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A Privileged Position



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She lived in another era, another part of the world. The orphan, raised by a cousin, had an out-of-the-ordinary opportunity to marry the most powerful man on earth. She could have said to herself, "He will not consider me. I'm a Jew. I'm poor. I'm just plain me." However, she was obedient to her guardian-cousin and the Holy Spirit.

The king chose her to be his wife and queen among hundreds, maybe thousands, of candidates.

Then came the urgent request of her cousin. She asked her friends to fast and pray. She stepped out in faith risking her own neck. No one could assure her that her life would be spared. Yet, she knew she had to act. Trusting in God meant obeying without knowing the outcome. Although she could not see the outcome, she had enough vision to obey.

You know the story. Esther saved her people from annihilation because God placed her in this unique and privileged position.

Others are not as famous. A mother of a child with Down's Syndrome has the opportunity to witness to *Arlene who is also a mother of a child with Down's Syndrome. This mother is also in a privileged position. If she were not living the same experience, Arlene would merely dismiss her with: "She doesn't understand." The two have a bond of common experience. Unfortunately they don't have a common Savior. Could anyone else reach into Arlene's hurting heart? Maybe. But shouldn't this mother seize the opportunity to offer her eternal life?

Are you in a privileged position? I believe that all of you are. You have your own unique surroundings. You may be the only person that a friend feels comfortable with to discuss a deeply personal issue. You may be the type of person people trust to ask advice. Maybe, you're the only neighbor that has enough concern to befriend the newcomer in your neighborhood. Possibly, the Lord will place you in the right place at the right time in order to bear witness of the Lord's saving grace.

Sure, there are many consecrated women out there. But, remember, the Lord has put you in a privileged position. You may never have the opportunity to be a queen, but you became a princess the day you accepted the Lord as your Savior. Recognize your opportunities and be an Esther. ❖

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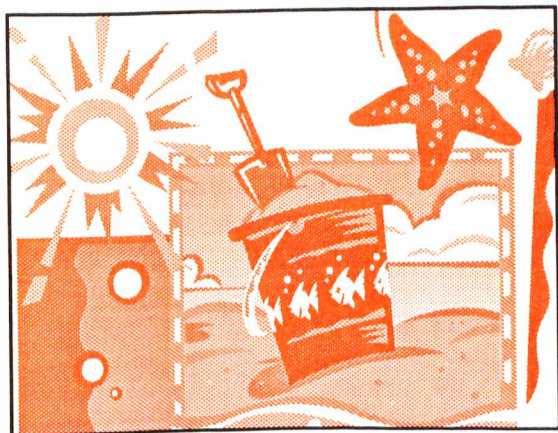
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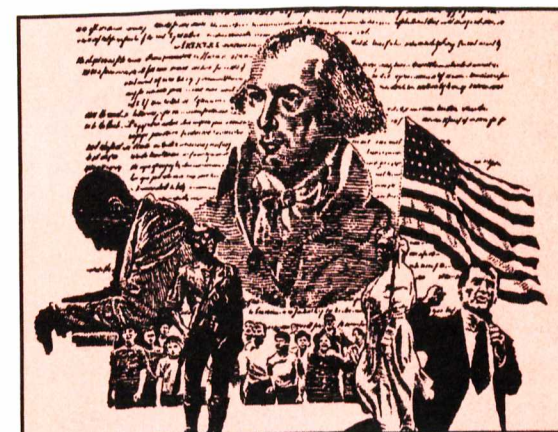
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News Roundup: Home Missions Fields

by Pat Thomas

Purpose: To inform and to increase the burden for the Home Missions fields.

Introduction: You are listening to Radio Station WNAC of the Free Will Baptist Network, Antioch, Tennessee. It is time for *News Roundup on Home Missions* presented as a public service of this station in cooperation with the Holy Spirit, with (name of announcer) reporting.

Announcer: 1995 has thus far been a year of changes—our nation has trembled with acts of terrorism and destruction. Our cities have been saturated with crime, drugs and moral decay. In spite of this, evidence everywhere points to spiritual hunger among the people of North America and the islands of the Caribbean.

Free Will Baptist people are realizing that God has sent the nations to our doorsteps as we see the millions of immigrants of various ethnic groups in America. There are about one thousand minority groups in the United States, including Native American peoples.

In almost any urban center one need only look and listen to recognize the radical transformation oc-

curing in our midst. These unsaved peoples need to hear the gospel message just as desperately as they did when they lived in their native lands.

The dimensions of the challenge for cross-cultural evangelism and church planting in our homeland goes far beyond the local community.

On the home front we have a new challenge: the strategic field of New Orleans, Louisiana. For a first-hand report, we switch you to _____, our correspondent in New Orleans.

New Orleans: Greetings. The New Orleans, Louisiana area has nearly 600,000 residents, and the population of the Orleans Parish region is over 900,000. With its location on the Mississippi River near the Gulf of Mexico, it is one of the great ports of the world.

This area is a stronghold for Roman Catholics, and there is a shortage of aggressive fundamental Bible-believing churches. Norman and Bessie Richards, after having served as foreign missionaries for 28 years to Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), have returned to the United States to serve as missionaries to this mission field. They are establishing a bilingual church in New Orleans.

The *Creoles* (descendants of the early Spanish and French settlers) probably contribute the most to making New Orleans unusual among American cities. Most Creoles speak French at least as well as they speak English. They take part in the general life of the city, but follow many customs of their ancestors.

New Orleanians have also adopted many Creole customs. For example, *All Saints' Day* (November 1) is a city-wide Catholic holiday that honors the dead. The

people follow the Creole custom of going to the cemeteries in family groups. The cemeteries take on a holiday air as families stroll around the flower-laden tombs.

The city still has many reminders of Old Europe. The historic French Quarter and the Mardi Gras festival are two links with the past. The city is famous as the birthplace of jazz, and is remembered in such jazz classics as "*Basin Street Blues*" and "*Way Down Yonder in New Orleans*."

African Americans make up about a third of the population. Jazz still plays an important part in the life of New Orleans' blacks, just as it has since the 1890's. Black jazz bands still play for funeral processions to and from the cemeteries.

Truly the people of New Orleans need the gospel. Now I return you to our announcer.

Announcer: Thousands of people living in *The City Care Forgot* have never heard a clear-cut presentation of the gospel of Christ. Please pray for Norman and Bessie Richards as they labor to establish a strong bilingual Free Will Baptist church in this needy mission field.

And now, reports of significant Home Missions activity have reached us from Madison, Wisconsin where the Carlie Lloyd family is laboring. For current events in that area, we go to Madison and our correspondent _____.

Madison, WI: Greetings from America's Dairyland! Previous to the Carlie Lloyd family becoming home missionaries to the Madison, Wisconsin area, Free Will Baptists had no pastors or churches in this great state. Madison is the state capital and one of the fastest growing cities in the

midwestern states. The greater Madison area population is nearly half a million people, with a majority of them being unchurched.

This area is not only cold weather-wise, but is also filled with cold, dead churches. This city has a great need of Bible believing, salvation-preaching churches.

While the Lloyds were on deputational work, it was truly a *family affair* as they traveled among Free Will Baptist churches with their four children—Rachel, Rebekah, Stephen and Timothy. In order for the entire family to travel together during deputation, Margaret Lloyd home schooled (or car schooled!) the children over the many miles while they visited churches.

The children played a vital part as they sang and played musical instruments in the services and assisted their parents in many other ways. Now in Madison they assist in the work, and are truly home missionaries.

For nearly three years the Lloyds had church services in their home because they were unable to find suitable facilities to rent. It was again a *family affair* as the entire family knocked on thousands of doors witnessing to people in Madison about Christ and inviting them to church.

Even though the den was very crowded at times, souls were being saved and lives were changed.

The church in Madison is now meeting in a newly-rented Fire Hall. The Lloyds say their greatest need is for much prayer that God will provide land and a building for the West Madison Free Will Baptist Church.

Carlie Lloyd says, "This is like a foreign mission field, but these are souls for whom Christ died, and someone needs to tell them. I am

glad that God chose me and my family for the task!" The Lloyds believe that someday they will see a strong soul-winning Free Will Baptist church on its own property in this city. I now return you to our announcer.

Announcer: Pray for the Carlie Lloyd family as they are ministering in the only Free Will Baptist church in the state of Wisconsin. Pray that God will supply land and a building for this new congregation.

The words of Horace Greeley, "Go west, young man, go west!" still make a good slogan. The West needs the gospel, and some of our people have gone to meet the great challenge that lies in this vast unclaimed area.

For news from those who have completed the westward trek, we go to our announcer _____ who will report on the Len Blanchard family, home missionaries to Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Carlsbad, NM: The city of Carlsbad, New Mexico is one of the fastest growing in the state. Its ideal climate, recreational facilities, and the famous Carlsbad Caverns bring thousands of people to the area each year.

However, this growing area is far more than just a tourist attraction. It is also a city of industry, commerce, business, and trade. Because of its rapid growth, there is a desperate need in Carlsbad for a strong soul winning Free Will Baptist church.

New Mexico is called the Land of Enchantment because of its scenic beauty and rich history. Even though many tourists feel that New Mexico consists only of mountain ranges, rugged canyons, and rocky deserts, the Len Blanchard family sees the grow-

ing cities, such as Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Carlsbad, in need of the gospel.

Most New Mexicans are descended from one of the three major groups that settled the area—Indians, Spaniards and English-speaking Americans. All three groups take part in most state activities, including politics, social life, and commerce.

Both the Indian and Spanish influence show strongly in place names, foods and religious holidays. Many of the modern-day Indians of New Mexico live much the same way as their ancestors, in a *pueblo* (village) or on large reservations. Most of Indians or Spanish descent still cling to the religions of their ancestors, and millions of them have never heard the simple message of salvation through faith in Christ.

Len and Lynda Blanchard are burdened for all three ethnic groups in New Mexico and want to reach them for Christ. Now back to our announcer.

