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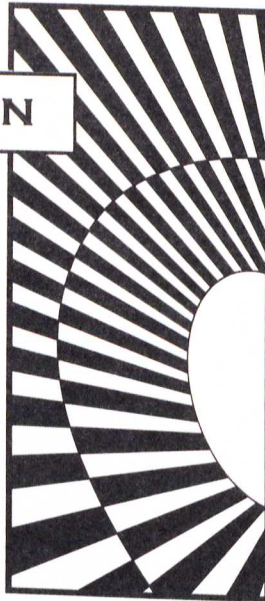
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HORIZON

MELISSA RIDDLE



MISSING HER

I cried today. I cried over someone I had only seen in passing, for a brief hello. A stranger on sight, a face faintly recalled from a card in a box. The face of Glennnda Leatherbury, missionary to Cote d' Ivoire, who was ushered into the arms of her Savior on October 15th, 1994. Having never really known her, I feel a tremendous loss.

I look at that prayer card now and see the light in her eyes, and I wonder, "Why couldn't you have taken someone less important, Lord?" Her expression is one of contentment at the thought of a place to serve her King. Her round face and soft features tell me of her kindness, of her assuring bedside manner that will no longer comfort the sick.

She was young--only 43--a Hillsdale and nursing school graduate. And she was called to do what so few can--spread the gospel of Christ to those who've never heard. Let no one think her less a servant because she was a woman. Ordination papers do not a missionary make. She was a missionary in every sense of the word. In the short time she was given, she served her Lord well.

I will miss her, just like the hundreds of Africans who will pass her grave in the dry ground of their homeland. Just as if I had sat many hours across a table from her, sipping coffee and drinking laughter. We should all miss her this much.

We should be happy, yes, that she's in the arms of Jesus. But we should all miss her. Miss her because there is a tremendous gap on the front line of the battle. Miss her because it will take years, if ever someone picks up her banner and carries it on the field of service. Miss her because so few are willing to take the Great Commission and run with it--all the way to Africa.

We should miss her and pray that God would raise up others to run. ❖

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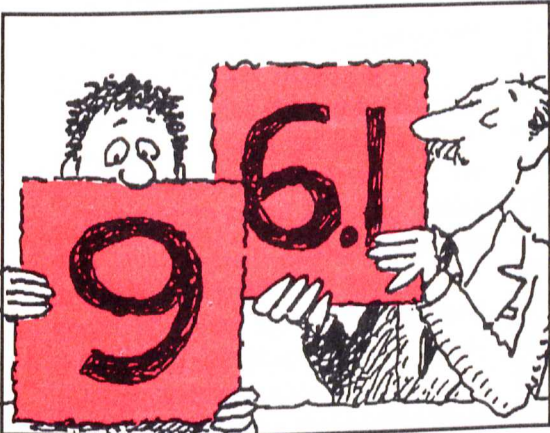
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JUDGES BEST.**

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With Talents That Abound

by Debbie Cavitt



After a short introduction, the speaker stepped to the front. In a few cleverly worded sentences she announced the subject she would be speaking on: talent. The topic was not popular; the audience winced, their expressions reflecting all too clearly the thoughts that filled their minds.

"Too bad my sister isn't here. She has the talent in our family."
"Oh, I used to be able to do lots of things, but now I'm too old."

"I hope Mrs. Duvall is listening. She knows how to do everything."

Why is it always easier to see the talents of others rather than our own? Quiz yourself and see how you do. Write down the names of three friends. Beside each name, list the talents you have noticed in their lives. Next write your name, and list your talents. (Don't be modest!)

Now, if you can think of absolutely nothing to list beside your name, it doesn't mean you're without talent. However, it does suggest that you should work on identifying them.

Is your list a bit short? Maybe there are things you have overlooked or forgotten. The fact is, if we could each do one thing,

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10,11

Purpose: To challenge and encourage Christians to actively use and develop the God-given talents that lie within us.

and do it well, the kingdom of God would take a giant stride forward.

Did you think of several things to list? Great! The beauty of your list will be variety. Very seldom will two people have the same combination of talents.

Identify

A newly married couple once received a lovely but unusual wedding gift. Unsure of quite what to do with it, they asked others for suggestions as to its proper identity. Still, the gift remained a mystery. It was a round cut glass container that stood about six inches high. There was a snug fitting lid that sat comfortably on top. The "thing" was too small to be a cookie jar and too big to be a sugar bowl. For years the "thing" was never used, but hidden on the back shelf of a kitchen cabinet. Then one

day, many years, later, as the young wife was redecorating their house, she needed a container that would fit into a specific area. It would need to be round and stand about six inches high. After several shopping trips failed to produce what she needed, (you guessed it!) she remembered the "thing." It was perfect! What had once seemed useless now filled a great need.

By failing to properly identify our talents we condemn them to useless shelf life, hidden and wasted. Seek out that hidden talent, and look for an opportunity to put it to use.

Where are your interests and hobbies? What do you enjoy doing? What do others compliment you on? Your answer can give insight into talents that may have gone unnoticed. Most hobbies can be used as talents if we are willing to share with others. What can you do? Do you

garden? Do you can your own vegetables? Make homemade baby food? Sew your own clothes?

Can you paint a room? Refinish furniture? With many families needing to economize, your knowledge and willingness to share, may truly be a God-send. Much of God's work is done on a one to one basis, by people who care enough to share their time and talent with others. You may not receive thunderous applause for this type of talent, but God will bless you with the rich and warm friendship of those you help.

Do you enjoy being around other people? Do you find it easy to meet and mingle with people you've never met before? Are you a good listener? Perhaps you have a versatile talent of hospitality.

Hospitality is comfortable in most any environment and a welcome addition to any occasion. Hospitality embraces those it is in contact with and makes them feel warm and accepted. "Use hospitality one to another..." I Peter 4:9

When we learn to identify our talents and become willing to use them, we have the opportunity to become missionaries in our own personal way. Each and every talent can and should be used to bring honor and glory to Jesus. A talent is useless if not share. It is through the sharing that we have the opportunity for evangelism.

When missionaries enter a new mission field they do not immediately walk up to people and begin to preach. Instead, time is first spent getting acquainted and building a bond of trust between themselves and those to whom they will be witnessing. Many times they share their talents with others before ever having the opportu-

nity to tell them of Jesus. They often share their knowledge of carpentry or gardening. Sometimes they teach basic sanitation measures or provide much needed medical attention. They offer information on food handling or classes on sewing. Missionaries must draw from a wealth of talents that God has blessed them with. We must do the same if we are to reach our neighbors and friends.

Improve

Many of our "shelved" talents are hidden behind the ol' human insecurities of fear and inferiority. To make our talents usable we will need to ask the Lord for help and guidance. Next we will need a willingness to actively improve the raw talent until it is ready for use.

Several years ago two local Auxiliaries agreed to meet together for a special combined monthly meeting. It was during this meeting that a woman came forward to sing. She explained most enthusiastically that the lady who would accompany her was a new piano student. She also shared the feeling of pride which she and the church felt for the new talent they had in their congregation. As the singer and the pianist rendered their song, the faces of all who listened reflected the appreciation and pride each felt in their heart. The talent was new and unpolished, but it filled a much needed job in their church.

Are we willing to study and learn a new talent or are we frightened at the thought of not being "good enough?" "Good enough" for what? or whom? Many of God's most talented workers have felt the pangs of inadequacy. Do you remember when Moses confronted the Lord

with this problem?

"...I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue." Exodus 4:10

Our talents do not have to be the best to be good. Many times the work of God has been hindered by those who "wouldn't" because they weren't best. You may not be best, but you may be exactly what God wants for a particular job. When that is the case, no one can do the job as effectively as you. If you feel inadequate and uncomfortable with your talents, learn more about your area of interest. Read books, take lessons, talk with others who are knowledgeable. Then practice...

practice...PRACTICE!

Explaining how to improve a talent is much like explaining the correct way to make vegetable soup. There are any number of ways to do it and you must experiment until you find the combination that works best for you; however, after a reasonable time of practice and preparation, there has to be a first time experience. Most people can share similar stories of nervousness, a common bond that unites professionals and nonprofessionals alike. So accept the nervousness and determine in your heart that you and God will be able to work through it together.

Inspire

With many backyards in the neighborhood boasting a vegetable garden, an energetic housewife decided she too would

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Recipe Of Love

by Pearl Coughran



Aim: to evaluate our life, to put self aside and love others as God directs.

Song: Love Lifted Me

Scripture: II Chron. 10:7, Proverbs 9:8, Isaiah 41:7, Phil. 4:15, I Peter 1:7, Psalm 60:11, 108:12.

