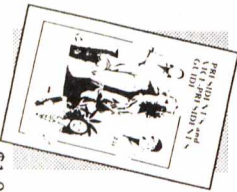
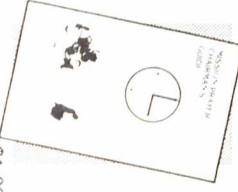
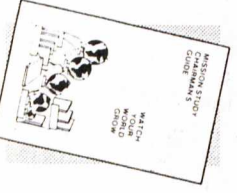


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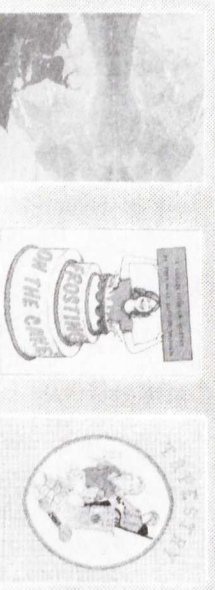
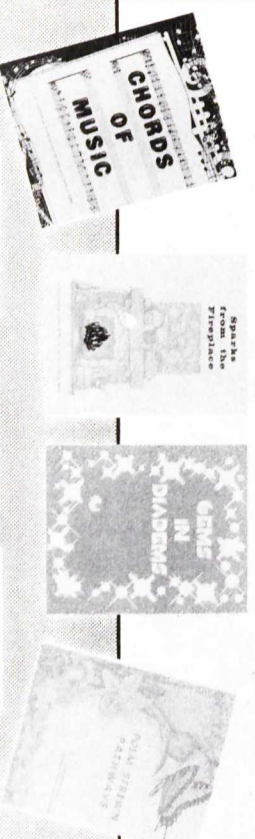
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# The Minister's Wife

## Newsletter

Compiled By Cleo Pursell



Volume 13, number 1

## Leaving the Parsonage

by Dot Reeves



### The Time is Up

*"Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 21:13).*

Probably every pastor at one time or another, both at home and abroad, has identified with these words of Paul. The time has come to leave. The pain is almost too great to be borne.

I well remember our first church. We were both young and our children quite small when Dennis was ordained. He accepted this small church composed mostly of a few dedicated widow women who wanted the church to grow. We did, too, so that made for a good team.

Dennis kept his full-time job in the day and visited and studied until all hours of the night. It took four years before the work took hold.

I'll never forget one of the first men saved and brought into the church. He suffered a fatal heart attack soon after, but his conversion was the beginning of a trickle of others which continued for 14 years. Each one became more precious than we could have imagined. These were our people! How we loved them!

In time, we built three Sunday school classrooms to a church which never had any. When our auditorium crowded out, we hung a sliding door into one of the Sunday school rooms. Now the pastor preached to folks behind, in front and on either side! Dear, wonder-

ful people, those he had helped lead to the Lord Jesus.

A missionary conference at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee became the turning point in my husband's ministry. He returned home full of enthusiasm and a commitment to a full-time ministry. Within six short months we dedicated a big new building with more than 500 in attendance. How the Lord blessed! To God be the glory!

I enjoyed one glorious year in this pretty new church. Then one night during services, the Lord whispered to me, "Your time is up here."

I never voiced this to my husband, but the Lord heard many an argument. "Lord, how can we give all this up after all the years of prayer and hard work?" I reminded Him of the Sunday school rooms, inside rest rooms, comfortable pews and beautiful interior.

"And, Lord, what about our children? We can't uproot them now that they're teenagers... And Lord, what about our little farm just a half a mile down the road from the church? You know how we scrimped and saved to buy it."

About six months later, Dennis confided in me that he felt it time to resign as pastor. The Lord knew I'd need that time to get my heart ready.

Yes, we could identify with Paul's statement as we offered our resignation. It was the hardest thing we have ever faced. We sold the only home our children had ever known and left the church where

*I must keep my heart tuned to my Heavenly Father and be sensitive to His leadership.*

they had been saved. We know now—as we knew then—that God makes no mistakes. He knows best. And when He says, “This is the way. Walk ye in it,” you’d better obey.

## When You’re Asked to Leave

*“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not” (Gal. 6:9).*

Some churches routinely call a new pastor every two or three years. They enjoy the honeymoon period, but when the new wears off, they’re ready to try a new man. I have known of cases where a member will try to force a pastor to leave by withholding his tithes, thus creating a financial crisis in the church. Others act like Absalom. They sit in the gate and tell everyone who will listen, “If we only had a new man, I know our church would grow.”