Announcer: Pray for more pastors and workers who would be willing as the Blanchard family to leave comfortable pastorates and "go west" with the gospel of Christ!

There are several states and a great many cities which have no Free Will Baptist churches. The need is great! Jesus said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest,



that He will send forth laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

If we can't go west, perhaps some must go north or east. There are many Northeastern and New England cities that are as void of the gospel as many foreign countries. As in New Orleans, many cities in the northeastern states have a strong Roman Catholic influence. For a look at this area we go to _____ in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to report on home missionaries, the Tommy Jones family.

Pittsburg, PA: The city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania has over 400,000 residents, and the population of the metropolitan area is over 2,000,000 (two million). Pittsburgh is located in southwestern Pennsylvania where the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers join to form the Ohio River.

This huge manufacturing center produces more steel than any other city in the world. Flames from its great steel furnaces cast a red glow across the sky that may be seen miles away. The spectacular sight (especially at night) has given Pittsburgh the nickname, Hearth of the Nation.

Stainless steel skyscrapers rise in the 23-acre Gateway Center of the city. This growing metropolitan area has spread in all directions until it now covers about 60 square miles. Pittsburgh is the 16th largest city in the United States.

Many people who were born in other countries migrated to Pennsylvania. The largest group of immigrants came from Italy. Other large groups include those from Poland, Russia, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and England. More than half the people of Pennsylvania are Roman Catholic, many others are Episcopalian and

Lutheran. This area has many ritualistic churches, contrasting with the great shortage of fundamental, gospel-preaching congregations. Please pray for Tommy and Pam Jones and their three daughters as they labor to plant a Free Will Baptist church in this difficult northeastern city. And now we return to our announcer.

Announcer: The state where the Tommy Jones family is laboring is known as the "birthplace of the United States." Visitors can see many historic sites, but will see only two or three Free Will Baptist churches in the entire state. Pray for the Tommy Jones family as they seek to establish a church in this city which is one of the largest in our nation.

For our final interview we go to _____ who will report on James and Mitzi Munsey and give us an update on the Free Will Baptist work in Mexico.

Mexico: God's blessings abound on the Free Will Baptist ministries in Mexico! Souls are being saved, and the churches are growing.

Thirty-three Free Will Baptist churches in this country have a total of over 3,000 members combined. Twelve of the national pastors are presently being supported through the National Home Missions Department, while the other 21 pastors have churches that are now self-supporting.

The Free Will Baptist Bible Institute in Mexico is doing well. James Munsey leads the school, and is assisted by Lazaro de la Rosa, and Ramon and Ede Zuniga. Other faithful workers and teachers assist in training Mexican young people to reach their own people for Christ.

Bud and Ruth Bivens plan to move to Mexico when they retire

from their employment in Oklahoma, and will assist in the work here. Pray for them as they make this transition.

For over 30 years Free Will Baptist home missionaries have labored in Mexico. Thousands of Mexicans have been saved.

However, the work in Mexico needs help! Some Free Will Baptist churches in Mexico have no property or buildings. One church meets outside under a tree. The missionary account which pays the national pastors is in the red. They are receiving their salary, but this puts a strain on the General Fund of the Home Missions Department.

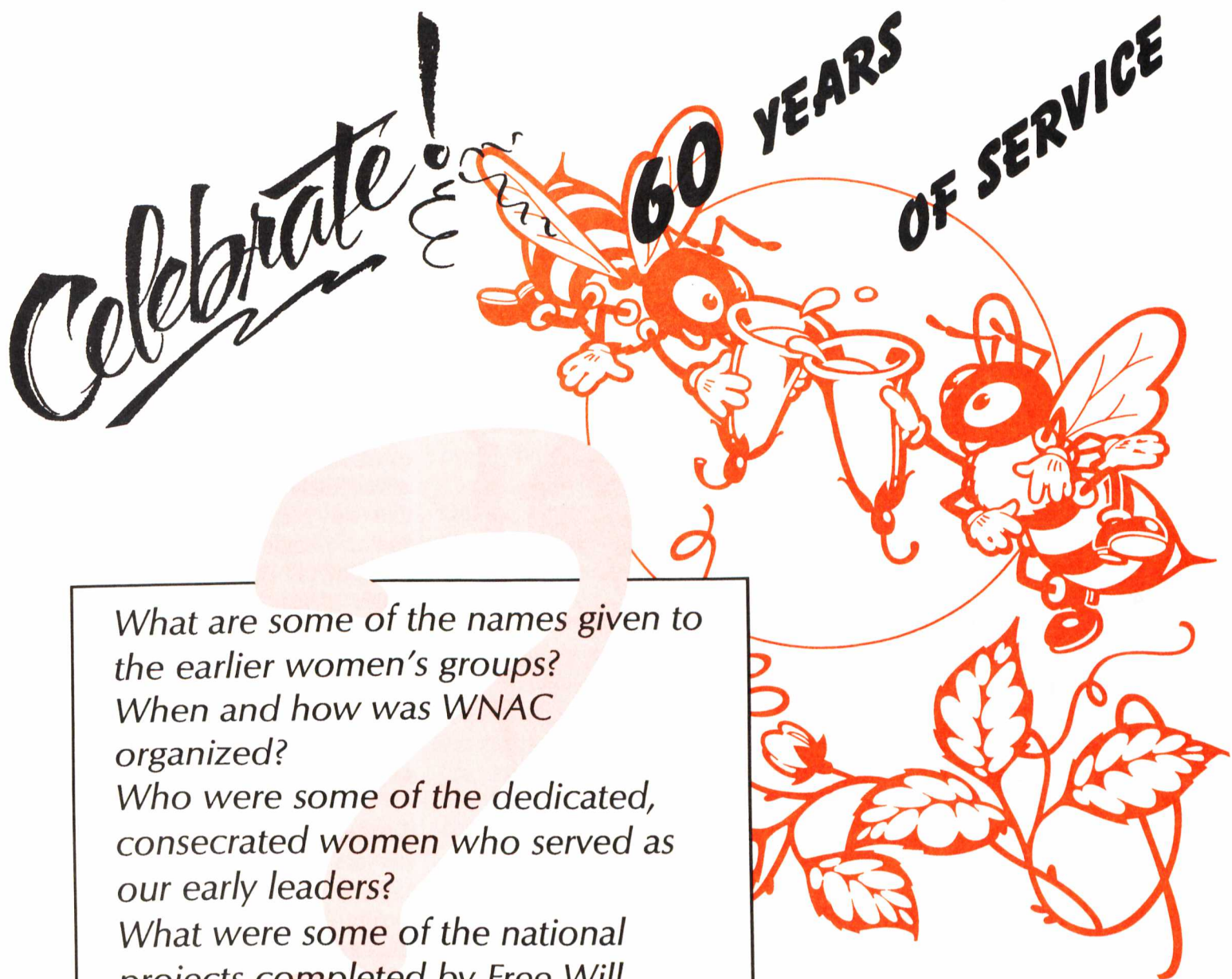
Perhaps churches in the United States could "adopt" a Mexican national pastor by supporting this account. Also, a mission trip to Mexico for your church or youth group would do much to help your congregation catch a vision of the great need south of the border. Now back to our announcer.

Announcer: I hope this news update of home missions fields has strengthened your prayer life. I hope everyone listening to our station has received a new vision.

If you would like further information, please contact either the WNAC office or the National Home Missions Office. Upon request, literature will be sent, such as prayer cards, maps, missionary birthday calendars and directories. Your prayers and gifts will help fulfill the Lord's Great Commission.

This is Station WNAC, Antioch, Tennessee saying good day, and God bless you. ❖

(Pat Thomas is publications editor of Home Missions Department in Antioch, TN)



*What are some of the names given to the earlier women's groups?
When and how was WNAC organized?*

Who were some of the dedicated, consecrated women who served as our early leaders?

What were some of the national projects completed by Free Will Baptist women?

and more questions answered in the ➔

**1995 WNAC
Emphasis Packet**

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If you have not yet received the 1995 WNAC Emphasis Packet pick one up at the WNAC booth at the National Convention or contact the WNAC Office.

Sand in Your Shoes



by Sue Winchester

Purpose: To show how little things may creep into our lives to hinder us from our love and service to God.

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

Hymn: "Nothing Between"

We don't want anything to hinder our love and service to God, because He gave His all for us. What is it about all those "trivial" things that can gradually fill our lives and be a hindrance to our Christian growth? These are like small grains of sand which can only irritate the feet of a Christian in their walk with God. We must frequently shake out the "sand" so we can be rid of anything that would interfere with our fellowship with God and doing His Will.

Whether you do it willingly or not, you are prone to sin. Sin has become acceptable in today's society. However, God's Word tells us differently. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30).

A small grain of sin doesn't usually remain such, for it can spread through our lives quicker than we can imagine. We are living in changing times and attitudes, but an unchanging God will not condone sin (Romans 6:23).

The best remedy for sin, I believe, is to do as in James 4:7, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Don't let the sandy grains of sin fill your shoes.

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

Let's look at some of these "grains" of sand, and what we, as Christian women, can do as a preventive measure to keep them at a minimum.

Sandy hearts

Do I truly love others? Do I put my love into action? These are two questions that we must often ask ourselves. It's easy to build a wall around myself and my family that can sometimes be so high or thick we can't see over or through it. Yes, even in churches. Unless we show our love to others, the grains of lack of compassion will surely increase.

What about love for children? Can we look beyond the dirty faces and hair? They are souls whose eyes show an eagerness for someone to care about their spiritual welfare.

Many children, where you are and around the world, don't know the thrill of being in Sunday school or children's church singing the happy choruses and learning about Jesus. If your heart isn't broken for them, check your shoes for sand.

Sandy attitudes

As individuals, we all have different approaches, motives, or attitudes as we live each day. Some of the attitudes are not the most desirable to possess, but they're there and need to be dealt with with God's help.

What about the "I can't" attitude? We know this one. After a while, this one becomes more of a case of "I won't." The latter becomes a matter of pride which is one of the roots of all sin.