Suggestions: During presentation, an actual recipe could be demonstrated. A no-bake, mix together and serve dish would work well, and the group could enjoy it together afterwards. Favors could be anything related to recipes, baking, cooking, etc. Before leaving, give out recipe cards with a "try at home" assignment--an act of love to accomplish that week.

Not the Same Ol' Thing

Most of us find new recipes exciting. Why? Because the same old things week after week can get monotonous. Life is supposed to be full of surprises. That's what keeps us excited about living.

The Christian life should never be dull. It should never get "old hat." The recipe is designed to make life deliciously sweet, a dish for every day, without exception.

The List of Ingredients

It's always exciting to get a new, "sure thing" recipe. I always read the list of ingredients first to see if I can jump right in

and start baking. Any recipe worth its salt comes with a complete ingredient list, and everyone knows that substituting can drastically alter the recipe. Stick with what's on the list, and unless your oven explodes, you're bound to turn out a winner.

Ingredient One: Kindness

Two cups of kindness in your thoughts toward others is essential. I Corinthians 13:4 tells us that love endures a lot and is kind. And according to Luke 6:35, kindness isn't just for those who are kind to us. We are to pour kindness on those who are unthoughtful, even sinful. We are to follow

Christ's example of kindness to the unlovely and unlovable. There is no room for spite or a critical spirit in our life recipe.

Ingredient Two: Understanding

How many times have we gone into a situation--quick to speak our minds--without fully understanding the problem? One cup of understanding is essential if we hope to minister to others. Proverbs 3:5 tells us not to lean on our own understanding but on God's, who can and will give us a peace beyond understanding (Phil. 4:7). God will have no mercy on those who have no understanding (Is. 27:11). How important, then, is it that we gain wisdom and understanding through a close walk with God?

Ingredient Three: Encouragement

One very important, but often overlooked ingredient of life's recipe is encouragement. Everyone, at some time, needs to be encouraged. Moses needed it. King David needed it. The Apostle Paul needed it. Chances are even the people you think don't need it, need it. Make the time to en-

courage one person every day. Ask God to show you opportunities to lift the spirits of those who need it.

Ingredient Four: Concern

Now add 1/2 cup of concern. The loneliest person in the world is the one with no concern for anyone besides herself. Self-absorbed, self-centered, self-righteous--whatever you call it, lack of concern is a sin that leaves one empty and void on the inside.

Are you concerned about the needs around you? That lost neighbor or co-worker who needs Jesus in her life? Evelyn Christenson's book, *Lord, Change Me*, is a wonderful book that will open your heart to the need of concern for others.

Ingredient Five: Praise

One tablespoon of praise makes this recipe extra special. Everyone responds to praise, adults and children alike. Look for things to compliment in others, and do so in front of others. Be generous with your praise. Even a little goes a long way.

Let the book of Psalms be your teacher.

It is filled with praise to God, words of encouragement and adoration. Psalm 50:23 says, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me." God expects praise from us--in song, in work, in our praise of others. God's praise is more desirable than the praise of people, so when you are not praised or appreciated often or well, remember God's eyes see all.

Final Ingredient: Helpfulness

One teaspoon of helpfulness is the final ingredient, without which the recipe will taste a little "off." Too many times we say we can't do this or can't do that. There are very few things that aren't worth trying, even if we don't think we can do the job. God knows what our talents are, and with Him all things are possible. A spirit of helpfulness is the willingness to try a task, even if you really don't want to. We need to ask Him to help us be a helper. Prayer is a way everyone can help. One teaspoon could be all we need.

Jazzing It Up

The recipe ends here, but that doesn't mean you can't add your

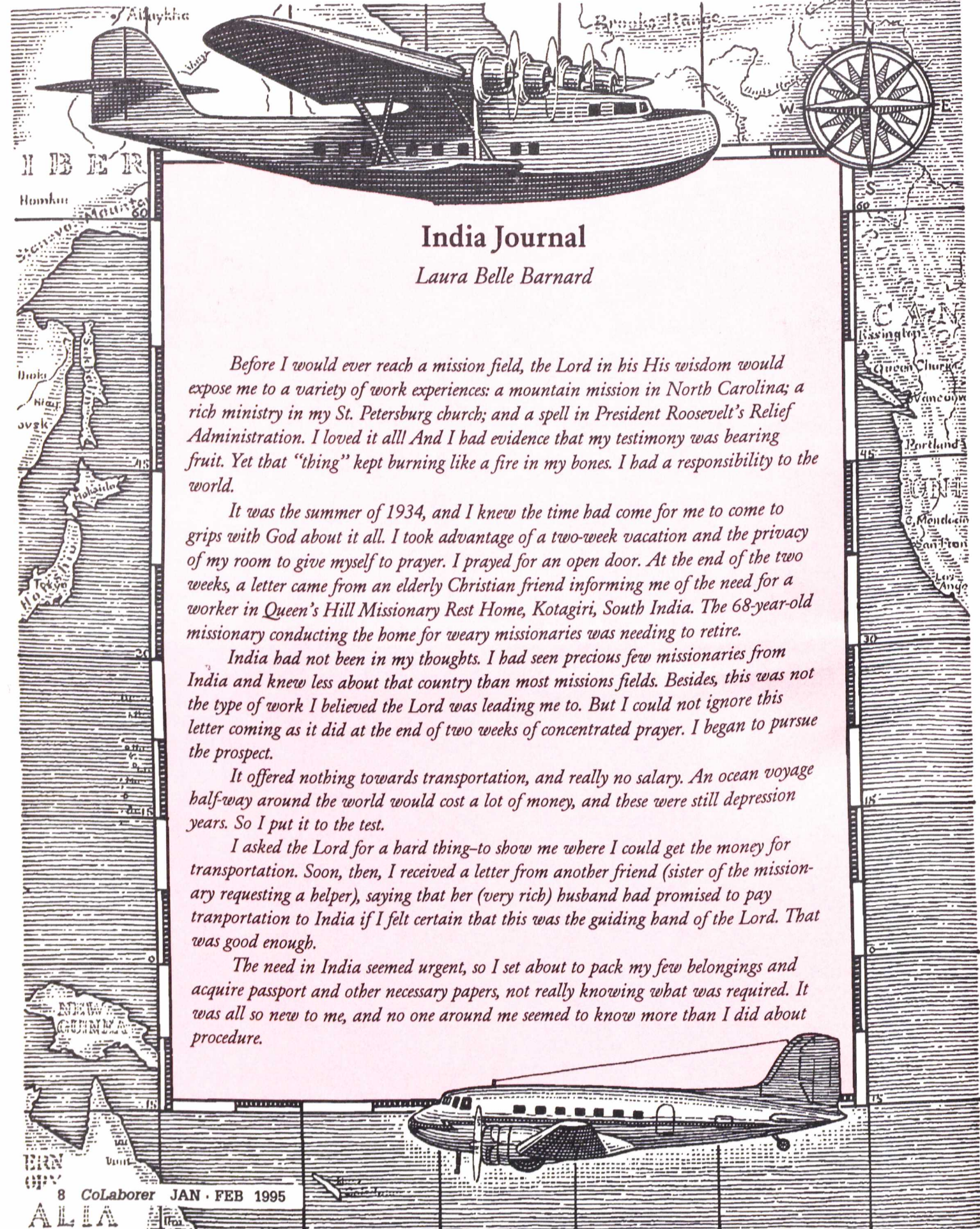
own personal touches to it. Use your own special ingredients to add flair to this recipe, to make it your very own.

Wrap Up

Recipes are built upon mathematical equations. All of these ingredients = LOVE, and LOVE results in JOY. Jesus. Others. You. In that order. It is a recipe worth sharing everyday. A recipe of LOVE. ❖



Pearl Coughran lives in
Tulare, California.



India Journal

Laura Belle Barnard

Before I would ever reach a mission field, the Lord in his His wisdom would expose me to a variety of work experiences: a mountain mission in North Carolina; a rich ministry in my St. Petersburg church; and a spell in President Roosevelt's Relief Administration. I loved it all! And I had evidence that my testimony was bearing fruit. Yet that "thing" kept burning like a fire in my bones. I had a responsibility to the world.

It was the summer of 1934, and I knew the time had come for me to come to grips with God about it all. I took advantage of a two-week vacation and the privacy of my room to give myself to prayer. I prayed for an open door. At the end of the two weeks, a letter came from an elderly Christian friend informing me of the need for a worker in Queen's Hill Missionary Rest Home, Kotagiri, South India. The 68-year-old missionary conducting the home for weary missionaries was needing to retire.

India had not been in my thoughts. I had seen precious few missionaries from India and knew less about that country than most missions fields. Besides, this was not the type of work I believed the Lord was leading me to. But I could not ignore this letter coming as it did at the end of two weeks of concentrated prayer. I began to pursue the prospect.