Can you imagine how difficult it is for a pastor to preach when he knows some in the congregation are doing him that way? The spirit in the church becomes so cold that even good members become discouraged and leave. This only adds to the pressure.

As a pastor approaches retirement age or if he has chronic health problems, the church is apt to start looking for a younger man. If he has no nest egg or retirement and must leave the parsonage, both he and his family may suffer untold anguish.

Anytime a pastor leaves due to pressure, he feels dejected and defeated. Often this hurts his ability to get another church.

## When Death Comes

*“Where thou diest, will I die and there will I be buried: the Lord do*

*so to me, and more also if ought but death part thee and me” (Ruth 1:17).*

I have not experienced this, but I have known those who have. I remember one friend especially who was very happy. The church was growing, life seemed perfect, then sickness struck. For several years her husband battled with cancer before it claimed his life. But he built a testimony in that community that continues to live on.

Imagine the dilemma of that pastor’s wife. This is her home. This is her church. These are her people. Yet the grief she experiences in seeing another in the pulpit is almost more than she can bear. Memories rush in at the most unexpected moments. She finds her role as pastor’s wife is not laid aside as easily as a worn garment.

Time is a great healer. God does mend broken hearts. Sometimes she can continue on in her church and find fulfillment after her pastor-husband’s death. More often the Lord will allow her to go through her grieving process and

then lead her to another avenue of service.

God tenderly cares for His own. Although the pastor’s wife faces many hard places, I wouldn’t trade with anyone. The joys greatly outweigh the bad.

Someday I know we will leave our present parsonage, whether in death, to another work, or perhaps the church will see another pastor is needed. I want to keep my heart attuned to my heavenly Father and be sensitive to His leading.

Each morning I jump out of bed and look across the yard to our church buildings. I thank the Lord for allowing me the most honored position in the world—living in the church parsonage.

The Reeves have just celebrated their 18th birthday at the Soul’s Harbor FWB Church, Vinemont, Alabama. Their school, Vinemont Christian Academy, is in its 17th year. She does the bulletin boards.

Mrs. Reeves is an Auxiliary officer in the local, district, and state. She enjoys reading and gardening. Her four children are married and have given them seven grandchildren.

## A Tribute to My Pastor’s Wife

by Annetta Sexton

A gracious lady stands so tall,  
I know my words will speak for all.  
She works so hard to make things nice  
You don’t even have to ask her twice.  
Why, she even smiles when she’s in pain,  
She sees the sunshine through the rain.

She’s so pleasant to be around,  
Her laughter a melodious sound;  
Today she’s only one year older,  
(I’m sure she’ll only shrug her shoulder)  
For that won’t bother her one bit,  
She knows she’s keeping trim and fit.

Now I’ll close this ditty of mine  
Because I think it’s just about time  
We say “Happy Birthday” to a lady so kind  
The pastor’s wife is the lady in mind.



*A tribute to Barbara Kirkland, then pastor’s wife at the Selma Free Will Baptist Church, Selma, Alabama.*

# Women IN ACTION



*Ladies of the Fairview Auxiliary, Marion, North Carolina, present the skit, "You Want Me To Come To Auxiliary?" They also did the "Auxiliary Shopping Spree."*



*Florida State Line Auxiliary District and the Eastside Auxiliary, Dothan, Alabama, surprise Dave and Becky Franks, Uruguay, with a covered dish supper. In addition, they presented them with \$572 and motel reservations for three days. Ethel Vaughan, Eastside's president and district prayer chairman, handled most of the arrangements.*



*Mt. Olive Auxiliary, Plymouth, North Carolina, present their Emphasis program, "Pandora's Box." Mary Norris is president.*



*After the ladies of the Cofer's Chapel Auxiliary, Nashville, Tennessee, presented the Emphasis program, "Pandora's Box" for their church family, they repeated it for the Woodbine congregation.*



*First Auxiliary ladies, Blakely, Georgia, help Annie Lou Middleton, a nursing home resident and former member, celebrate her birthday. Pictured: Betty Day, Cindy Weaver, Judy Brank, Willie Clyde Henderson, Myrtice Paul (president), Madeline Hays and Karen Barber.*



*Alabama's state president, Paulette Scott, presents the Dave Franks, Jr., family, Uruguay, with a check for \$1876. This amount represented their LAMP project (Local Auxiliary Missions Project). Daughter Elizabeth holds a basket of goodies.*



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*Jean McCraney, president of the North Alabama district, receives an award for giving the most money to LAMP, their state's ongoing missions project. This district also won the banner for best attendance at the state meeting.*

# 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.*

## Battle of the Bulge

by Patty Newton

**I**f you believe in the Lord as much as you say you do, why don't you think He can help you lose weight?"

I could have slapped her. How dare that skinny-as-a-bean-pole person say that to me!