Of course we could not forget the let-someone-else-do-it attitude which makes you wonder if Mrs. "Someone Else" shouldn't be made an honorary member of every women's group and church.

Oh yes, there's also the attitude of self pity which could be cured by the counting of one's blessings.

When you are guilty of any of the above attitudes, you are jeopardizing your relationship with God. You are also being robbed of countless blessings, if you continue to let this "sand" reach the overflowing stage in your shoes.

Shake out the sand

Do you remember, as a child, playing in the sand? You tried so hard not to get it in your shoes. If you did, you were careful to shake it all out before putting your shoes back on again. We must take time to stop and shake out the sands that have been previously mentioned.

Could you possibly walk forward if your shoes were filled with sand? In our Christian walk we must move forward, but we are forced to stand still when we have been tampering with the devil's sandbox, the world.

You might wonder how you can rid your life of grains of sand in your shoes. The solution is divided into three parts: surrender, commitment, and total involvement.

Surrendering your will over to Him takes discipline. Sometimes we get in our own way so much we have to be broken and remolded by God.

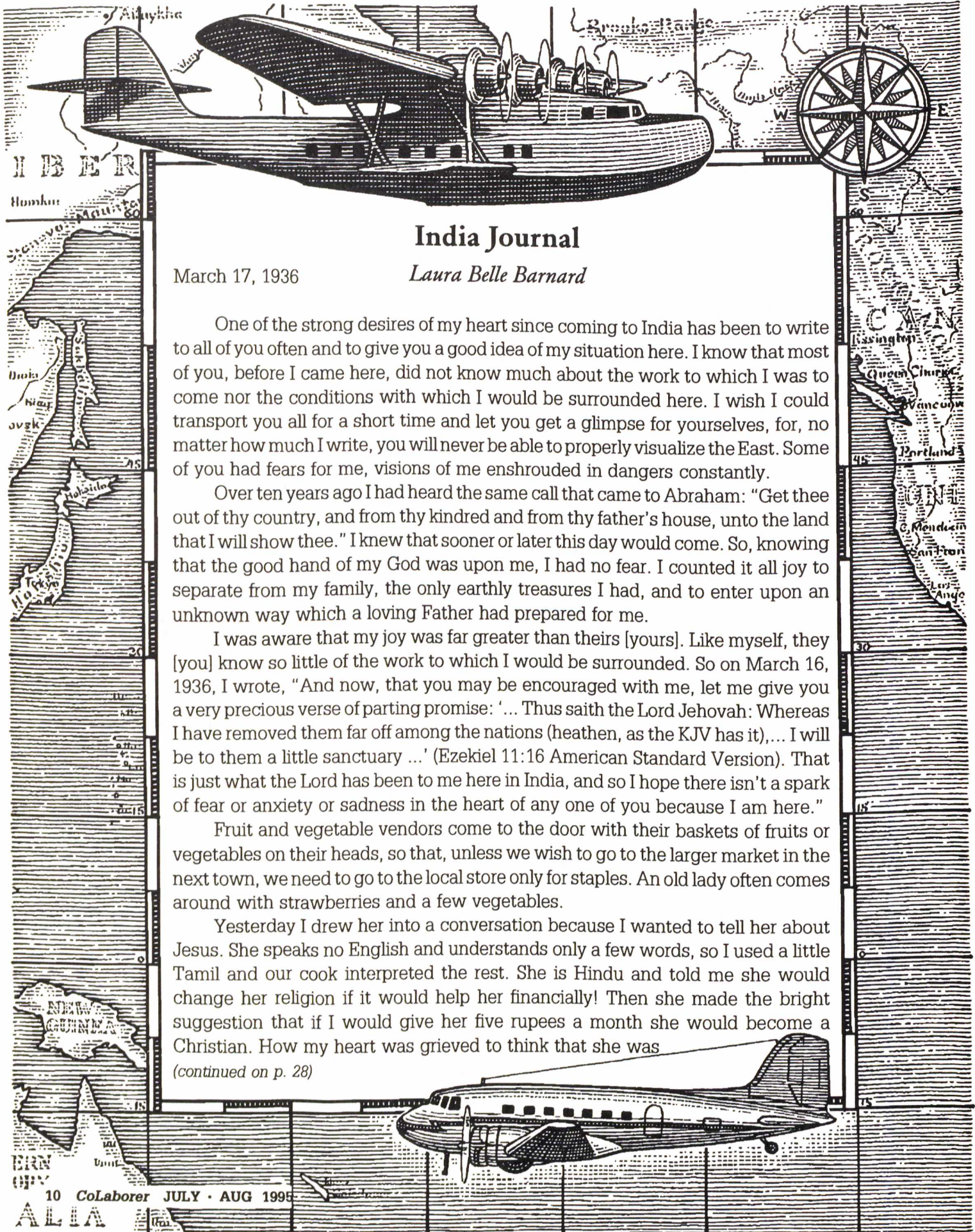
Next, I feel, commitment is necessary. We must be willing to give, pray, go or do. Some people don't like to make a promise to

God for fear they can't live up to it. God will help you, if you will give and do your best for Him. Setting goals is a good way to start keeping your commitment. The latter will give your life meaning.

Lastly, there is a need to get totally involved in the work of God. Your involvement starts with the work of your local church and women's group. We, as Christian women, are fortunate to have an outlet that helps us get involved in the work of the Lord. Local women's groups help women find their place in the Great Commission. Get involved for the glory of God!

Shaking the sand out of your shoes is what Paul is referring to as "... putting off the body of the sins of the flesh..." (Colossians 2:11). Remove the sand so others can see your love for God. Don't let your love be limited by the sand in your shoes. ❖





India Journal

Laura Belle Barnard

March 17, 1936

One of the strong desires of my heart since coming to India has been to write to all of you often and to give you a good idea of my situation here. I know that most of you, before I came here, did not know much about the work to which I was to come nor the conditions with which I would be surrounded here. I wish I could transport you all for a short time and let you get a glimpse for yourselves, for, no matter how much I write, you will never be able to properly visualize the East. Some of you had fears for me, visions of me enshrouded in dangers constantly.

Over ten years ago I had heard the same call that came to Abraham: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will show thee." I knew that sooner or later this day would come. So, knowing that the good hand of my God was upon me, I had no fear. I counted it all joy to separate from my family, the only earthly treasures I had, and to enter upon an unknown way which a loving Father had prepared for me.

I was aware that my joy was far greater than theirs [yours]. Like myself, they [you] know so little of the work to which I would be surrounded. So on March 16, 1936, I wrote, "And now, that you may be encouraged with me, let me give you a very precious verse of parting promise: '... Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Whereas I have removed them far off among the nations (heathen, as the KJV has it),... I will be to them a little sanctuary ...' (Ezekiel 11:16 American Standard Version). That is just what the Lord has been to me here in India, and so I hope there isn't a spark of fear or anxiety or sadness in the heart of any one of you because I am here."

Fruit and vegetable vendors come to the door with their baskets of fruits or vegetables on their heads, so that, unless we wish to go to the larger market in the next town, we need to go to the local store only for staples. An old lady often comes around with strawberries and a few vegetables.

Yesterday I drew her into a conversation because I wanted to tell her about Jesus. She speaks no English and understands only a few words, so I used a little Tamil and our cook interpreted the rest. She is Hindu and told me she would change her religion if it would help her financially! Then she made the bright suggestion that if I would give her five rupees a month she would become a Christian. How my heart was grieved to think that she was

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THEME ARTICLE
**The Power
Encounter**

by Clint and Lynette Morgan

**1995 WNAC Theme:
Great and mighty things through
PRAYER**

—JEREMIAH 33:3

I believe there is a real power encounter going on in the world today. I believe that we “wrestle not against flesh and blood but against powers, against principalities.” But I also believe that “He that is in **us**” as Christians “is greater than he that is in the world.” And I know that He can and will do “great and mighty things” if we call upon Him.

The day started like most in Doropo, Côte d’Ivoire: a beautiful, bright shiny day with the sounds of the village all around as people got busy with their routine tasks of the day.

Clint was already in his office that morning and I was preparing to start the children at their school work. Above the routine noises we heard, a

man coming up to our house singing loudly in Lobi, “I am leaving the way of the fetish to follow God’s way.”

As he got closer to the house we didn’t recognize the man so assumed he was either a new convert or a Christian from another village coming to greet us. After we seated him and began talking to him, we realized that our spirits



did not bear witness with his spirit. The man had heard the gospel, but there was a spiritual battle raging within him as part of him wanted to accept the Gospel and another part was violently opposed.

An African brother helping us talk to the man stated that he was undoubtedly demon-possessed. Clint asked the man if he could pray for him but he refused, stood up and headed for market.

We had burned a lot of fetishes and knew that this was a power

encounter in which God gave the victory, but this was our first close-up encounter with a demon possessed person. Clint began praying in his spirit for the warfare, which, at the time, he was unaware would soon take place.

Around noon Clint and Robbie, our summer missionary, left the station to go to town on an errand. As they left the hospital compound, they saw a crowd of people with sticks and machetes in their hands stirring up the dust as they ran down the road chas-

ing after a man. The car made its way through the crowd and came beside the chased man. Clint realized it was

our early-morning visitor. He turned the car in front of him to cut him off and quick as a wink the man leaped onto the car with a single bound.

Clint cut the car off and jumped out to see where the man had disappeared to. He was perched on top of the car glaring down at Clint with fiery eyes. Before Clint could decide what to do, the man jumped down and into the driver's seat. The ignition switch was

The demon-possessed man was still in the driver's seat and Clint asked him if he would get in the back seat. He'd take him back to the station and they could talk. At this point the man began to rant and rave, repeating some words in French (under the power of Satan since he did not speak French) and Lobi, "My name is Ocean. I was there and drank and I am the ocean." Clint knew that visiting the ocean indicated a person had participated in sorcery. A person could then fly around at night and would visit the ocean to drink from it for special power.