It offered nothing towards transportation, and really no salary. An ocean voyage half-way around the world would cost a lot of money, and these were still depression years. So I put it to the test.

I asked the Lord for a hard thing—to show me where I could get the money for transportation. Soon, then, I received a letter from another friend (sister of the missionary requesting a helper), saying that her (very rich) husband had promised to pay transportation to India if I felt certain that this was the guiding hand of the Lord. That was good enough.

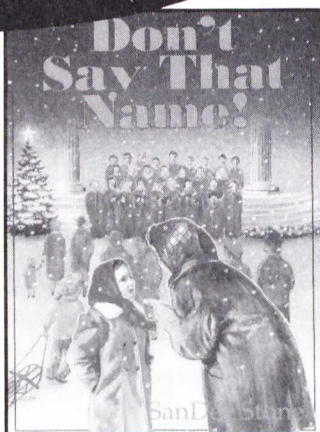
The need in India seemed urgent, so I set about to pack my few belongings and acquire passport and other necessary papers, not really knowing what was required. It was all so new to me, and no one around me seemed to know more than I did about procedure.

Recommended Reading . . .

Don't Say That Name!

by SanDee Stone

Milton Publishing Company, Inc.,
Look Out Mountain, Tn 37350. 1994
\$14.95



As 10-year-old SanDee longed to join in the singing of "Away in A Manger," her mother whispered, "Sing, but DON'T SAY THAT NAME! Hum when you get to it." For years afterward she wondered who was this baby the carolers sang about and what would happen if she said that name.

If you heard SanDee Stone speak at the 1994 WNAC convention, you'll want to get this book and read the rest of the story. If you didn't hear her speak, you'll want to buy this book to read the entire story.

SanDee Stone was reared in a Jewish family. At nineteen she fled from her parents to Las Vegas. She came to know Christ because of a Gideon Bible placed in the Fremont Hotel in Las Vegas.

She began to read the Bible she found in her hotel room beginning with Matthew's gospel. Finally she prayed, "Jesus, I believe that you are my Messiah. Teach me to follow you." She found out what would happen if she said that name. She was filled with incredible joy and peace.

From that point on SanDee's life is a life of faith, constantly following God's leading.

The book recounts the stories of SanDee, her husband, Jim, and their children as they live the life of faith. Read about SanDee's experience with cancer and God's healing. See how God provides for the whole family when they decide to trust Him completely for their needs. Follow SanDee as a midwife in the Arkansas mountains.

The joyful experiences are much a part of the Stones' lives, but painful experiences are a part as well. The book recounts how the family handles a daughter's unfortunate marriage. A parent with Alzheimer's disease, unsaved parents, an attempted smear campaign.

With God's help the Stones face these trials and others as well.

SanDee unfolds the story of God's grace in thirteen chapters, each one acknowledging Him. A sample of the titles will give you a flavor of the content. Acknowledging Him as protector, realtor, parenthood planner, travel agent, and of course as Savior and as *That Name*.

Ask your Christian bookstore about the book, or you may order it from Randall Bookstore.❖

It's that time again.

The WNAC Creative Arts Contest

Deadline: March 1

Rules:

1. To enter, you must be a member of a WNAC group and/or attend a FWB church.
2. No fees are required, and multiple entries may be submitted. Poetry submissions are limited to six per person and should be no longer than 21 lines.
3. All entries must be postmarked by March 1st to be eligible for the contest. Any entries submitted after that date will be held for the 1996 contest.
4. All manuscripts should be typed and will become the property of WNAC.
5. Include name, address, telephone number, and church name/city on every page of each entry. Also specify which category each entry is submitted for.

Send all entries to:

WNAC

Creative Arts Contest

P.O. Box 5002

Antioch, TN 37011-5002

An interview with *Molly Barker*, missionary to Uruguay



Molly Barker has been serving as a Free Will Baptist missionary in Uruguay since 1965.

Q: How did the Lord lead you to Uruguay?

A: After I finished FWBBC, I worked for two years under the HM Department on the border of Arizona and Mexico. I took my nurses training thinking I would return to Mexico, but God closed that door. When I was told of the need in Uruguay, I prayed for God's leadership. He gave me peace, and so I have been here for almost 29 years, serving Him.

Q: What is the most frustrating part of your ministry?

A: I'm not sure about the most frustrating, but one is the medical attention patients get when I take them to the hospital. The equipment is old, and there is a shortage of medicines, supplies, etc. Another is the economic situation here. Many of our folks work two jobs just to keep their heads above water.

Q: Tell us something surprising about the Uruguayan people.

A: I have been here so long, not much surprises me anymore, but I think the Uruguayans can piece cars together and keep them running longer than most people.

Q: Do you experience loneliness?

A: At times I get lonely--not real often--but when I do, I go visiting some of our Christian people or get busy working, cleaning house or something to get my thoughts on other things.

Q: How does being single and female affect your ministry?

A: Being single has made me more flexible for my work. I don't have to rush home to cook or get kids off to school. I can finish whatever I'm doing. God has given me, as a woman, a ministry among the children and women.

Q: Who encourages you?

A: God encourages me through His word and by laying it on the hearts of His people to write to me.

Q: Tell us about an opportunity you have had to share Christ with an unsaved person.

A: I had the privilege recently to witness to a 74 year old sister to the widow I stay with in Melo. She and her 82 year old brother were among the first won to Christ by FWB missionaries in Melo, but their sister continued in the Catholic church, not really knowing or understanding much about that doctrine. When she became sick, her sister and I would get to visit her more often. We started praying for her, and I wanted to witness to her every visit, but there was always a constant flow of visitors. One day, our prayers were answered and between visitors, we had a chance to witness to her. After visitors, she would ask questions and before we left, she asked God's forgiveness. She still has to struggle with old habits, like saying, "If God and the virgin Mary permits..." and she has expressed fear about removing little saints from the walls, so she still needs prayer and instruction in the Word to know the truth.

Q: How can FWB women pray for you?

A: Pray about Mom's health. She has inflammation of the temporal artery that is causing heart problems and could lead to blindness. Also pray for our D.V.B. schools and our family camp (Dec-Feb).

May God continue to bless us all as we serve Him together,
Molly Barker❖

The 8th National WNAC Retreat at Ridgecrest

"A total blessing!"



Over 600 women gathered for the 8th WNAC National Retreat at Ridgecrest, North Carolina held September 15-17 at the Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center. Almost half were first time guests, and the excitement was evident.

The Message

Lois Miller, 38-year veteran OMS missionary to Equador, Greece, and Spain, was the featured guest speaker for the retreat, and each service was a blessing. Mrs. Miller and her husband, Bill, now live in Bradenton, FL and are active supporters of missions worldwide. Her winning smile and captivating storytelling moved the audience nightly.

Mrs. Miller challenged the women to make a conscious commitment to the important, to knowing God, to godly living with persistence, to discipline and obedience. Here are just a few of the gems she passed on:

"Faith comes by the word of God, not by a good feeling."

"God wants ALL, ALL, ALL."

"The very best is to seek His Kingdom. Period."

"Devotional life is the appetizer for real Bible study."

"Feelings are not dependable. God's Word is."

On Friday evening, Mrs. Miller emphasized our need to praise the Lord. "Praise is only the beginning of prayer," she said. She examined the different forms of praise in the Bible: praise extending the hands (Ps. 100:4); a chorus of praise (Neh 12:40); lifting hands high (Neh 8:6); shouting praise loudly (Ps. 37, 47); jubilant voice in the Spirit (Jer. 31:7); exclaimed from the mountain (Is. 42:11-13); praise with stringed instruments (Ps. 144:9, 147:1,7); praise prostrate before the Lord (Neh. 8:6); and an attitude of praise, in silence (Ps. 68:19). The audience had an opportunity to praise the Lord using these examples.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

1995 has hit us right between the eyes. Just five years short of the 21st century. Five years away from writing 20 over the 19 and zero-zero on the dateline in our checkbooks. 1,825 days away from the year 2000.

If the Lord chooses not to return, what will your life be like in January, 2000?

Some of us will be first-time-somethings. In five years, some among us will go from financial security to bankruptcy. Some will go from good health to terminal illness. Some will see their children have children. Some will not see their children grow up.

No amount of careful planning or strict adherence to "the rules," will ensure that our lives will be what we'd hoped in the year 2000. We can set goals and work on them--and we should--but there is no guarantee that our houses will not burn or that our children will fair well. There is no way to know who will be smiling when the game of life is winding down.