I had a weight problem to be sure. The scales tipped over 300 pounds, and how much farther, I won't say. All I had ever hoped for was to be a lot smaller. All I ever got was a lot larger. I couldn't blame it all on medical problems, although I tried. I knew it was basically a lack of self control. My weight caused me to be very shy and bashful. I avoided crowds, preferring to stay home alone.

God knew I needed a lot of encouragement. As my friend's words rang over and over in my head, a motto from my child-

hood surfaced: "God can do anything but fail."

One night before I went to bed, I turned the problem over to the Lord. I asked Him to help me through the long days ahead. I had started dieting at least a hundred times before and failed. I couldn't do it alone.

I had read enough to know that the best way to lose weight is to eat the right kinds of foods in moderation. I lacked the self control to back it up. But the next morning I took a long look at my eating habits and gave them to God. Already the devil was on hand reminding me of the many times I had failed. But I fooled him. I made it through the first hour, the first day, the first week. When I weighed at the end of the week, I had lost 25 pounds.

The months passed and the weight continued to consistently drop. I knew the Lord was helping me, so how could I fail? People began to notice and I enjoyed the compliments. Imagine my thrill when I could no longer wear my old clothes. Most of these were tent style dresses, but the others I took up. I gradually bought new clothes to go with the new me.

The day finally came when I had to go to my skinny friend and thank her for the little—or big—push she gave me that day.

I have lost a total of 156 pounds over the past three years. I haven't always lost, but I try to maintain that which I lose. If I gain, I work harder to get it off. Sometimes I don't lose

weight, but I lose inches. I know I haven't arrived. It's a constant struggle to maintain that loss. At this time in my life, I guess I need a little more pushing.

Perhaps you need encouragement in some area of your life. Your battle may not be with your weight, as was mine, but in some other area, as drugs, cigarettes, bad temper, an eating disorder, or some other work of the flesh. Help is available.

"If you believe in the Lord as much as you say you do, He can do anything but fail."

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*Patty Newton and husband, Wray, are members of the first FWB Church in Inman, South Carolina where Patty teaches kindergarten at the Inman Christian Academy. She is also president of the Woman's Auxiliary. They have one son, David.*



*Before*



*After*

# Book

## HIGHLIGHTS

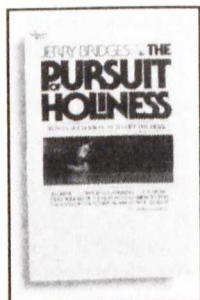
Books for the New Year

### THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

by Jerry Bridges

Navpress, 158pp, \$4.95

Reviewed by Diane M. Thomas



God commands us to "Be holy, for I am holy." But in a world where sin abounds, holiness becomes a tough fight that few Christians are willing to battle. The author believes the central

issue confronting Christians is they fail to understand their own responsibility for true holiness.

I personally thought holiness was something God would give me if I prayed for it. He seemed slow in responding. This book helped me see that holiness is a choice which I must embrace and strive for.

One quote that really hit home was: "Our first problem is that our attitude toward sin is more self-centered than God centered. God wants us to walk in obedience, not victory. Obedience is oriented toward God; victory is oriented toward self."

In the book's sequel, *The Practice of Godliness*, Bridges explores how to avoid or get out of the trap of being devoted to ministry, maturity, or reputation rather than God.

Both these books come with an accompanying study guide.

### A PERSONAL GRIEF & A REASONABLE FAITH

by Norma E. Sawyers

Dogwood Publishing, 140pp, hardback, \$11.95



*A Personal Grief & A Reasonable Faith* is a two-book volume describing a mother's journey from tragedy to triumph in understanding the Christian Faith. The first

book tells of the death of the author's young daughter, Karen, age 15. This great personal loss provides the springboard for her intense search for a reasonable faith.

The second book is a consequence of that search and provides insights and answers to contemporary religious questions, as "Is it wrong to doubt and question?" and "Why does God allow evil and suffering?"

This book is the author's first in a series on answers to questions about the Christian faith.