As Clint and Robbie prayed, the man seemed to settle down. Clint placed his hand on the man's wrist. Suddenly he flew into a

GOD HAD BUILT A SHIELD OF

often difficult to turn on, but for once it was a blessing, as the man tried to start the car. By then the townspeople were gathered all around waiting for an opportunity to grab the man. He had tried to kill a young girl in the village and they were ready to take his life.

Robbie was still in the car and asked Clint what he should do. All Clint could think of was, "PRAY!" It didn't take any convincing on Robbie's part. He began praying.

rage jerked his arm away and with the other arm hit Robbie on the side of his head. Clint and Robbie prayed even harder. Clint had been praying in French and Lobi and now switched to his mother tongue. "In the name and power of the blood of Jesus Christ I claim the protection of God. I pray that this man will be delivered from these powers that are controlling him."

At this point the man became totally controlled by demons. He turned toward Clint, began to hiss like a serpent, spit in Clint's

face. "I'm going to kill you!" he said. At that moment the power of God came over Clint like never before. He replied victoriously, "You cannot kill me for I am a servant of the living God. In the power of the blood of Jesus Christ I tell you, you cannot kill me!"

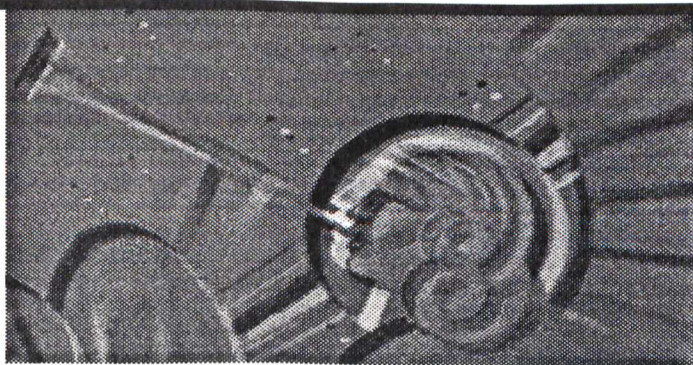
Suddenly he sprang from the car intending to carry out his diabolically designed plan. Clint stepped aside and stood by immobile. Five or six of the village men jumped on the man to keep him from getting to Clint. Three times they took him down and each time he got away and came after Clint, but he could not lay a hand on him. Clint could not move but felt no fear.

God had built a shield of protec-

When Clint got home and walked in the house, I knew nothing of what had happened but saw right away that he was

white as a sheet. I ran to him, "What is wrong!?" He then told how he had had an encounter with Satan and his demons. We stood glorifying at God's power. We had seen and experienced firsthand that our God is truly an awesome God!

In the afternoon Clint went out to check on the construction of some houses we were building on the station. Across the way lived an old Christian man that we affec-



him and pray for God's deliverance. Ten believers took the man down, tied him up and took him to a room at the hospital to pray for him. The man evidently went into a trance and showed no awareness of anything that was done or said around him.

We discovered that according to the law, we couldn't continue to keep him tied up as he was not from our country. After a while, the Christians decided the best

PROTECTION AROUND HIM THAT DAY

tion around him that day that kept him from falling into the destructive claws of the evil one and his demonic servants. He felt the power and presence of God's protection like he had never before experienced it.

Suddenly the man calmed down. He turned to Clint once more to tell him that he would kill him and then walked away. The villagers stood in awe and didn't even try to pursue the man. They asked Clint why he didn't run and he told them, "My protection was in Jesus."

tionately call, "Papa." A large crowd was gathered there and Clint crossed over to see what was happening. When he stepped in the clearing, he saw the demon-possessed man. As soon as the man spotted Clint he froze mid-sentence, stood up and pointing a finger at Clint, yelled, "There's the man that tried to kill me." Clint renounced him and claimed the power of the blood before all standing there. The man turned and walked off.

The Christians decided to take the man, tie him up to subdue

thing was to take him up to Burkina Faso, a country 25 miles from Doropo, where the man was from. We knew a strong church there that often cast out demons.

In order to keep him calm for the journey, Sherwood Lee gave him some Valium. The normal dose had absolutely no effect on the demon-possessed man. Sherwood eventually gave him enough to knock out three men, but it apparently did not faze the man.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Last weekend I was around a group of special young people who had two things in common. They had a burden for missions and they were MK's (missionary kids).

There is no rule that says, "If you are an MK you have to go into mission work." Many don't. But, from my observation, maybe 90% of all MK at one time or another have a burning desire to follow their parents' footsteps. Many want to return to the same field as laymen. Some will probably end up in full-time mission work on the field. Others will take different paths just as worthy.

Why do so many MK's have such a burden for missions? Here are two reasons that came to my mind.

They have seen and felt what it could be like to have no hope of ever hearing and understanding the gospel. Most saw young churches struggle with a handful of infants in Christ. They prayed alongside their parents for the salvation of their neighbors.

Their parents have set an example of total abandonment to the Lord's will. MK's know that the shortage of missionaries on their specific field means that their parents may be overextending themselves to the point of hurting their

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Poet's Corner

Day Break

Vicki Turner, Carterville, MO

The purple mist clings and
lingers
Along the mountain peaks,
Unwilling to relinquish the
morning
To the rising sun.

Overhead the sky is streaked
With orange and softer pinks,
And the silence of the moment
Anticipates the day.

And then there is
a breathlessness,
Like the flutter of a heart,
As the wind pays reverence
Just before the dawn.

To witness such magnificence
Invigorates the soul.
For nothing is more beautiful,
Than the handiwork of God.

He's All of This and More

by Debbi Atwood, Amory, MS

Keeper of my spirit
Savior of my soul.
Friend who never leaves me
Love that makes me whole.

Guard against depression
Work that conquers sin
Constant affirmation
When I think I just can't win.

Strength that keeps me going
Wisdom that I seek
Grace that gives me pardon
When I fail throughout the week.

Comfort when I'm grieving
Guidance when I ask
Patience when I'm restless
Courage for the task.

This and more is Jesus
He's been there from the start
I trust Him with my future
I trust Him with my heart.

His Love

by Freeda Lucas, Cromona, KY

His love is in the sunrise
That chases winter's night.
Its rosy hues send forth a glow
That bathes the world in light.

His love is in the raindrops
That make sweet flowers grow.
His hand comes down to touch
each one,
Because He loves them so.

His love is in the mountains,
The deserts and the seas.
His love is in the thunder,
The sudden, summer breeze.

His love is in our children,
Each precious, smiling face.
The young, the old, the rich,
the poor,
Are touched by special Grace.

His love was there at Calvary.
It's been ours from the start.
A love too big for such small
words,
Yet perfect for each heart. ❖

A graphic of a springboard with a curved line representing the spring and a small flag at the end. The word "Springboard:" is written in a large, stylized, cursive font.

Springboard:

Innovative Ideas for WNAC Officers

Coordinator

Encourage as many women as possible to go to the WNAC National Convention. Keep the need to pray for the Convention before your women and the whole church especially during the first half of July. Pray for the leaders of our denomination.

Last year the WNAC office received \$481.06 through the "Rest of the Family Offering" in September as part of the Together Way plan. However, this amount does not come close to taking care of our operational needs.

For the time being, August continues to be our Emphasis Month. You will receive an Emphasis Packet in the mail. If for some reason you do not receive the packet, please contact us or come by the WNAC booth at the National. The Emphasis Packet contains the script of an interview with Mary R. Wisheart about her book "Sparks into Flames." Yvonne Wolfenbarger is the interviewer. This is a great way to let your women know more about what our women have accomplished and what WNAC is all about. You can set up a stage for a television interview and two women can do this as a role play. The women will enjoy seeing you try to imitate these two delightful women (another reason to go to the National Convention—to meet Mary R. Wisheart and Yvonne Wolfenbarger if you haven't yet).

Assistant Coordinator

The July Program is designed to be used as a radio news program. The National Home Missions Department is responsible for sending missionaries to North America and the Caribbean Islands. Note that 4 out of 5 locations mentioned in the program are inside the United States. Your program can focus on all 5 or, if this is too long, choose a few. Decorations can follow a patriotic theme or just set up a microphone, real or fake, as in a recording studio. Sing a patriotic hymn such as "America, The Beautiful."

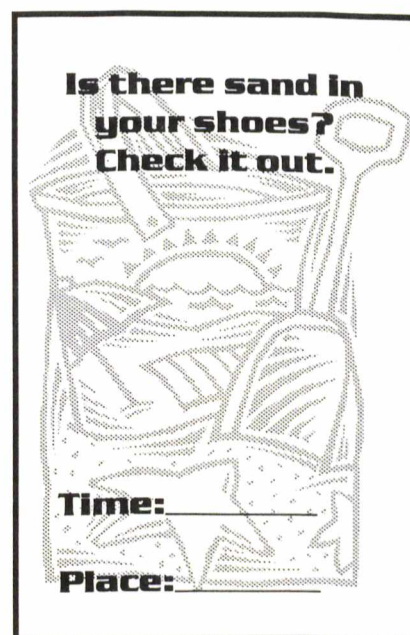
The August program printed in *CoLaborer* is called "Sand in Your Shoes." Stir up curiosity with posters. Blow up the one on this page on colored paper or cut out pictures of sandboxes with children playing (look in parenting magazines). On the poster ask the question, "Is there sand in your shoes?" The women who read *CoLaborer* will know what it is all about, but you also want to attract women who are not involved. An invitation can be a small plastic bag with a small amount of sand in it. Punch a hole in an index card. Write the question "How would you like to walk around with this in your shoes?" along with the person's name, date and time on the card. Tie the card onto some string (or ribbon) and close the bag with the same string. After the program, ask the women to think about what kind of sand has gotten in their shoes.

Devotional Outline

Learning to Walk

Ephesians 5:1-21

- walk in honor 4:1
- walk in separation 4:17
- walk in love 5:2
- walk in light 5:8
- walk in wisdom 5:15
- walk in understanding 5:17
- walk in spiritual possession 5:18



The Emphasis Packet will have a poster that you can use. The Emphasis Program can be used in place of, or along with, the August Program. Advertise the program and remind the women that the Emphasis offering is going to be taken. Same as last year's, the Emphasis offering is limited to the women's group in cooperation with the Together Way plan of support.