But when we stop and think about who God is, in the magnifying glass of Revelation 1:8, life really is a piece of cake:

***Revelation 1:8, says,
"I am the Alpha and Omega,
the beginning and the ending,
said the Lord, which is, and
which was, and which is to
come, the Almighty."***

With all its wonderful and worst, every year belongs to the Lord. ♦

Poet's Corner

Unshakeable

Cindy Essex-Walker, Cookeville, TN

We are exhorted
not to be taken in by every doctrine
or blown away by every false wind.

We are to be grounded, always
abounding in the work of the Lord.
We are to stand guard
with the Word as our sword.

We are to be growing.
That way we will know
what is of the Spirit
and what is of the foe.

We are to be grateful.
Thankfulness will keep us
from turning aside.
We have been too blessed
to take our christianity in stride.

When we are grounded, growing,
and grateful,
we will prosper in all.
A Christian with these qualities
will be less likely to fall.

The Promise of Sunset

Mary Ann Hays, Van Buren, AR

The promise of a sunset, what is it
that holds, unnoticed, it silently
whispers with tender reds and golds.

But creatures are too busy to care to
heed the West where the most
radiant of heavenly bodies is creeping
'neath earth's crest.

Shadowing blue sky sinking fast yet
slipping slowly, in reverence of
leaving the day, its ritual almost holy.

A tear slides down the soft face
of the single scene's beholder;
in loneliness, her heart breaks with
no one there to hold her.

Yet peace begins to soothe her as
she takes in the scene above

and God seems ever near her,
His sunset's promise of love.

Priorities

Tawana Williams, Krebs, OK
4th place 1994 CAC

When you come to see me, just
forgive the mess.
I don't put priority on cleaning house,
I guess.

If someone needs me, or if I've
something to do,
The house just has to wait
until I get through.

People are far more important to me,
than the dust on the coffee table you
happen to see.

Oh, I'll clean it someday, make it
shine real bright,
But my neighbor needs my help, so I
won't do it tonight.

Maybe tomorrow I'll have time for
myself,
and then I'll sweep the floors, maybe
dust the shelf.

But if somebody calls me, they need
me to come,
Once again it can wait, after all--it's
my home.

So if I'm happy, and it's comfortable
for me,
Then tell me what's so very wrong
with my priorities.

For the good Lord gave it, He can
take it away,
But He won't forgive me if it gets in
the way

Of doing His work,
while I have the time to
And sharing His Word and my time
with folks like you. ♦

Missionary Birthdays 1995

This new, expanded birthday calendar is designed to include the entire missionary family. It includes all missionaries—husbands, wives, singles, and dependent children. We have tried to include everyone, but mistakes are easy to make when dealing with several different lists, old and new. Please let us know if we have left someone out inadvertently or if the information listed is incorrect.

January

HM

- 1 Odie Whitehead, FL
- 3 Candace Blanchard, NM
- 4 Mark Thomas, CO
- 10 MK, Evan McDonald, JPN
- 25 MK, Cindy Harvey, AZ
- 25 MK, Jennifer Bailey, JPN
- 26 Jane Keen, SC
- 27 Linda Harvey, AZ
- 29 Betty Plunkett, CI
- 31 MK, Michele Wilson, FL

FM

- 3 MK, Joseph Bryan, C'I
- 4 MK, Jonathan Bunch, PAN
- 9 MK, Jennifer Bryan, C'I
- 9 MK, Joel Gibbs, FR
- 11 Walter Ellison, UR
- 13 Jim Combs, BR
- 14 Shirley Combs, BR
- 22 MK, Joel Teague, FR
- 24 Jerry Pinkerton, C'I
- 26 Cathy Crawford, FR

February

HM

- 1 MK, Mindy Collins, NE
- 4 Mona Austin, GER
- 5 Bill Reagan, Canada
- 7 Larry Williams, GA
- 9 Ava Cooper, CA
- 9 Carlie Lloyd, WI
- 11 MK, Chad Donoho, IA
- 14 Mitzi Munsey, Mexico
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- 16 MK, Julia Potete, IL
- 21 David Potete, IL
- 23 Margaret Lloyd, WI
- 25 Howard Gwartney, AZ
- 25 Pamela Potete, IL
- 26 MK, Jonathan Lewis, CO
- 29 Lois Reagan, Canada

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- 6 MK, Ethan Pascall, CI
- 7 Patti McCullough, FR
- 8 Michael Lytle, PAN
- 9 Kristina Cousineau, C'I
- 13 Charolette Tallent, FR
- 14 Linda Moore, CI
- 14 Allan Crowson, FR
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- 9 MK, Christina Sloan, IN
- 9 Betty Bishop, Germany
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- 11 Ledgel Ferguson, CI
- 12 MK, Rachel VanWinkle, KS
- 13 MK, Timothy Roach, OH
- 13 Charolette Tallent, FR
- 18 Ramona VanWinkle, KS
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- 20 MK, Caleb Sloan, IN
- 21 MK, Kerri Hunt, WA
- 21 MK, Rebekah Lloyd, WI
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- 27 MK, Brett Fender, TN

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- 14 MK, Sarah Nichols, C'I
- 14 MK, Amy McDonald, JPN
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- 26 MK, Natalie Crowson, FR
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- 13 Vicki Hubbard, AR
- 20 Roy Wilson, FL
- 22 MK, Haylee Hubbard, AR
- 22 Ron Parker, LA
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- 26 MK, Rebekah Potete, IL
- 28 Nelda Gwartney, OK

FM

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- 7 Kathy Paschall, CI
- 10 MK, Elizabeth Franks, UR
- 14 Steve Lytle, PAN
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- 22 MK, Matthew Turnbough, SP
- 23 MK, Rebekah Nichols, C'I
- 24 Jim McLain, JPN
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- 8 MK, Darren Fender, TN
- 9 Luther Burns, CA
- 11 Barbara Jones, AL

19 Gail Fender, TN
 21 Bonnie Doggett, IL
 22 Roy Roach, OH
 29 MK, Janice Donoho, IA
 29 Maj. Kerry Steedley, GA
 30 Brenda Steedley, CA

FM

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 20 Robert Bryan, C'I
 20 Fred Hersey, JPN
 20 MK, Marc Gibbs, FR
 22 MK, Amber Holland, BR
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 24 MK, Laura Riggs, FR
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 27 Lynette Morgan, C'I
 27 Ron Callaway, SP
 29 Dennis Teague, FR

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 16 MK, Ruben Vera, PR
 18 MK, Timothy Lloyd, WI
 20 MK, Lauren Barber, SC
 30 Terry Austin, Chaplain
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 2 Judy Bryan, C'I
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November

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Springboard:

Innovative Ideas for WNAC Officers

Coordinator

It's an age-old problem: How to get women involved in WNAC. January is Enlistment Month for WNAC, and new ideas are often hard to come by. Have you purchased the latest Enlistment Ideas? If not, write or call the WNAC office and request a copy today. In it, there are several great ideas for getting women to participate. In fact, ideas for the whole year are included in the book. The cost is \$2.10, which includes p&h.

Asst. Coordinator

The program for January looks at talents in the life of the Christian. God gives each of us spiritual gifts (talents) that enable us to serve Him. Enlistment is all about helping women see how they can use their gifts within the structure of your women's group. How they can participate in the great commission by being a part of a motivated, loving group of service-minded women, as well as how they can be ministered to in your group. We suggest you use January's program for your enlistment program, but if you'd like another option (or if you have two meetings: your regular monthly and a special enlistment meeting), just write and request an additional enlistment program. But do it early. You'll want plenty of time to prepare

A series of posters (cut in half) could emphasize how God is using the individuals in your group to reach others. Example: one poster could read, "At only 5'3" she's reached around the world to help bandage wounds in the Ivory Coast." Another could read, "Even with a houseful of kids, she made time to comfort a lonely widow." Don't indicate who these women are, but on the last poster, write, "Come meet these wonderful women. They might be contagious." Give the time, date, and place of your meeting.

Also, begin planning now for a special Valentine's Banquet for Missions. Missionaries on furlough would be ideal speakers for your banquet (of course, plan with your pastor); you can call the Foreign Missions Department to see who's available. If this is not possible, plan to do something 'out of love' for a missionary during the month of February. What about a gift certificate to a Christian bookstore or grocery store; silk flower arrangement for church/home; bath products for her, books/organizers for him; a night's stay at a nearby hotel; or a special gift to their missions account along with a note telling them about it.

Devotional Outline

Love From the Heart

Romans 5:5

"While faith makes all things possible, love makes all things easy."