### IN SEARCH OF THE SOURCE

A First Encounter with God's Word

by Neil Anderson with Hyatt Moore

Multnomah, \$8.99



## A Woman God Has Used

Those who know her best address her as "Mammy" or "Sister Harris." If you look for her in a crowd, she'll most likely be surrounded by children. She has 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren of her own plus a raft of adopted ones. She still helps in the nursery of the Richland Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, a church her brother founded in the mid 1940's.

Lela Harris was born in Huntsville, Alabama more than 80 years ago. Her mother died when she was quite young. The oldest of several children, she helped raise the others until she married and moved to Nashville.

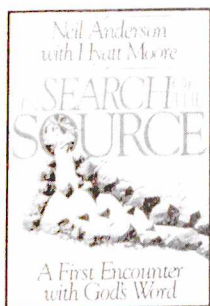
Sister Harris worked for 27 years as a seamstress, but her job never interfered with her church. She still does some sewing alterations, the income from which is her "Missions Money." A quiet woman, she rarely speaks out in a public meeting, but you can count on her. She gives generously of her meager income.

Grief is no stranger. She has buried her husband and five of their six children. Her husband suffered a stroke and she nursed him for four years before his death. All this has made her a compassionate person who migrates to hurting people in their hour of need.

Sister Harris loves retreats and has only missed one of the Ridgecrest ones. She's also a great walker. Last year in Tennessee's Walk-a-Thon for Foreign Missions, she raised more money than any other walker from her church.

God is still using this woman, even at age 81.

—Gladys Gragg



Neil and Carol Anderson spent 20 years translating the Scriptures for the Folepa people of Papua New Guinea. This compelling account of their ministry among a stone-age culture

reminds us of the raw power of God's Word to wrench human lives from darkness and flood the heart with light, understanding and peace.

Put this missions book high on your list for the new year.

WNAC does not stock these books. Please order them from your state bookstore, or from Randall Book Store, P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37211.

### Oasis

by Debbi Atwood

Lips parched, mouth dry.  
I am thirsty.  
I search for drink.  
Not one in sight.

Lord, how long can I survive?

This sweltering heat  
Of trials burns deep.  
Worries, like sharp cacti,  
Prick my mind and soul.  
The stinging is almost unbearable.

Once, hands wet with perspiration,  
I held on tight.  
Now my hands are cracked and stiff.  
It hurts.  
To let go would be so easy...

Wait!  
I see an oasis!  
Crawling in the hot sand, I  
Wonder if I'll make it.  
Falling down, I reach  
In and feel the coolness  
On my fingertips.  
Cupping my hands, I drink  
deeply.  
My lips and hands are  
Becoming soft and moist.  
The burning has stopped.  
I am no longer thirsty.  
I have survived!

# The POET'S CORNER



## Testimonies for the New Year

One Verse Excerpts from Creative Arts Contest Entries

Sometimes I feel so sad and blue,  
I feel forgotten, that is true;  
I feel discouraged, disheartened so much,  
But then I feel the Master's touch.

Edith Ellinger  
Williamsburg, VA

Oh Father, have I ever told You  
What You mean to me?  
How much my heart goes racing  
When I think of Calvary?

Judy Ridgway  
White Hall, AR

Some things happen in our lives  
We just don't understand;  
But never question, "Why, dear Lord?"

Just hold on to His hand.

Deborah Cowan  
Toms Brook, VA

I give my heart to Thee, Lord,  
I will live my life for Thee;  
Thy grace is always great, Lord,  
Thy love so vast and free.

Marjorie Stevenson  
New Durham, NH

His loving eyes are upon me,  
Step by step, He leads the way;  
His presence is ever near me,  
To guard and guide me each day.

Dot Barnes  
Plymouth, NC

Lord, I want to live so close to You

That I will never stray;  
But glorify Your holy name  
In all I do and say.

Kathryn Christy  
Ashland City, TN

I've been on the mountain top  
And in the valley below;  
I'm trusting the mighty hand of God

To guide me wherever I go.

Aileen Sparks  
Lovely, KY

These troubled times have some  
of us down,  
We wonder just where it will end;  
Or maybe this is just the beginning—  
Our Lord could be coming, my friend.

Vicki M. Fabbri  
Alton, NH

Open your heart's door to Him,  
Please don't tarry long;  
Our life is as a vapor,  
Tomorrow it may be gone.

Dawn Ridlen  
Creal Springs, IL

I'll always be thankful for all He's done,  
And for sending us His special One;  
The Lord's my rock, the wind behind my sail,  
My trust in Him shall never fail.

Rachel Smith  
Richmond, VA

So teach me, Holy Spirit Divine,  
How to discern Thy will, not mine;  
And I will leave my burdens there,  
That I may serve You anywhere.