Secretary/Treasurer

Since the Emphasis offering is no longer church-wide, encourage your women to be generous. September is the month designated for the "Rest of the Family Offering." Start thinking of ways to publicize this offering in September. A portion of this offering (a percentage proportional to our budget) goes to the WNAC general fund.

WNAC handled over \$80,000 in the first quarter of 1995. \$32,068.80 was designated to Foreign Missions and \$26,096.63 to Home Missions. Our colleges received \$5,297 through WNAC. Offerings also included children's homes, dues, Co-Laborer Fund and others.

Make sure all of your dues and reports are turned in on time so your delegates to the National Convention are able to represent you. See *Communicator* for more about reports.

Missions Chairman

Fall means school clothes and supplies for kids, including missionary kids. If you adopt a "project kid," remember to include all siblings still at home. Find out from the parents what they will need. Depending on their schooling situation and age their needs may vary greatly. College-age missionary kids also appreciate cards and gifts.

Prayer Chairman

Make Bible markers with prayer reminders to pray for National WNAC staff and officers on all levels. See page 17 for suggested prayer requests.

Even though July is not summer all over the world, many missionaries are involved in youth camps, Vacation Bible School, Bible clubs and retreats at this time of the year. This means an extremely busy time. They need prayer for physical and spiritual strength.

Study Chairman

First on your summer reading list should be "They Deserve a Second Chance" by Shirley Roberts Combs. The book is available at the WNAC office for \$6.50. See the advertisement on page 30.

A book that can be used for a missions study is reviewed by Mary R. Wisehart below.

Missions and You, Larry W. Caldwell, OMF Literature Inc., Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, 1994, \$5.95.

"The job isn't over yet," Larry W. Caldwell says in his book filled with practical suggestions about carrying out the Great Commission today.

By 1997 or 1998 the prediction is that we will have 6 billion people on our planet. Of these only 589 million will be believers. The unreached with the gospel will equal 2.28 billion people.

Caldwell concentrates on the 11,000 people groups that are unreached with the gospel. "An unreached people group will only become a reached people group when Christians from another reached people group go and take the Good News of Jesus to them."

The amazing thing is that today, as Caldwell points out, we don't

PRAYER

Praise God for all things

Repent for wrong things

Ask for right things

Yield to Holy Spirit

Expect God to answer

Rejoice in answered prayers

HID IN MY HEART

James 1:2-8 (NKJV)

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

have to go overseas to find these unreached people. They may be living next door, on your street or across town! The question is what is your church doing to reach them.

The book gives both sent ones and senders equal value under God's plan for reaching the world. Caldwell includes a chapter for each with practical steps for going and sending.

The book also includes questions for thought and study at the end of each chapter. These questions help to make the book a good study book for missions. It is short and could be covered in a few sessions or even in one session.

Most Christians would disagree with Caldwell's position that the "gift of apostleship" is for today. But we would all agree that God's grace, strength and gifts are available and essential for doing God's work in our world.

The last chapter, "What Do You Do Now?" gives practical suggestions, such as start a prayer and support group, go on a missions trip, adopt an unreached people group, read. He gives a list of ten books he thinks are the most important ones for missions study.

Service Chairman

Pastor appreciation Sunday is on September 10. Talk to your group about doing something for your pastor and his family on that day. Each pastor has specific needs, so think of something that they need or would enjoy. A few ideas are gift certificates for clothes or their favorite restaurant. If they have small children, provide babysitting services or if age-appropriate, take the kids to their favorite fast-food restaurant in the afternoon.

The new Manual has a form to fill out about what kind of service your group is involved in. This form will let us know what local ministries our women are involved in and what has been effective. Where there are Christian agencies, such as, crisis pregnancy centers or rescue missions, your women can be involved by volunteering at these types of ministries. Check out what is available in your area and see if there is some ministry you could be involved in that your women have not thought of. ❖

WNAC Emphasis Prayer Requests

1. Mary Neal, National WNAC President: for wisdom in leadership.
2. Mary R. Wisheart, Exec. Secretary of WNAC: for wisdom and health
3. WNAC Staff: for health and joy in service
4. Executive Committee Members: for vision and discernment as they plan for the future
5. WNAC State Officers: for leadership skills and understanding
6. District Officers: for communication skills and cooperative spirit
7. Local Officers: for organizational skills and dedication to their tasks
8. All WNAC members: for a vision for world missions and involvement
9. Financial Support: for financial needs to be met through responsible stewardship
10. Outreach Ministries FWB women are involved in: for a spirit of loving concern and for effectiveness
11. Those not involved in WNAC: that they would see WNAC as a means of contributing to ministry, growing spiritually, and developing godly friendships.

Lucy & Marge

Who needs news?

[Lucy and Marge are in the car going to the Mall together. They have the radio on and are listening to the news.]

Marge: Don't you ever get tired of hearing bad news?

Lucy: You have to keep up with what is going on in the world.

Marge: Yeah, but I get so I'm even afraid to turn on the news. I'm afraid I'll hear about another tragedy.

Lucy: That's why we need to tune in to the WNAC radio station.

Marge: What?

Lucy: Didn't you hear about the July program for Women Active for Christ?

Marge: What's that got to do with the news?

Lucy: Well, the program is going to give "live" reports on mission works around North America.

Marge: I think we all need to hear some encouraging news once in a while. ❖

Operation Just Cause by Steve Lytle

When the US invaded Panama on December 20, 1989 after two and a half years of growing tension and repeated minor crises between the two countries, it was the culmination of an extremely stressful and dangerous period of time for US citizens living in the Isthmian nation.

We were awakened at 12:30 AM, on a Wednesday to the sound of mortar fire, and the US military advisory said "PML Echo," which meant war. For the next six days we were forced to stay barricaded inside our houses as fighting, looting, anarchy and confusion reigned throughout Panama City.

Inside our house our family of five spent the next week (including Christmas) playing table games, reading, praying and watching the news about what was happening in Panama on CNN, courtesy of the local US military station.

For us, the worst day was undoubtedly Friday, December 22, as reports began to reach us through television and phone calls from friends that in addition to sporadic fighting, widespread looting was going on all over the city. There was no one to call in an emergency, and many people were deeply alarmed, including us. We packed a suitcase and thought long and hard about trying to drive to a nearby US military base.

We finally decided to stay, figuring that it would be safer to stay put at home, rather than risk driving our car through streets filled with hundreds of looters in what would probably be a futile effort to get to Ft. Clayton.

So extremely uneasy and concerned about the potential dangers in being where we were, but yet not feeling that we could or should leave, at 9:00 PM our family bowed to pray. We had been in touch by phone with a number of folks from our church and some other believers as well, and 9:00 was the time set for a prayer chain all over the country. As we prayed and sensed that many, many others were joining their hearts with ours for protection and God's intervention to bring the whole situation to a

speedy and successful conclusion, we felt the presence and peace of God in our hearts.

No sooner had we concluded our prayer time, we heard the sound overhead of a US helicopter with a huge searchlight. We realized that the announced curfew was going to be strictly enforced. Our hearts were lifted with praise to God at that moment, and though we maintained a tight vigilance during the night, we were able to sleep better than we had the previous two nights. God was watching over us.

The next day, we saw our first US soldiers and tanks on our street. To us it seemed like a sign from heaven. We praise God for His sustaining grace during those terrible days and give witness to His power to answer prayer. ❖

Tune in on your radio to
the News Roundup for
Home Missions. The live
broadcast will be at
_____ on WNAC
time radio station.



COMMUNICATOR

BY MARY RUTH WISEHART

WNAC Celebrates 60th

August is once again Emphasis Month for WNAC.

June 13, 1935, WNAC was organized at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church in Pitt County North Carolina.

This emphasis month should be a special time for thanksgiving and praise to God for what He has enabled WNAC women to do through the years.

For projects and accomplishments of WNAC, check *Sparks into Flame: A History of WNAC, 1935-1985*. The book and study guide are available from WNAC for the special price of \$5, plus postage and handling. Check the WNAC Supplies Leaflet for a special offer.

For other information on Emphasis Month, check with the WNAC office.

Consider the Endowment Fund

WNAC's Endowment Fund with the Free Will Baptist Foundation had a total of \$6,536.

This fund could help support the national office from the interest accrued if the fund increased significantly.

One way to increase support would be large gifts to the Endowment Fund. Think, however, how much the fund would amount to if each member gave only \$1 a year to the fund.

WNAC has about 9,000 dues paying members. If each gave a dollar every year, in ten years, the Endowment Fund would equal about \$100,000. That would give us approximately \$7,000 in interest, according to the interest on investments right now.

Gifts to the fund may be sent in honor or in memory of a person. The name of the honoree and the donor are recorded in the Book of Remembrance on display in the WNAC office.

Reminder to Secretaries

All secretaries—local, district, and state—should be getting reports ready for the annual report. The annual report goes into the WNAC minutes in the Free Will Baptist Yearbook. There it becomes a part of our history.

Secretaries are writing the record that will be read years from now. That record should be as accurate as possible.

How many members did your group report last year? That number should be the number of members you start with this year. That number plus new

Provision Closet Needs:

Sheet Sets, all sizes

King and twin-sized
mattress covers

Towel Sets, hand towels
and wash cloths

Kitchen Towels

Cookware

Tupperware® except
rolling pins, tumblers,
and salt/pepper sets

Please, send no blankets
at this time

members received, minus members lost should equal the total number of members for 1995. Sounds simple enough. The reports, however, do not always come out that way.

Be sure to get an accurate number of members for your whole state. Check with the treasure to make sure that dues are paid for each member accepted by your state or district.

Dues and Representation

Some may be confused about the \$10 national dues. These dues constitute a representation fee for the locals, districts, and states sending delegates to the National Convention.