I. When does Christian love begin?

A: (John 17:26) The Gift of Love

-We love the Word of God

-We love the House of God

-We love the People of God

B: (Phil. 1:9) The Growth of Love

II. What should Christian love become?

A. The motive for service

B. The measure of surrender

-ceasing to resist, to struggle against, and withhold

III. How does Christian love behave?

A. The standard of love is high

B. The sequel of love is security

*--Christ feels the pulse
"Lovest thou me?"*

(Add your own illustrations, Bible verses/stories, etc. to make this outline more personal to your women's group.)

Secretary/Treasurer

Beancounters often do not get the appreciation they deserve. People tend to forget that secretaries and treasurers do so much behind the scenes that if they stop, what's going on out front wouldn't be going on at all. But just keep in mind, the Lord has placed you in this position for a reason, and your pursuit of excellence glorifies Him. Keep up the good work, and don't forget to ask for help if you need it. A new calendar year may mean some changes for your record-keeping. Make a resolution to stay on top of it.

Missions Chairman

This issue concludes the series of MissionCall articles about single FWB missionaries. The interview with Molly Barker is a great way to start off the year right, getting your women in a missions frame of mind. Suggest to your group that each one commit to writing a single missionary at least once a month. Their names and addresses are listed in the FM directory.

Also, you'll note that the Laura Belle Barnard journal continues in this issue of *CoLaborer*. Miss Barnard was a pioneer if ever there was one, and her story will inspire even the most nonchalant woman to see how the power of God uses people to accomplish unbelievable things. If you haven't read Miss Barnard's book, *Touching the Untouchables*, get it today. You can share more of her story with your women. Lorene Miley's book, *First Fruits: Answered Prayer on the Mission Field*, is also a must for your missions collections. The stories are short enough that you could share one at each meeting. To order *First Fruits*, fill out the 1995 Order Form on page 23.

Prayer Chairman

The 1995 WNAC Theme is "Great and Mighty Things Through Prayer." Jeremiah 33:3 is the key verse for this theme. Doesn't it stand to reason that if we really believe Jeremiah 33:3, we'd do a lot more praying? Take a few minutes in your January meeting to ask your women what great and mighty things they would like to see God do this year. What may seem great to one will seem small to another. Make a list of names and needs, and then copy it. Give a copy to each woman, with the Jeremiah 33:3 printed at the top. At each subsequent meeting, ask the women to share how God is working in those situations, and pray consistently for the needs. This is an excellent time to set-up prayer partners, chains, etc.

Need extra motivation to pray? Pam Wood can give it to you. Pam spoke on prayer at the 1994 WNAC Retreat at Ridgecrest, NC. See the tape order form on page 19.

Service Chairman

The beginning of a new year is an excellent time to review what the Lord has accomplished through your group. Look back over the past twelve months and share specific things your group has accomplished. The list may contain monies raised for specific missionaries, state projects, etc. It may include special services you have provided for the church family. It may describe how the women have ministered to the community. After you've reviewed the year, ask your group to share how the group has helped them personally,

*Fed up with
with flowers?*

*Had enough of those
chocolate-covered,
take-a-guess candies?*

*Tired of getting "Honey,
I love you" cards just
because some guy wanted
to make a buck?*

HID IN MY HEART

Proverbs 16:2-7

*All the ways of man are clean
in his own eyes; but the Lord
weigheth the spirits.*

*Commit thy works unto the
Lord, and thy thoughts shall
be established.*

*The Lord hath made all things
for himself; yea, even the
wicked for the day of evil.*

*Every one that is proud in
heart is an abomination to the
Lord; though hand join in
hand, he shall not be unpun-
ished.*

*By mercy and truth iniquity is
purged: and by the fear of the
Lord men depart from evil.*

*When a man's ways please
the Lord, he maketh even his
enemies to be at peace with
him.*

spiritually this year. Women helping other women grow in Christ. No doubt the core group of women in your church minister to each other--comforting, encouraging, praying, and giving--on a regular basis. Spend time praising the Father for the past year's accomplishments, for what He has done through and for you.

Then brainstorm about 1995. Give each woman in your group a half sheet of paper with the following questions written out. Leave room after each question for their answers.

1. *Has God given you a burden for a particular missionary family? If so, whom? If not, begin praying that He will bring someone to your mind/ heart in the coming weeks.*
2. *Who can our women's group help right here in _____ County?*
3. *What can we do for our church this year?*
4. *What can we do as a group to grow closer to each other and to reach the other women in our church?*
5. *How can this women's group help you personally? Be specific.*

Talk about these answers in your February meeting. Decide what your service goals will be for the year regarding missions, your community, your church, your group, and each woman individually. Aim high. God deserves our very best.

(back of invitation)

Well, neither are we.

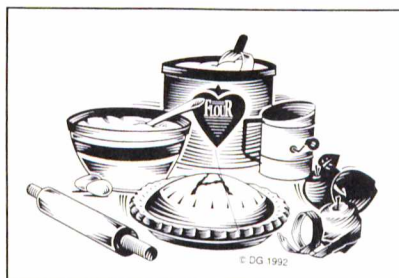
*If you're a fool for love,
join a whole group of
others just like you.*

Time:

Date:

Place:

Occasion:



**JANUARY
Invitation or Take-Home**

Buy or make some colorful recipe cards and type/print Pearl Coughran's recipe of love from pages 4-5.

If you are wanting to use them as invitations, type/write "Come watch (whomever is presenting the program) bake up a big batch on (date) at (time) in (place). Lots of free samples to be given away!"

If you are wanting to use them as take-home prayer reminders, type/write practical ways to apply the recipe in the coming week.

**Lucy & Marge
"The Numbers"**

Marge: Did you know there are a total of _____ women in our church, but only _____ in our women's group?

Lucy: That can't be right! Are you sure you have your facts straight. I mean, face it, you're not too good with numbers.

Marge: Well, that's for sure--the bank says I have 40 dollars and 19 cents, but my checkbook says 419 dollars! I choose to believe my checkbook.

Lucy: See what I mean, your numbers hardly ever add up right. But you know, this time just may be the exception. I seem to remember a census of the church that matches the number of women you mentioned.

Marge: Why do you suppose only _____% of our women participate in Auxiliary?

Lucy: Well, some say they just do not have the time. I understand that, but the truth is we all make time for what we think is important.

Marge: But if they only knew how important the Lord's work is and how much of it we are privileged to do through Auxiliary . . .

Lucy: But for me, it's more than just the work we do for missionaries, our communities, and our church, it's what we mean to each other. Just getting together, sharing, and praying for each other means so much to me.

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Marge: I remember when I first started coming how much I needed the fellowship and love of the women older than me. Their encouragement and assurance made me feel so important. And now that I am one of the older ones, I try to do the same for those new to our women's group. Because it is a time for growing to know each other and the Lord better.

Lucy: Remember dear Mrs. Sheldon. Even after she became too ill to come, she would always call me to ask how the women were and how she could pray for me. She was like a second mother to me.

Marge: And you never would have gotten to know her if you hadn't come to Auxiliary. Women like her are so rare . . .

Lucy: I want to be Mrs. Sheldon to other women, and I know others in our group want the same thing. That's why I come to Auxiliary--to minister to others, yes, but also to minister to each other.

Marge: Every woman in this church needs to have the fellowship and ministry our women enjoy.

Lucy: Yes, now we just have to do something about those numbers.

Marge: Amen, sister. ❖

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SpringBoard welcomes your suggestions, program ideas, short "filler" stories, invitation/craft ideas, and officer helps. If your women's group is doing something exciting and new, be sure to let us know.

Never Give Up by Judy Lytle

Abel Herrera was a young, 7 year-old boy when he first attended our church with his mother and older brother. I had never seen a more perfectly behaved little boy. All three were saved and active in our church.

Several years later, because she had a problem with someone in the church, Abel's mother decided to change churches. She left, but Abel, then a teenager, dropped out of church and became more and more rebellious. My husband, Steve, counseled him on many occasions, but to no avail. Abel's mind was set. He wanted nothing more to do with God, church, or living a holy life. He began drinking and living recklessly, a constant worry to his mother.

We continued to pray for him, as did his mother everyday. Then, one Sunday evening, a very nice young man came to the service. He gave his name and a short testimony. I had not even recognized him! It was Abel, and I was so glad to see him back in church.

It has been months now, and Abel is faithful to attend church. He is active in many of the ministries here. One Sunday, he gave a testimony that brought tears to the eyes of everyone present. He begged young people to stay true to God. He told them that the world offers nothing good and gives only heartache and pain. He also thanked everyone for praying for him through the years he was apart from God. He exhorted us to never give up on that friend or relative who is wandering from God, because God is faithful to hear the prayers of his people. ❖



A change in the Birthday Forecast...

The 1995 Missionary Birthday Calendar is located on pages 13-14 of this issue. Bi-monthly reminders will no longer appear in SpringBoard, but reprints of the year's calendar are available from WNAC. Missionary kids' birthdays are now listed, as well as suggestions for sending cards and gifts.