Effie Gene Stapleton  
Danville, AR

# Appointed

## TO PRAY

### *Priez Pour Nous*

Pray for Us

by Ron Moore  
Missionary in Côte d'Ivoire

**A**s we left the States for Albertville, France, several missionaries warned jokingly, "If your marriage survives language school, it can survive anything." The smiles on their faces could not hide the sincerity of their voices or the seriousness in their eyes.

Our marriage has remained strong, yet I must admit their admonition was well founded.

Language school is an intensely traumatic period. This raises the logical question—why? What is it about language school that creates such a stressful environment? Here are some reasons gleaned from our experience.

**Separation.** For most missionaries, departure to language study is the beginning of their first prolonged period of separation from family and close personal friends. These important relationships provide essential emotional and spiritual support and furnish a critical outlet for dealing with stress.

Yet almost overnight, they are interrupted, placed at an arm's distance and restricted in their ability to provide support. Eventually new relationships will be established, but they take time to develop. In the meantime, stress takes this void and uses it for its depressive purpose.

**Guilt.** No Christian, much less a missionary, should carry around a baggage of guilt. Nonetheless, guilt has a way of packing itself in our suitcases when we leave the States. Because others are paying the bills and because our future ministry depends on our success in language school, we tend to feel guilty if we are not tops in our class or if we take a much needed break from studies. This guilt prods us to study harder and longer than we should. It produces mental, emotional and physical fatigue. It creates a fertile environment for stress to thrive.

**Culture.** To admit simply to a difference in culture is an obvious understatement. Even in France, a well-developed and civilized country, more striking differences exist than similarities.

In the first place, there's the language barrier. This is only part of the problem. The people think differently, shop differently, cook and eat differently, dress differently, drive differently, and in general, they approach almost every routine activity of life much differently than we. Adapting to these differences becomes a stressful experience.

**Role Reversal.** No, I'm not referring to a "house husband" or a "working wife." What I mean is that most missionaries leave ministries of leadership, such as

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## Personality Profile



**The Moores**  
**Ron and Linda**  
Côte d'Ivoire



**R**on was born into a military family, so moved frequently. He probably remembers Florida best since his teenage years were spent there. Friendly and easy-going, he has endeared himself to both missionaries and nationals.

Linda was raised near Mountain Grove, Missouri, the oldest of five daughters. She is not a chocoholic, but borders on it. Slim, neat and attractive, quiet and reserved, this clean and orderly girl cannot tolerate messiness in any form. She both sings and plays the piano and works with the women on the field.

The Moores are traveling in a mobile home during their furlough.

# Missionary Prayer Calendar

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

Please add your own state missionaries, associates and tentmakers to this list.

## January

- \* 4—Mark Thomas (CO)
- 11—Walter Ellison (Uruguay)
- 13—Karen Cowart (Brazil)
- 13—Jim Combs (Brazil)
- 14—Shirley Combs (Brazil)
- 24—Jerry Pinkerton (C'I)
- 26—Cathy Crawford (France)
- \*27—Linda Harvey (AZ)

## February

- 1—Linda Reeves (Spain)
- 2—Jim Cowart (Brazil)
- 5—Judy Bailey (Japan)
- \* 5—Bill Reagan (Canada)
- 7—Pam West (C'I)
- 8—Don McDonald (Japan)
- \* 9—Carlie Lloyd (WI)
- 11—Willa Johnson (KY)
- 11—Norman McFall (Brazil)
- 11—Linda Snow (Japan)
- 13—Rejane Eagleton (C'I)
- \*\*14—Janice Sasser (MD)
- \*14—Mitzi Munsey (Mexico)
- \*16—Sherry Reynolds (AZ)
- \*17—Ron Dail (VI)
- 17—Barbara Gibbs (France)
- \*\*19—Richard Hendrix (AL)
- 20—Tammy Gentuso (C'I)
- 21—Judy Lytle (Panama)
- 24—Glennnda Leatherbury (C'I)
- 26—Paul Gentuso (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)
- \* 7—Margaret Lloyd (WI)
- 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 (Uruguay)
- \*\*21—David Potete (IL)
- \*\*24—James Sasser (MD)
- \*\*25—Pamela Potete (IL)
- \*25—Howard Gwartney (AZ)
- \*26—Tom Hunt (WA)
- 27—Olana McLain (Japan)
- \*29—Lois Reagan (Canada)