Each state must remit to the national office \$10 for all the members it accepts. Without this representation fee in full, delegates from the state, district, or local group cannot be seated at the convention.

Special Announcement

Sunday, April 9 at 12:30 p.m. WNAC book-keeper, Martha Burttram, became Mrs. James E. Harris.

The wedding took place at the Fairview Free Will Baptist Church in Moody, Alabama.

The couple will live in Nashville. ❖

Women In Action



A: Auction Benefits FWBBC

Cookeville Free Will Baptist Church Women Active for Christ (Tennessee) have been very busy. They raised \$2,670.86 for various projects throughout 1994. They also gave the church \$10,222.61 to help purchase a van. The women held an auction in December. All proceeds raised in the auction (\$1,650) went to Free Will Baptist Bible College. Pictured left to right: Gladys Haney (President), Fannie Mae Harris (Vice-President), Sandra Cook (Secretary), Aline Buckner (Treasurer).

B: Greenbrier Missions Fair a Success

Greenbrier Ladies' Auxiliary (Strang, OK) held a missions fair. Several rooms were decorated to represent each country where Free Will Baptists have missionaries. There were games, concessions and lots of fun! Wanda Gage designed a quilt and several of the ladies helped put it together (see photo). They raised over \$200 for missions. Information from the missions hotline and Trula Cronk Children's Home was available for people to take. The ladies also collected Christmas decorations and school supplies and sent them to the Home. They learned a great deal about each mission field from this experience.



C: Pamlico District holds Conference

Women Active for Christ of the Pamlico District Free Will Baptist Association, Beaufort County (NC) held a Special Conference on February 25, 1995. Five Points Free Will Baptist Church (Washington, NC) hosted the conference. President Betty Hill introduced the guest speaker Mrs. Phylliss Bass of Gateway Free Will Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, VA. Mrs. Bass and her daughters, Freda, Jeana and Treana, provided special music. Pictured left to right: Freda, Jeana, Treana and Phylliss Bass.

D: FWB Women in Mobile (AL) Celebrate

Members of the First Free Will Baptist Church Women's group pose for a picture after their annual Christmas party in December. They exchanged gifts, revealed secret sisters and all those present enjoyed the fellowship.



E. East Nashville Traditions (not pictured)

In November, 1993, the women's group of East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church published a cookbook, *Eating at East*. The book is filled with good recipes and tells about their "traditions in good eating." After publication expenses were paid, all proceeds from the sale of the book went to deficit accounts of foreign missionaries. The cookbooks sell for \$10 each and to date almost \$2,000 has been sent to the Foreign Missions Department.

"East Nashville Auxiliary was one of the first in the Free Will Baptist denomination," reports Ruthann Hall (President). "Even though our number is small (we average about 12 in attendance at our meetings) we give generously to the Free Will Baptist Missions program and to the Tennessee State Plan of Work. We give through the Fannie Polston Memorial Scholarship \$300 each year to a MK (missionary kid) student at Free Will Baptist Bible College."

East Nashville's traditions include a prayer breakfast on Palm Sunday. At this time an offering is taken for Foreign Missions. In July they have a hamburger supper and an offering is taken for the Fannie Polston Memorial Scholarship. In November they have an annual Bean Supper when another offering is taken for Home Missions. At Christmas time they have a box in the church vestibule and the church family exchanges cards. Card givers also give an offering for Foreign Missions with the exchange of each card. ♦



Dear WNAC.

This past month during our weekly visitation, a young girl, Laura, was saved. We are now praying for her husband, Claude.

Ernest has been busy at the youth center. Daily, young people come for counsel. Pray that he will have wisdom when he talks with them.

We praise the Lord for the increase in attendance in the youth meeting. We average 65 kids. This is up from 45!

The new group at Abidjan will soon be sstarting classes offered by our Leadership Training Course. Robert Bryan will teach these classes.

We have reached a time where we must teach them—the children, the ladies, the youth, and the leaders of our churches in the Ivory Coast.

Elaine and Ernest Holland

Dear WNAC.

Thanks for all you do for our auxiliaries and our Lord. Our pre-Easter program was strictly a prayer service. Our ladies called each missionary's name in each country and our men had prayer for each individual country. It was a humbling service. We had an offering of over \$700 for the Robert West account. Praise God!

Eula Edwards, President
Washington, NC ♦

What Makes a Good Pastor's Wife

by Yvonne Wolfenbarger

I was born into a minister's home. I married a preacher. My three brothers, my sister's husband and my daughter's husband are ministers also. Does that make me an expert on being a minister's wife? Absolutely not.

Some years ago, I conducted a survey among about 100 Free Will Baptist men and women. The survey was concerning a special group of women. Their ages varied—some barely out of high school, some nearing retirement. They came from different backgrounds. Some were poor, some rich, most were middle-class. Some had exceptional musical talent. Others could hardly play the radio (much less the piano). So different, yet all with one common thread. They were preachers' wives. God delights in diversity. He didn't cut every minister's wife from the same pattern.

A Biblical View

What does the Bible say about this unique position? The book of Titus lists the qualifications for a pastor, but doesn't speak of the requirements for the pastor's wife. Still I am sure she should have at least the same qualifications as any other mature Christian woman. Paul, who wrote Titus, says that the mature women should be holy, honest, not given to much wine, teachers of good things, teaching the younger women to be sober, lovers of their husbands and children, discrete, chaste, keepers at home, good, and obedient to their husbands. Wow, what a contradiction to modern popular opinion!

Sure, that's easy for Paul to say, but what would Mrs. Paul say? What would you say? Perhaps your comments might be, "He's called; he can take the stress and strain easier than I. I'm simply married to the man who is 'called.' He seems to have a direct line to God ... I don't. He has so many people praying for him, but what about me."

On the other hand, you may be thinking, "Yes, there are sacrifices, but, oh, the rewards you receive in return." Matthew 19:29 reads, "Everyone that hath forsaken houses or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life."

A Pastor's View

The pastor and his wife probably have similar views of her position. He wants his wife to be a mature Christian, one who will help meet the needs of his congregation as well as his own personal needs. He wants someone who loves God, loves His people and who loves him deeply. He wants a wife like the woman described in Proverbs 31. But even though the man's and woman's views are similar, they may differ widely when explaining or applying those views.

A Woman's View

Twenty-five percent of all pastor's wives have had, or are on the verge of having a nervous breakdown. The number one cause is stress from trying to be what others expect or in some cases what she expects of herself.

be yourself

Frances Nordland, in her book *The Unprivate Life of the Pastor's Wife*, states, "If you yield yourself to the Holy Spirit, you can relax as a minister's wife because He will create in you a joy for life which is unobtainable by your own efforts. As you live and work among the church people, God will bless others through you without your trying to be a blessing."

Don't get discouraged because you aren't the "ideal" pastor's wife (whatever that is). Each week strive to be better than you were the week before. Be pliable in God's hand so He can mold you and make you what He wants you to be.

It's easy to become overwhelmed with feelings of inadequacy if you dwell on what you are not. This can be very harmful to you, to your husband and his ministry. It robs you of your effectiveness and your joy, which makes you feel even more inadequate.

The following are several common areas where pastors' wives feel inadequate:

- *Can't sing or play the piano
- *Can't teach
- *Not creative
- *No college degree
- *Don't know enough about the Bible
- *Too shy
- *Not a leader

Pastor's Views of What Makes a Good Pastor's Wife:

- ✿ **Be thick-skinned—don't get feelings hurt easily**
- ✿ **Be smarter than him about \$\$**
- ✿ **Support the pastor—even when you disagree**
- ✿ **Enjoy hearing him preach**
- ✿ **Be self-sufficient—he won't be home much**
- ✿ **Be a spiritual self-starter**
- ✿ **Be understanding—unselfish with his time**
- ✿ **Have a sense of humor**
- ✿ **Maintain balance when emergencies arise**
- ✿ **Satisfy his needs**
- ✿ **Keep a clean house—but not a museum**
- ✿ **Be hospitable**
- ✿ **Be a good example to other women**
- ✿ **Be patient**
- ✿ **Be supportive—not controlling**
- ✿ **Be wise**

Concentrate on the things you can do. If you can't sing or play the piano, make your contribution in other areas such as visiting the sick, or cooking for a family in crisis. Are you good with children? Offer your baby-sitting services in times of emergency. Write letters of encouragement. Use your God-given gifts when and where you have opportunities. All pastors' wives are talented, but not all in the same areas.

Remember, God said, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

be a good mother

Nothing destroys the work of the minister more quickly than children who are unhappy and undisciplined.

A pastor's wife who was deeply involved in church activities heard some women talking about the "preacher's brats." Her eyes were opened to the fact that her children were unruly and rebellious toward the church. In talking with her children, she found that she had neglected their training. They felt they were in competition with the church for their parents' time, and were resentful toward the church. She wisely told the women of her church not to call her before school or just after school except in the case of an emergency so she could spend time with her family.

Teach your children that they should or shouldn't do things because it displeases God, not because they're the preacher's kids. While some preacher's children hate living in the parsonage, my daughter thought it was the greatest privilege. She felt honored and realized she had many privileges others didn't. **Your attitude** will make the difference.

be a good wife to the pastor

I was 23 years old when we moved into a parsonage. A deacon's wife gave me great advice which I have tried to follow. She asked, "Do you know what a good pastor's wife does?" "Sure," I thought, "she plays the piano, sings in the choir, is able to teach, she's a wonderful hostess ... etc." "She makes the pastor happy," she said answering her own question. "Remember that she's not the assistant pastor. She just makes the pastor's home comfortable, peaceful, and a place where he can go to find rest, refreshment and support." Good advice for any pastor's wife at any age.

Many pastors have strong, aggressive personalities which may make them hard to live with. He's so used to having everyone do things his way that it sometimes carries over into the home.

A pastor will put the Lord's work first, and everything else (including you) second, third or fourth. Men find fulfillment through their work.

Recognize the differences in men and women. We have different expectations, feel-

ings, goals and needs. Discovering what those differences are can help you understand your husband better.