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Women In Action



A: A Big Tree for the Bryans

The Women's Auxiliary at First FWB Church in Richmond, VA know for a fact that money can grow on trees. They presented Joseph and Jennifer Bryan a money tree totalling \$246. Joseph and Jennifer are the children of Robert and Judy Bryan, missionaries to Côte d'Ivoire.

B: Blue Bell Shares Precious Moments

"It's great to just get away and spend time together," writes Nadine Hood, president of Blue Bell FWB Woman's Auxiliary in Sapulpa, OK. Recently her women's group fellowshiped all the way to Carthage, MO, to see the Precious Moments Chapel and exhibit. From the smiling faces, obviously they had a great time. Pictured are: (front) Jo Morris, Merrilly Robinson, Elizabeth Frazier, and Sandy Tennison; (middle) Betty Smoot, Ann Kinsey, Alta Tuttle, and Julie Kinsey; (back) Susan Cunningham, Imogene Watkins, and Donna Kinsey. Editor's note:



Thanks, Blue Bell, for keeping us up-to-date on your women's group!

C: Meet the Alabama Executive Committee

It's a virtual Who's Who in AFWBWAC (AL FWB Women Active for Christ) pictured at the 1994 Prayer Retreat at Shocco Baptist Assembly. To the left is Odessa Ledlow, former State Vice-President; Nancy Mayhall, Member-At-Large; Dot Reeves, AL State Field Worker; and Paulette Scott, current State President. Seated to the right is Carolyn Hendrix, Vice-President; Shirley Grice, Unity Auxiliary President; Ethel Vaughan, State Line District President; Ann Kennedy, Member-At-Large; and Jean Dubose, Vernon District President. Behind the camera is an unseen, and very busy Auxiliary enthusiast, Elwanda Oakes, acting State Secretary/



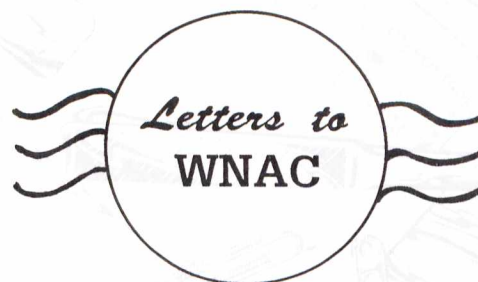
Treasurer. These women comprise the Alabama State Executive Committee.

D: Wabash Women on the Move

If you want to keep up with the women of Emmanuel FWB Auxiliary in Wabash, IN, you'd better put on your running shoes. President Bonnie Corn writes, "We are back on track and moving ahead for the Lord!" 1993's Easter Bazaar raised over \$2,000 to be divided between the Eagletons in C'I, Russell Wright in WV, and the Emmanuel Church. Pictured are: (front) Darla Eads; (middle) Nancy Campbell, Sue Oldenkamp, Pat Carroll, Ilene Eakright, Linda Faust, Tracy Asbury, and Elsie Scott; (back) Julie Bolinger, Becky Metz, and Bonnie Corn.

E. Betty Hill Speaks at Five Points Banquet

The Woman's Auxiliary at Five Points FWB sponsored its annual Mother-Daughter banquet on May 7, 1994 with 50 in attendance. Pamlico District President, Betty Hill, was the guest speaker, sharing the story of Hannah's faithfulness. Pictured are: Brenda Boyd, President at Five Points; Betty Hill, speaker; and Marion Swanner, Asst. Secretary at Five Points and for the Pamlico District.



Dear WNAC,

I am very thankful for all you do for your missionaries. While stateside for furlough this past year, you very warmly received me into your homes, your churches, and your Auxiliary meetings; you fed me as if I hadn't eaten the whole time I had served in Africa; you showered me with gifts; you committed yourselves to regular prayer and financial support. A special thank you to the West Virginia and Virginia ladies.

Upon my arrival back in Agnibilekrou, there was a box of "goodies" waiting for me. An Auxiliary in VA sent it not realizing that I was stateside. How nice to have Christmas in May. Thank you Stephen's City.

Getting my house in order was next on the agenda. As I washed tons of Tupperware and folded sheets and towels, I once again thought of you. Thanks to all who contribute to the Provision Closet.

May 30th was my birthday. I'll let you guess which one. I received lovely cards from FWB ladies all over the U.S. Thanks to all who took the time to show you care. God bless you. Keep up the good work.

Alice Smith

Dear WNAC,

We've been back in Doropo since June 5th. Thank you for helping us to return and for praying for us while we are here. It was good greeting old friends and co-workers we had not seen for almost three years.

We spent the first week cleaning up after the rat, lizards, and the bat that had inhabited the house during our absence. Boy what a mess they left!

The new hospital building is really nice, and it is really nice having two doctors here. God bless each of you.

Glennnda Leatherbury & Jalayn Martens

Editor's Note: Just a few days after WNAC received this note, Glennnda Leatherbury died of heart failure in Doropo. Please continue to remember her family in prayer.

Bite Your Tongue

Anne Worthington



A newspaper article told of a woman who asked her dentist to wire her upper and lower teeth together so she could lose weight. As I chuckled over the article, I thought, What a great way not only to lose weight, but to stop gossip.

Have you ever wished you could tape your mouth, have the telephone removed, live an austere life in a monastery, or even have your mouth wired together in order to control your tongue? You're not alone. Controlling the tongue is an age-old battle that heads the list of sins committed by Christians.

James chapter three addresses the importance of controlling the tongue and the great consequences of words. The writer uses six illustrations to describe the tongue: the bit, the rudder, fire, a poisonous reptile, a fountain and a fig tree.

Bits and Rudders

You're familiar with bits and rudders. Both are small, yet one keeps powerful animals under control and the other steers huge ships. Whoever holds the bit or rudder has control. The tongue, small compared to the rest of the body, exercises great power and accomplishes great things for either good or evil. It affects and controls the whole body. It's the deadliest member of the body and hardest to control.

If controlled, there is complete authority over the entire body, much like horses controlled by bits and ships by rudders. The idea is taming or controlling the tongue. However, as we well know, it's humanly

impossible. Only God's power can control it. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matt. 12:34). When Jesus Christ is Lord of your heart, then He is Lord of your lips too. A controlled tongue is an evidence of Christian maturity. It's part of Christian self-control. He who controls his tongue controls the other members of his body also.

Fire Destroys

How tragic when life and property are destroyed by fire. In most cases it starts small, perhaps carelessly, and grows to consuming proportions. That's how words start fires. Proverbs 26:20 says that if there isn't any wood the fire will go out. If there isn't any talebearing, strife will cease. An uncontrolled tongue causes disaster in homes, churches, communities, the workplace, the denomination. Its potential for evil is unlimited.

Fire burns and hurts. The more fuel added to the fire, the faster it spreads. As it spreads, it destroys. Uncontrolled words have power to burn, hurt, destroy, break hearts and ruin reputations. Much of the world's evil originated with the tongue. Someone has said that it is the world's smallest but largest troublemaker.

Animals Kill

An uncontrolled tongue is as dangerous as hungry lions and angry snakes. The tongue can be checked and disciplined, but like an untamed poisonous snake, can

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John 5:30b

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The Best of Judges

Wouldn't it be awful if everytime you did something a panel of judges was there to hold up scorecards, rating your performance? Can you imagine?

You're getting ready for school, putting on your clothes, and as soon as you're dressed, the judges jump out of the closet scoring how well you look. The Australian judge thinks you're way overdressed--6.0. The Japanese one thinks you're way too loud--4.2. The French judge because he has already decided you're way too cheap--2.3. The American judge thinks you're clothes are pretty typical--7.5. The Russian judge thinks you're not dressed warmly enough--5.0.

You're at school, and the guy you've had a secret crush on comes up to you and begins a conversation. After he leaves, the judges step out of the lockers nearby, holding up the scorecards. The American thinks you were too nervous--5.0. The Russian judge is convinced you're a total flirt--3.0. The Australian judge deducted points for lack of any alligator wear--3.5. The Japanese didn't like the fact that you stood within three feet of the guy--4.0. But the French judge thinks you did quite well--8.2.

Then, after school, you're working on a science project, when out they jump, circling around the project, to get a better look. After a few minutes, the judges hold up their cards. The Japanese thinks it's pathetic, not even worth the poster board it took to make--2.5. The Russian judge thinks you're belittling the work of an important Russian scientist--2.0. The Australian loves anything that has fur, so she gives you 8.0 for the guinea pigs alone. The 7.0 from the French judge is due to the fact that you refer to French scientists several times. And the American thinks your project could bring an increase in taxes, so she gives you a 5.1.