## April

- 1—Bobby Aycock (Brazil)
- 9—Marie Hanna (India)
- 11—Ledgel Ferguson (C'I)
- 13—Charolette Tallent (France)
- \*18—Miguel Vera (Puerto Rico)
- \*24—Tim Coats (SD)
- \*25—Bill Johnson (KY)
- \*27—Mike Criswell (OR)

## May

- 4—Ron Moore (C'I)
- \*\*10—Delores Burns (GA)
- 11—Elaine Holland (C'I)
- 15—Mark Riggs (Spain)
- 16—Dale Bishop (Japan)
- 16—Susan Bumpus (Uruguay)
- \*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)

## June

- 2—Jean Deeds (Brazil)
- \*\* 2—Levan Hubbard (AR)
- 6—Stan Bunch (Panama)
- \*11—Kathy Donoho (IA)
- \*\*13—Vicki Hubbard (AR)
- 14—Steve Lytle (Panama)
- \*\*22—Bernice Hanna (SC)
- 24—Jim McLain (Japan)
- \*28—Ron Parker (LA)
- 29—Steve Riggs (France)

## July

- \*\* 2—David Burgess (IL)
- \*\* 6—Hope Nason (NH)
- \* 7—Wanda McClary (NE)
- 8—Mary Holland (Brazil)
- \*\* 9—Luther Burns (GA)
- \*11—Barbara Jones (Mexico)
- 13—Dennis Heath (Germany)
- \*\*19—Gail Fender (TN)
- 20—Robert Bryan (C'I)
- 20—Fred Hersey (Japan)
- \*\*22—Roy Roach (OH)
- 26—Sharon Ferguson (C'I)
- 27—Lynette Morgan (C'I)
- 27—Ron Callaway (Spain)
- 29—Dennis Teague (France)

## August

- \* 1—Alyne Maness (NJ)
- 1—Deleen Cousineau (C'I)
- 2—Judy Bryan (C'I)
- 3—Carlisle Hanna (India)
- 5—Dennis Owen (Uruguay)
- 6—Darrel Nichols (C'I)
- 7—Vicki Sturgill (Brazil)
- \* 7—Sandy Smith (OR)
- \*10—James Munsey (Mexico)
- \*12—Pat Nason (NH)
- 17—Jim Sturgill (Brazil)
- 7—Sandra Bishop (Japan)
- 29—Linda Callaway (Spain)
- \*\*31—Curtis Alligood (FL)

## September

- \*\* 1—Grace Williams (MO)
- 1—Rhoda Creech (C'I)
- 2—Ken Bailey (Japan)
- \*\* 4—Cathy Ramey (SC)
- 3—Sue Aycock (Brazil)
- 7—Susan Turnbough (Spain)
- 7—Mirial Gainer (Japan)
- 8—Jeff Turnbough (Spain)
- \* 8—Jerry McClary (NE)
- 9—Nancy Hughes (Brazil)
- \*10—Cliff Donoho (IA)
- \*\*11—Sandra McGowan (OH)
- \*12—Joel Nason (NH)
- 14—Carol Teague (France)
- 16—Sherwood Lee (C'I)
- \*17—Gail Criswell (OR)
- \*\*17—Laverne Alligood (FL)
- 19—Nathan Snow (Japan)
- 19—Curt Holland (Brazil)
- 20—Debbie Crosby (Spain)
- \*\*20—Danny Ramey (SC)
- \*\*20—Carolyn Hendrix (AL)
- \*\*25—Kathryn Wright (WV)
- \*25—George Harvey (AZ)
- 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)
- 3—Adelaida Vera (Puerto Rico)
- 5—Dave Franks (Brazil)
- 6—Carol Pinkerton (C'I)
- 6—Rebecca Franks (Uruguay)
- 8—Clint Morgan (C'I)
- \*\* 9—Dot Gore (MS)
- \*\*11—Ivan Asbury (IN)
- 11—Paul Creech (C'I)
- 13—Jerry Gibbs (France)
- \*13—Kathy Coats (SD)
- \*\*14—Jim Mertz (MO)
- \*\*16—Jim Williams (MO)
- 17—Geneva Poole (Brazil)
- \*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—Gerald Fender (TN)
- \*27—Donna Thomas (CO)
- \*\*28—Susan Burgess (IL)
- 31—Earnie Deeds (Brazil)

## November

- 2—Laura McFall (Brazil)
- 14—Marcia Ellison (Uruguay)
- 14—Patsy Vanhook (France)
- \*22—James Nason (NH)
- 27—Bessie Richards (C'I)
- 28—Bobby Poole (Brazil)
- 30—Kim Zegelen (Germany)
- 30—Dwain Crosby (Spain)