Tell your husband you are proud of him. Support him in all he does, even when you disagree.

Wives' Views of What Makes a Good Pastor's Wife:

- ✿ **Accept people for who they are**
- ✿ **Have a servant's heart**
- ✿ **Understand husband's position**
- ✿ **Be a caring person**
- ✿ **Be supportive to husband**
- ✿ **Know the Word**
- ✿ **Be a strong Christian**
- ✿ **Be a prayer warrior**
- ✿ **Love the congregation**
- ✿ **Be a listener**
- ✿ **Learn to keep quiet**
- ✿ **Be hospitable**
- ✿ **Be positive and cheerful**
- ✿ **Have a loving spirit**
- ✿ **Don't be overly sensitive**
- ✿ **Don't be a jealous wife**

Pray for Him. Don't compete with his time at the church. Don't be too critical of his sermons, but do be honest. Criticism often creates barriers, but loving, warm comments may help him build better sermons.

Communicate with your husband. Tell him how you feel. Tell him what is bothering you about your relationship. Tell him if you are lonely. Share your dreams with him.

"Fulfill your husband's needs as only his wife can do." Sadly, we all know many cases where preachers have fallen into sinful relationships with other women. You will have to be creative in finding the time and place to be alone with him. Romance keeps you well balanced and protects from temptation. Pray for your husband that God will keep him faithful.

be a strong Christian

Avoid the negative.

- *Be above jealousy, gossip, envy
- *Don't feel sorry for yourself
- *Guard against pride
- *Control your anger
- *Don't let **resentment** destroy you

The core of most marital problems is resentment. You resent him because he isn't what you thought he was or he has changed since you married him. You resent the fact that he doesn't provide for you like he should or he has more free time or spends more money on himself than you. You resent him because he doesn't help with the kids and thinks only of himself.

Emphasize the positive.

Make time for daily Bible reading. Knowing God's Word makes you a better wife, a better mother and a stronger christian

woman. Guard your time with Him so that it is not crowded out by your family and your church.

Spend time in prayer. It's a must. God can fill you with joy and gratitude, and make you thankful you've been given this unique opportunity for service.

Take advantage of every opportunity to serve God. A servant's heart stems from a deeply rooted love for God and His family. Cultivate your God-given gifts and use them in His service.

Conclusion

A wise minister and friend once described the ideal pastor's wife. Any minister would be delighted with such a woman. Could you be the kind of minister's wife he describes?

"Sometimes, a woman's faith in God and her man is the only thing that stands between him and despair. A man knows he is fortunate when he companies with such a woman. She is a gift from God."

If you really want to be a good wife, be his best friend, his confidante, his ally, his encourager, his light, his hope when he loses hope. Be strong and weak, self-sufficient and vulnerable, life-hardened but sensitive. When he shatters against the stone fences in life, help him pick up the pieces and begin again."

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health. MK's also see how many could come to know Jesus Christ if more workers were available. Some families have worked alone with little chance for Christian fellowship.

Why am I writing this? My purpose is not to exhalt MK's or MK'hood. My point is that you don't have to be an MK to have a burden for missions.

You can catch their contagious excitement about the Lord's work by learning about missionaries and their work, maybe visiting a field. You can also observe the example of dedicated servants in the Lord's work.

Maybe you are not as lucky as some MK's I know. But, if you make yourself available to the Lord, study your Bible, obey the Lord's leading and expose yourself to what is going on in missions, He will show you your place in His work. MK's are privileged to have a good deal of exposure to mission work but this knowledge is not exclusive to them. ❖

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights ..."
James 1:17 (NIV)

a column for young people

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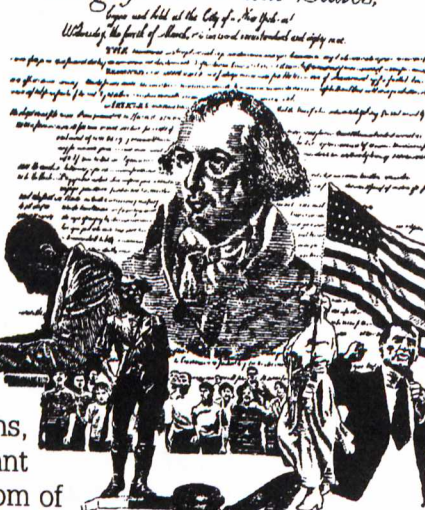
Right
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Privilege?



ou don't have the right to your slave."

Sound familiar? We hear a lot right to life, liberty and the pursuit can Constitution. We, as Americans, speech. The right to live where we want The right to public education, freedom of

Congress of the United States,



tell me what to do! I'm not

about rights these days. "The of happiness" is in the Ameri- have the right of freedom of to (at least to some extent). religion, etc.

The world interprets a right as something you are born with and you have automatically because you are a living being. However, this definition lacks the most important part. We are living beings because God made us.

What the world sees as a right is really a privilege given to us by God. Your and my wants really aren't rights. God **gives** us the freedom (or, if you prefer, the right) to make good and bad choices and what we want isn't always the best choice.

We are God's creations. So we really have no rights apart from what God has given us. He can do with us what He pleases. So, you think, "Oh no, I'm, like, a slave. I have no rights." This is a true statement except for one important detail. God is generous.

Every good gift is from God. God gave us life. God gave us the world to live in. God gave us the intelligence to learn language and vocal chords to speak. He gave us a family that cares about us and that we care for.

These awesome gifts carry responsibility. If we act as responsible humans, we will use what God has given us wisely.

The most important gift God has given us is eternal life through the Son. If you chose to reject this gift, you will probably suffer in your life on earth and you will absolutely suffer severe consequences in eternity. Stop complaining about your lack of rights. Start thanking God for your God-given privileges. And, if you haven't yet, accept the greatest gift of all. Salvation. ❖

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 ❖

Overcoming Cancer: An Interview with Lucille Steward

BY TREVA WALLACE



Lucille Steward is likely one of the most active women in WNAC. She is the Michigan state Field Worker. Read her story as she tells it to Treva Wallace.

Q How did you get started in mission work?

A I worked in a car factory in Michigan for seventeen years. One day, I was crossing a street, the sun was bright and it blinded the driver of a car and he didn't see me. The driver was a Baptist preacher from Texas. The car hit me and that accident cost me a year of my life. The doctor said I would never walk again and I would be in a wheelchair the rest of my life.

I was determined to walk again. So, I refused to use a wheelchair. I pushed a chair around to help me learn to walk again. I prayed and prayed and promised God that if I could walk again, I would serve Him the rest of my life.

I had already been field worker for WNAC in Michigan for ten years before we became a state organization. During that time, I had been helping organize local women's groups, so I knew about mission work. God let me walk again, so I have been working in this field ever since.

Q So, When did you become a Christian?

A I became a Christian at the age of 12. I helped in Vacation Bible School one week later.

Q When did you find out you had cancer?

A In April 1980, fifteen years ago. I had a sharp pain in the

aorta, the large blood vessel going to my heart. The doctor said I had a tumor with feelers going around the aorta and it was inoperable.

Q What was your first reaction when the doctor told you?

A Anger. When I went back to see my doctor after results were back from the tests, he told me, "Go home and get your house in order. You have about three months to live." I jumped off the table and slammed out of the doctor's office. I called him up when I got home, told the nurse I wanted to come in the next morning. The doctor said come in.

I took a lunch and something to drink and went to one of the lakes in Michigan and walked by the water. I cried and I prayed all day long. Then I went home with peace of mind because I had turned everything over to the Lord.

The next day I told him I was sorry I slammed the door. He asked why I was so angry. I said, "You don't tell me when I'm going to die. Only God can tell me that." He said, "You must be very religious." I replied, "No, I just know the Lord."

Q Did the doctors use new drugs on you?

A The son of a missionary friend, who was a doctor, saw me in the hospital hallway. He wanted to know what I was

doing there. I told him I had cancer, so he invited me into his office. He informed me that he was an experimental doctor on new drugs. He wanted to know if he could try the new drugs on me. I said, "Yes."

I have been on experimental drugs for over fifteen years. It has been rough. I have taken many different cancer drugs. Some are being used now, some aren't. People say you forget the hallucinations, pain, the treatments, but I never have.

Some of the drugs no one else had taken before me. Out of twenty-eight people who took one drug, only six survived. Now I'm the only one living. So, you see, God had a plan for me. Through prayer, staying close to the Lord and staying busy, I have been able to sustain. I am never without anything to do. If you work for the Lord, you will always have things to do. But most of all you will have peace of mind.

Q What are your day to day activities now?

A About the same as before. I have a lot of bad days. I have to go to the doctor or hospital often. I try to keep in touch with our women's groups, attend district meetings and local meetings to keep our women up to date on our missionaries. I call our churches when there is a prayer request from our missionaries. I try to keep up front with any needs any missionary has.

I have a wonderful family, four special grandchildren and a jewel of a husband. We celebrated 45 years of marriage April 21. My husband, Wendell, is the wind in the sails that keeps us both afloat. He is in the background, always there, willing to do whatever he can. I know of no other man that would pull a trailer or truck to Nashville once a year for the last twenty-five years and spend a week's vacation getting stuff safely in the Provision Closet.

Our garage is like a warehouse for the mission. Supplies go so many places in Detroit. Baby clothes and maternity clothes go to the Rochester Crisis Center (for unwed mothers).

Q When you found out you had cancer, what motivated you to go on working for missions?

A I felt like there was a lot to do and I didn't know how long I had to do it. The Lord gave my husband and me a vision to help put missionaries on the field.

John 12:26 says, "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be."