What kind of pressure are you under? Do you feel like you're being watched? Did you know you could try to please every human in the world and still not please God?

God does not stand over us, jumping out with a scorecard at every turn. He longs for us to live like His Son, Jesus, but He knows when we'll fail long before we ever do. So, when your back's against the wall, remember: He who judges last, judges best.

A Note From the Editor: Hey Actionettes (or any teenage readers), this page is for you—to help you grow in Christ and to let readers of *CoLaborer* know about the great ways you serve God. I invite you to send in material or topics you want to see talked about on this page, and pictures—we love seeing your fabulous smiles! Mail your ideas, etc., to *CoLaborer* Magazine, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, Tennessee, 37011-5002 ❖

Bite Your Tongue, cont.

never be trusted. It spreads poison like the venom of a deadly snake. It is like a dangerous animal, restless and unruly. It seeks its prey and then pounces, kills and devours.

However, the tongue need not be a destructive fire or a poisonous snake. If God lights the fire and controls it, then the tongue can be used as a tool of blessing.

Water and Trees

Water and trees are used to illustrate the inconsistency of a person who says he is God's child and does not control his tongue.

Just as fountains can't produce fresh and polluted water simultaneously, nor trees bear two kinds of fruit naturally, neither can blessing and cursing come from a believer's mouth. It is inconsistent. If cursing our fellow-man is mixed with blessing God, then it's evident the blessing is not genuine. The cursing stands as a contradiction to the blessing.

The spiritual person uses the tongue to consistently praise God and express love and kindness to mankind. Careful speech is an expression of true religion. It's vain to think yourself spiritual if your tongue is uncontrolled. Genuine religion will manifest itself in a controlled tongue. James 1:26 says that if a person doesn't bridle his tongue, he is not truly religious.

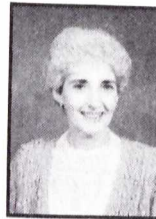
There is something radically wrong with the heart if the tongue is inconsistent. There is a heart problem, and the heart must be dealt with. The heart is the root, the language is the fruit. A plant produces according to its nature. Our words come from our heart. Out of the mouth of a good man come good words, and out of the mouth of a sinful man come sinful words.

Proverbs reminds us that the heart has to be kept with all diligence, and strictly watched and guarded. Out of a well-kept heart flow living issues, good products, to God's glory and the building up of others.

David prayed in Psalm 141:3 that God would set a watch before his mouth, and keep the door of his lips. He also prayed in Psalm 19:14 that his words and his meditations be acceptable to God because the thought life will express itself through the tongue. He said in Psalm 39:1 that he bridled his mouth and brought it into subjection, so he wouldn't sin with his tongue.

The heart must be dealt with firmly because it is deceitful and wicked. David prayed for a cleansed heart in Psalm 51:10. He prayed that God would search him and know his heart, and try him and know his thoughts to see if there be any wickedness in him (Psalm 139:23-24).

While it is humanly impossible to control the tongue, it can be done. Prayer, watchfulness and discipline keep it under subjection. Yes, it may mean fewer telephone calls and gossip sessions. And perhaps even some tongue-biting. ❖



Anne Worthington lives in Nashville, Tn, and is a member of Donelson FWB Church.

[With Talents That Abound, cont. from pg. 5]

prepare a garden plot in her own yard. After reading several helpful books and talking with others who "knew-how," the rookie gardener prepared the soil, planted the seeds, then anxiously waited for the day of harvesting. One of the vegetables she planted was broccoli. Each day she visited the garden, the broccoli head seemed to be larger than the day before. She toyed with the thought of picking it. But no, she decided to wait one more day, smugly thinking of how much bigger and better the broccoli would be tomorrow.

You can only imagine the frustration and disappointment she felt the next day as she viewed her crop all abloom in tiny yellow flowers. It was pretty, but useless. In her eagerness to produce perfection, she had waited too long for the harvest, allowing the plant to flower and go to seed.

Our talents should always be used to inspire and uplift, with the emphasis always on the message and service it renders, rather than the quality and perfection of its style.

Conclusion

Orrie Ten Boom once said that she felt awkward about the compliments people would give her after a speaking engagement. She finally decided the solution would be to accept the kind words with a gracious "thank you," then each night in prayer give all the compliments and glory back to God.

The beginning of a new year is a good time to remember that our talents are from the Lord, and with each talent comes the responsibility and privilege of service. It should truly be an honor and a joy to give service to our Lord with talents that abound in each of us. ❖

COMMUNICATOR

BY MARY RUTH WISEHART

January: Enlistment Month

The beginning of a new year, and women are making resolutions to be different. It's a good time to enlist them in your women's group.

Why join a women's group? Here are five good reasons.

1. To strengthen spiritual life
2. To develop a genuine concern for the lost
3. To participate in Christian witnessing
4. To magnify Christian sharing of possessions
5. To cultivate missionary convictions
6. To enjoy Christian fellowship with other women

Women Active for Christ groups should not be just another meeting. Although they provide fellowship, they should not become just another social activity.

Women's groups should give opportunities for serving, giving, and going for Christ.

Enlistment materials are available from the WNAC office.

February: Foreign Student Scholarship Month

The delegates at the 1994 convention voted to send the Foreign Student Scholarship of \$1,000 to Pastor Silvestre da Silveira Pinto Neto of Brazil.

Pastor Neto writes:

"I hope the work of the Lord is growing greatly among the women. I want to thank all of you for the prayers and financial help for my studies during my first year in the Master's program.

"At first I was working on my Master's in Theology degree with a concentration in New Testament. But being here in Araras and desiring to do my best in the ministry, I changed my area of concentration to Pastoral Administration. There is much I need to learn. My advisor is Dr. C. Don Cole. My studies have really helped me in my ministry.

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"My desire is to prepare myself the best possible for the work of the Lord of the harvest. Please continue to pray for me." (Trans. Ken Eagleton)

Your gift to the Foreign Student Scholarship Fund in February will help train others who want to minister around the world.

State Meetings Begin in March

Women's state meetings begin in March and continue throughout the year.

Following the state meeting WNAC should receive a report from the secretary giving the statistics of the state for the fiscal year. Also at that time the dues for each member the state accepts should be in the WNAC office.

The earlier the WNAC office gets the reports, the easier it is to get them into the annual report for the convention.

Accurate reports are necessary for the historical records. ❖

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Her final challenge was one of closure, putting the past behind and forgetting it (Phil. 3:13), so that we might be able to know God more fully. She encouraged us to "close the door on past mistakes, feelings of failure, yesterday's wounds, tragedies, and sins." God's Word stands forever as a testament of what He has done for us and can do through us.

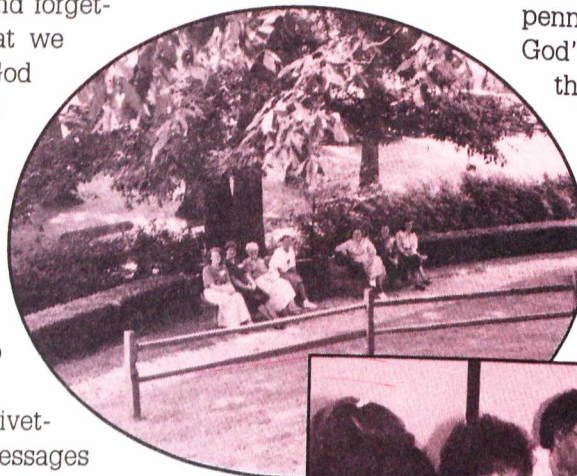
But perhaps the most riveting part of Lois Millers' messages was her missionary "Miracles of Prayer" stories, real answers to prayer in the most dire emergencies on the mission field. Like the prayers prayed for the victims of an auto accident in Greece that God would spare them to hear the gospel, and once they did, they were gloriously converted. Like the prayers for safety that traveled across the world from the U.S. to Greece and prevented a sexual assault on Lois and her companion witnessing in prostitution houses. Like God's answer to prayers prayed for a meeting place that resulted in the Catholic church opening up and building new buildings just to accommodate the evangelical women of Spain.

These stories and more brought home the truth that God's ears are open to the prayers of His people. A heart well-tuned to God's voice can sense needs in faraway places.

The Melody

You've never heard singing like the singing of over 600 Free Will Baptist women, accompanied by Maude Coffey at the piano and Carol Reid at the organ. It was almost angelic.

Songleader Rebecca Pugh introduced two new choruses written especially for WNAC women by



Beverly Welch. "A Lamp to my Feet" was penned in celebration of the importance of God's Word in our lives, to correspond with the 1994 WNAC Theme: "The Bible: Light on the Way." After only one time through, the women sang it heartily as unto the Lord. Beverly's "Women Active for Christ" is a chorus written especially for WNAC's new name.