## December

- \*\* 1—Rose Mertz (MO)
- 2—J.L. Gore (MS)
- \*\* 4—Theresa Asbury (IN)
- 6—Juli Riggs (Spain)
- \* 6—Vergel Maness (NJ)
- \* 7—Russell Wright (WV)
- \* 8—Russell Johnson (WY)
- \* 8—Barbara Dail (VI)
- 9—Debbie Griffin (Japan)
- \*11—Fred Jones (Mexico)
- 14—Lonnie Sparks (Spain)
- \*14—Rosa Lee Thomas (CO)
- 18—Tom Hughes (Brazil)
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### Priez Pour Nous ... cont.

preaching and teaching. Suddenly they no longer lead but are being led. They no longer teach but are being taught.

This is not so difficult at first. The missionary welcomes a sabbatical from these demanding responsibilities. But because of the basic nature of most missionaries, a prolonged absence from such active duty generates restlessness, frustration and a degree of guilt as well.

The grace of God is more than sufficient to meet our needs and give victory over the forces of stress at work in language school. Why then am I sharing these things with you?

☐ I want you to sense the magnitude of the stress faced by missionaries while in language school, possibly the most stressful time of their missionary career.

☐ I want you to understand some of the forces at work which make this such a stressful period.

☐ I want to incite within you a commitment to struggle with the missionary through prayer against these depressive and defeating forces.

☐ I want to emphasize the sincerity of our gratitude for your diligence in praying for us and aiding us in our conquest over a most destructive enemy.

By the way, the next time you read in a missionary's newsletter that he is requesting prayer for language study, fall down on your knees. He means it!

*The Moores are now on their first furlough from Côte d'Ivoire.*

Four couples are in language study at this time: Paul and Tammy Gentuso, Côte d'Ivoire; Curt and Mary Holland, Campinas, Brazil; Dave and Becky Franks, Montevideo, Uruguay; Joe and Tanya Dudley, Nantes, France.

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### Thanks for the 5%

August 30, 1992

Dear Dr. Wisehart,

The members of the Cote d'Ivoire Field Council wish to express our appreciation to you, the WNAC officers, the home staff, state, district and local Auxiliaries. We have heard that the 5% cut being taken from all monies received will no longer be necessary.

We understand the 5% has been heavy upon your hearts also and was brought about only because it seemed there was no other way to help meet expenses. We are most grateful that another system will be used to help meet the need there in Antioch without funds being taken from gifts received for our accounts.

We as foreign missionaries are deeply grateful for all you do for us: our homes are filled with items from the provision closet that women have generously shared; our financial printouts reflect your faithful giving; our hearts are filled with your love and concern for us through the cards and letters you send ... and most of all, our lives are blessed, protected and encouraged as a result of the time you spend in prayers on our behalf. We praise God for your many ways of helping.

Working together as co-laborers, yet serving in various tasks all striving for the same purpose: To know Him and make Him known.

*Alice Smith*  
*Robert & Judy Bryan*  
*Robert & Pam LeKet*  
*Kenneth & Rejane Eggleston*  
*Ernest & Elaine Dolland*  
*Michel & Daleen Courmieu*  
*Jerry & Carol Pinkerton*  
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*Clint & Lynette Morgan*

## MISSIONS 2000

PRE-EASTER WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS  
WATCH FOR COMPLETE PLANS IN YOUR MARCH-APRIL ISSUE OF CO-LABORER

# Letters

## Our Missionaries Write

The whole month was dedicated to celebrate foreign missions. Special programs, music, banners and flags helped build excitement for the last Sunday's rally. Sunday school ended with an international dinner and cooks dressed in traditional costumes representing the tables of Chinese, Italian, Arabic, Portuguese, North American and Brazilian foods.

*Jim and Shirley Combs,  
Brazil*

Ten teenagers participated in TEAM-Brazil '92. A similar trip is planned for June, 1993, going to Panama. If you know of any high teens (completed the 10th, 11th or 12th grade of high school by next June) who might be interested in being a part of a mission ministry for two to three weeks, please ask them to write the Foreign Missions office for more information.

*Ken and Marvis Eagleton  
Antioch, Tennessee*

CPE is a principle supplier of evangelical Christian books for churches over half the continent of Africa. Our being here as part of the team helps insure that Bible-based, doctrinally sound materials will continue to be available.

*Robert and Judy Bryan,  
Côte d'Ivoire*

The Mission Board has given us permission to take a medical furlough. We don't know how long Evelyn will need chemotherapy. Fred will be traveling for the Foreign Missions department.

*Fred and Evelyn Hersey,  
Japan*

## Twelve-Year Recognition

Thank you for your gift in recognition of my 12 years with WNAC.

## Words for Women



*Mary Ruth Wisehart*

"**T**here was a time in the history of our women's work when women had to resort to box-suppers, quilt sales, bazaars, etc. in order to get money to give to missions, Christian education and orphanages; but a new day has dawned. As a result of our stewardship study courses, women are learning to give as good stewards," wrote Mrs. Agnes Frazier in the 1940 WNAC Manual.

Can that still be said of us today? With a higher standard of living, with many more "things" than our parents had, with more money, do we give as liberally to the Lord's work as our mothers and fathers gave?

What about the grace of giving in our lives?

Miss Laura Belle Barnard said, "We give out of our abundance." What is our sacrifice? She said, "Each one must decide what is her sacrifice. Giving up a Coca Cola, that is not sacrifice to me. Giving up a new Easter outfit is not sacrifice to me. But each must decide what is her sacrifice."

David said, "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing."

Remember Mary's offering to Jesus? At His feet she poured out what the scripture calls "precious," "very costly." Jesus commended her and said it will become a memorial to her.

What can I give to Him, precious, very costly?

At the beginning of this new year, Lord, help me know what of my precious, costly things I should offer to you. And help me offer willingly, gladly because I love.

It was a joy and learning experience for me.

*Peggy Outland  
Sesser, Illinois*

## Author is Identified

In our September-October issue I saw the poem, "Slow Me Down, Lord!" by "Author Unknown." We have the poem and the author is Wilfred A. Peterson from...Grand Rapids, Michigan.

*Mrs. Carl E. Parker  
McArthur, Ohio*

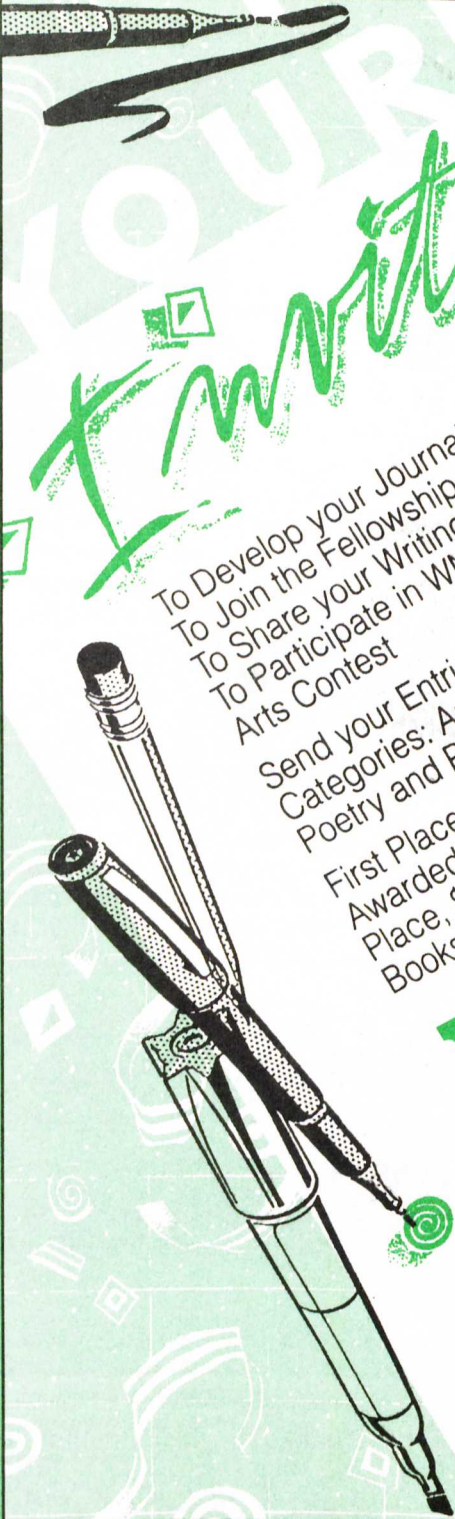
## Full-Color Cover

Thanks for this beautiful edition. We love the CO-LABORER. We voted to send you at least \$10 a month and sometimes we hope to send more.

*Betty Mutchler  
Millington, Tennessee*

The front cover is so beautiful.

*Delores Murph  
Plymouth, North Carolina*



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