Special music included three selections by Camille Scott (SC), a solo by Wendy Hunter (TN), and a duet by Carol Reid/Margaret Hampton (TN). One musical highlight was Maude Coffey's piano medley of "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" which brought a standing ovation

from the audience. On Friday night, the women's mass choir sang "Day by Day" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The Motif

"Back to the Basics: Bible Study and Prayer" was the focus of the retreat. The General Sessions on Friday were instructional, and each was followed by a workshop, allowing the women to put into practice what they had reviewed.

Alice Wood (OK) spoke on 5 Principles to Study By, which were knowing how to ask the right questions; writing down discoveries; application as the end result, not

interpretation; study systematically; and scheduling a separate times for devotions and Bible study.

She also focused on the chapter summary method of Bible study and specific life application questions. After her first session, the women chose from eleven group leaders to work on a Bible Study of Romans chapter 8. Session I reconvened and Alice Wood reviewed

the study questions, as well as presented some insights for application of the passage.

Sesssion II featured Pam Wood (CA), Alice's daughter-in-law, who spoke on prayer. Using A-C-T-S--Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication, Pam explained Christ's example of prayer and how it can revolutionize our prayer lives. She also spent time discussing the importance of praise and worship through prayer.

The women then met in small groups to practice prayer using this method. They also shared Pam's lists of the Names of God and "How to Pray for Your Kids." A sweet time of sharing and prayer encouraged the women to take more time for communion with God.

The Missionaries

Ten missionaries participated in the 1994 retreat: Rhoda Snow, Pam West, and Carol Pinkerton (C'I); Vicki Sturgill, Shirley Combs, Pat Franks, and Marvis Eagleton (Brazil); Rhoda Creech (C'I); Lynn Midgett (Spain); Mirial Gainer (Japan); and Nelda Gwartney (OK). Patsy Hyman, tentmaker from SC, also attended the retreat.

Friday evening's missionary offering totaled over \$4000 dollars and was divided up among those missionaries present, many of whom have struggled to raise funds on furlough for return to the field.

The Mingle

The western North Carolina mountains were the perfect backdrop for hundreds of women to enjoy each other's company. The weather couldn't have been more perfect for strolling to dinner or sitting in the garden, catching up on what God is doing in individual lives. At dinner, missionaries were seated at different, signed tables, where women could meet and get to know them and more about their ministries. Throughout the "Take Five" time on Saturday, women got acquainted with other women's groups and went home with new ideas and new prayer requests.

It is safe to say that all those who attended went away challenged to walk closer to the Lord through Bible study and prayer.

Make plans now to attend WNAC's next retreat at Ridgecrest, September 12-14, 1996, and our very first retreat at Glorietta, New Mexico, October 20-22, 1995. See you there. ❖

Who's Who:

- 1** Workshop Leaders:(top to bottom) Anna Jean Walley, Diane Thomas, Janice Wallace, Maureen Lee, Sandy Mounts, Becky Gwartney, Marvis Eagleton, Wanda Powell, Diana Bryant, Annette Aycock, and Odessa Ledlow.
- 2** President Mary Neal and Speaker Lois Miller.
- 3** Organist, Carol Reid; Pianist, Maude Coffey; Song Leader, Rebecca Pugh; and Soloist, Camille Scott.
- 4** Retreat Speakers: Pam Wood (CA), Lois Miller (FL), and Alice Wood (OK).





El Dorado, Panama

Steve and Judy Lytle report praise the Lord for the 22 students that enrolled in the FWB Institute of Panama. Two students, Carlos Cerrud and Miguel Maldonado, graduated on October 28. Also, the husband of Carmen de Henriquez has received Christ and is now attending church with his wife. The Lytles ask that you pray for their outreach to the Cuban refugees who arriving in Panama; about the land dispute in Parita, that the authorities will look favorably upon the church; and for their sons Michael, Phillip, and David who are in school.

Montevideo, Uruguay

Rebecca Franks writes to keep us abreast of what's happening in Uruguay. Now that the Owens are on furlough, the Nueva Vida church is without a pastor. Gerardo Rodriquez is preaching once a month and overseeing Sunday school, while Dub Ellis preaches two Sundays and Dave Franks once a month. She writes, "This is a big difficult change--having a different pastor every week. Praise the Lord, the people are standing firm, remaining faithful." The Franks work in the Malvin Alto church, where three children were baptized in one month. It was the first baptism some had witnessed, and several of the converted Catholics in the church now better understand true baptism. Pray for them and for the unsaved parents of the children who attend Sunday school.

Nashville, Tennessee

Norman and Bessie Richards are back in the States permanently after health complications did not permit them to continue in the Ivory Coast. Norman has only a 25% function of his kidneys as must be near adequate medical facilities. Pray for the Richards as they seek God's direction for future ministry.

Knoxville, Tennessee

Gail Fender, missionary wife of Gerald Fender, has recently been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please pray for the Fenders and the mission work in Knoxville during this difficult time.

Wentzville, Missouri

The Jim Mertz family is rejoicing over what the Lord is doing in Wentzville. The mission church is now paying all expenses--including a \$1600 mortgage payment and half the pastor's support. The average attendance is 75, and people are getting saved in almost every service. An intercessory prayer ministry, prayer chain, Wednesday morning ladies' Bible class, in-home Bible studies, and an active youth group are just a few of the exciting happenings at the church. The Mertz account has, however, a deficit of \$15,000. Pray with them about this need.

Oregon City, Oregon

The results of a poll taken in Portland, Oregon recently shocked FWB missionary Darrell Smith. Only 3% of the population attend church regularly, and only 34% have any clue who Jesus is. Darrell writes, "Truly the fields are ripe unto harvest!" The mission church is now officially in their new building, and they are working hard to meet the County Planning Department's codes. The Smiths send these specific prayer needs: pray for their financial needs--their account is in the red; pray for a small bus or van to transport children to church.

Shreveport, Louisiana

The Ron Parker family believes in the power of prayer, especially after three converts, three rededications, 17 new members, and a new adult Sunday school--all in one month. Heritage FWB Church is seeing God at work. The Parkers also send a special thank-you to the Arkansas Women's Auxiliary for adopting the Shreveport mission as one of their projects.



Words for Women

Believe it or not, I did some plowing with "Old Snip" on the farm when I was a youngster.

I was slight in those days and couldn't handle a breaking plow, but my dad let me use a spring tooth harrow. The harrow was much lighter and easier to handle.

Plowing in new ground was never easy, even after the breaking plow had been through the soil. Old Snip would obey my father's voice in an instant, but she was not always so quick to obey me. I just didn't sound authoritative enough, and I didn't have a strong hand on the reins.

One of the problems Old Snip and I had was encountering roots in the soil. The worst, no doubt, had been conquered by the breaking plow. Still, once in a while the teeth of the harrow would hit a small root just under the surface. I suppose this slight tug suggested to Old Snip that I was pulling on the reins to stop her. Or maybe she was just ornery enough to refuse to pull if the going was hard.

Anyway, she would immediately stop. The root held up our progress. Sometimes my dad would have to call to her all the way across the field to get us going again.

Roots, buried just beneath the soil and roots buried just beneath the surface of our lives have something in common.

God knew about this likeness and gave us this direction: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." (Heb. 12:14,15)

First that root troubles you. It may be attitudes held for years without examination. Bitterness

toward a family member. Anger toward a friend. An unforgiving spirit. A desire to get revenge for fancied or real wrongs.

Notice that these roots do not just affect us. "And thereby many be defiled." Bitterness has a tendency to spill over on the people around us. We may think that we have covered up the root, that it is so buried no one will ever know it is there. Watch out for snags.

That root snags something in our lives. Those closest to us may not know what the problem is, but they recognize that something is amiss. We can't keep bitterness to ourselves.

More important, God knows all about it. He sees clearly the roots in our lives. These roots interrupt our fellowship with Him. They are Satan's traps and snares to keep us from the freedom and joy that we can have in Christ. God wants to free us from them.

Is it possible we don't want to be freed? You'd think that none of us want to hug bitterness to us. Yet some of us say, "You don't understand. I can't let go. Look what she did to me."

Sometimes the roots run so deep and are so strong that only the breaking plow of God's love can bring them to the surface. The process may be very painful. But we must be willing to acknowledge that root, no matter how ugly it is.

Then we must be willing to let the Holy Spirit remove those roots from our lives. He stands ready to replace them with the fruit of the Spirit.

Remember, any pain is worth the peace, the joy, the renewed fellowship with God and with our fellow Christians.

As we begin 1995 let's ask God to clear out the roots. ❖



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