I have just found out that the diabetes that I have, has gone into my kidneys. Eventually, I will be on dialysis. The doctor says I have about three good years left. I told him I work for the Lord and He will tell me when my work is done. Then I will go home to be with Him. ❖

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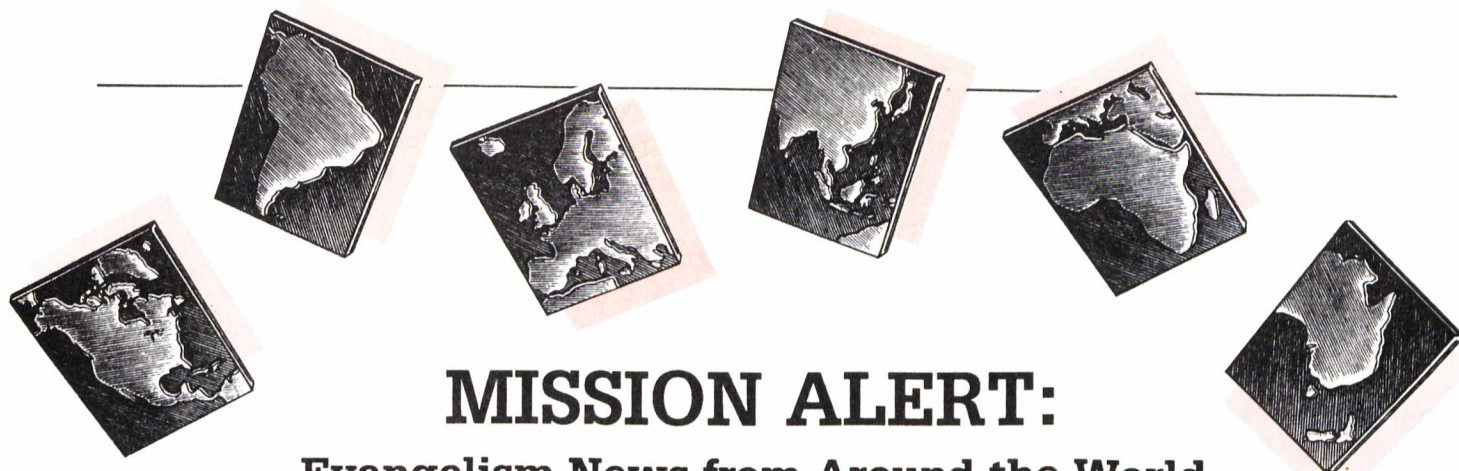
so void of understanding of spiritual things.

I was immediately reminded of the words of our Lord to that multitude who had followed Him: "Ye seek me, not because ye saw signs, but because ye ate of the loaves and were filled." I tried to tell her lovingly that such a transaction would not make her a Christian and that what she needed was eternal life. This could not be bargained for with money. "Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for the meat which endureth unto eternal life, which the Son of Man shall give unto you." I then tried to tell her of the Lord Jesus who died for her and who wanted to make her heart clean and prepare her for eternity, telling her also that He is now gone to prepare a place for us and is soon to come again to take us there.

I don't know how much she understood, for it seems the women are especially ignorant. I don't know just how to put these truths to them in word forms familiar to them. I did try to assure her that Jesus would bring happiness to her, and I know this was something her weary heart had never known.

Her final answer touched me deeply "Why do you trouble about me? I am an old women with much trouble and hard work." I said I realized that and just wanted her to know my Savior who would give her a new life of joy.

Our servants say this old woman has lived a sinful life, but isn't that what the Gospel is all about? Pray for this poor soul. Jesus is waiting to save her, and I shall be continuing to speak with her and to pray for her. ❖



MISSION ALERT:

Evangelism News from Around the World

Chicago, Illinois

David Potete, missionary to Chicago, reported that Chris and Regina Wright were scheduled to move to Chicago on May 13 to help in the Chicago work. The Potetes express thanksgiving for this young lay-couple and ask you to pray for them as they contribute in this urban church-planting effort.

Grand Junction, Colorado

Bob and Brenda Lewis praise the Lord for a number of churches who agreed to help with the building fund. As part of the financing agreement for their property loan, Bob Lewis made a commitment to raise \$30,000 by their church's first anniversary (September 10). He states that the women of Free Will Baptist churches have been a tremendous blessing to them. One example of these blessings came from some women in West Virginia who agreed to raise \$600 for the building debt. If your women's group is looking for a project, pray about helping this new church with furnishings. The Home Missions Department can provide more information on specific needs.

San Juan, Puerto Rico

"Our people are so excited about our buying property, but we are still waiting on the paper work to be completed," Miguel Vera writes. They have plans to do some evangelistic work in the area where the property is located. They ask us to pray for spiritual strength, wisdom and faithful workers.

Madrid, Spain

Dwain and Debbie Crosby request daily prayer for their children as well as the Turnbough children and other missionary kids who travel by train and subway to school. On April 19, as part of an attempt to assassinate a presidential candidate, two bombs exploded in different locations near the routes the children take to and from school. Missionaries in Spain request prayer for their children's personal safety and relief from anxiety and for political stability in the country.

Sapporo, Japan

A young man in the church where Debbie Griffin works, Mr. Sabuta, has announced that he feels God's call to the ministry. Mr. Sabuta is an English teacher in junior high school and started Bible School soon after announcing his call. Debbie Griffin and the McDonalds ask us to pray that many more will be called to the Lord's work because they are in desperate need of more workers.

Nassian, Côte d'Ivoire

Women from at least 10 villages participated in a three-day Spiritual Retreat in February. Alice Smith informs that 87 women ranging in age from 18 to 75 years sounded like a crowd of at least 1000 as they raised their voices in praise to the Lord. The women voted unanimously to organize on a national level in 1996. The time seemed too short so "most spent their last night singing and praying, not sleeping!" writes Alice Smith. ♦

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Finally five Christian brothers and Clint loaded him in the car and took him to the hospital to be treated for "insanity." Clint and the others then informed the local church of the situation. The believers assured us that they would take full responsibility for the man.

Our church leaders committed themselves to fast and pray for the man at least one day a week until the man was converted. As the weeks passed we continually received reports from the church on the man's progress.

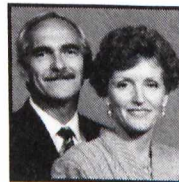
Finally one day we received the joyous news that the man had finally sought deliverance from the demonic bondage. The day they went to burn his fetishes, Satan came out in full force. Torrential rains, impossible roads and threats from his mother and the village people did not deter these Christians from their mission. God gave the victory and another power hold of Satan was destroyed.

Shortly thereafter we returned to the States on furlough. When we returned to the field for our next term, Clint was asked to come to a village 100 miles south of Bouna to baptize the new converts. As he met those who wanted to turn from their old lives and follow Christ in baptism, the African pastor stopped before one man whose face was shining and joyous with the love of God, and asked Clint, "Do you know this man?" Clint did not recognize the new creation standing before him. The pastor went on, "He is the man who tried to kill you."

That very day he went down into the waters of baptism and Clint shed tears of joy as he raised his hand toward heaven and said, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, I baptize you my brother Moses."

What joy! Not only for us, but for the African brothers and sisters and all the angels in heaven!

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:10-11). ❖



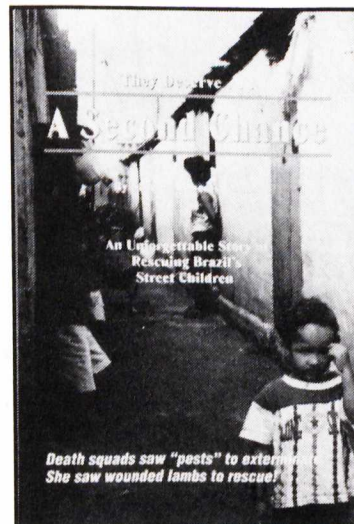
(Clint and Lynette Morgan are missionaries to Côte d'Ivoire currently on furlough in the United States.)

NEW

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They Deserve ...

A Second Chance



by Shirley Roberts Combs

An Unforgettable Story of Rescuing Brazil's Street Children



Words for Women

Sixty years old! Can you believe it? WNAC was 60 years old June 13, 1995.

On that date in 1935 at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church in Pitt County North Carolina, Free Will Baptist women met and organized the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

WNAC has continued without a break since 1935. Of course it has undergone change. It is a living, growing entity.

As I look at the past, I see Free Will Baptist women who are not afraid of change. They have been willing to change to meet new situations, new demands. Women have been willing to risk.

A glance at history shows some amazing things about Free Will Baptist women.

For example, did you know that 1990-1994, WNAC has handled over \$1.3 million from Free Will Baptist women's organizations just for Home and Foreign Missions?

Did you know that women gave \$43,000 plus to the Eunice Edwards Loan Fund for Churches Abroad in a five-year period? This giving was in addition to the regular gifts to missions.

Did you know that women's giving for 1989-93, including the value of gifts to the Provision Closet, amounted to \$2,498,806.39?

Do these figures suggest to you what we can accomplish as a group of women?

Think how much more we can do together than we could do as individuals or small, scattered groups.

Of course these figures suggest only the money women have given. Are we not doing other things as well? Certainly, but right now we do not have reports of service activities. In the new *Manual* we will have report forms including service activities the women are involved in at their church and in their communities.

Who can tally the results of prayer sent up by Free Will Baptist women? They have observed the 9:00 A.M. prayer time. They have offered concentrated prayer for

missions during the weeks before Easter and Thanksgiving. Women have been sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading for special prayer according to missionaries' needs. Read *First Fruits* and rejoice in answered prayer on the mission fields.

Did you know that almost 13,000 women are subscribers to the *CoLaborer* magazine?

The national magazine, *Contact*, has about 6,000 subscribers.

Did you know that in 1944 Mrs. Agnes Frazier proposed the 50,000 Co-Laborer Band, 50,000 people giving a dollar a month to WNAC? Imagine what could be done with \$50,000 coming into WNAC each month.

Did you know that Free Will Baptist Bible College provided the first "office" for WNAC in 1952? A tiny room now part of the bookstore. Mrs. Agnes Frazier was glad to have the space although she had no typewriter, calculator, mimeograph or other equipment.

Did you know that WNAC bought the first organ for the Free Will Baptist Bible College Memorial Auditorium in 1952? It was a Hammond, costing \$2400.

Did you know that WNAC once organized, published materials for and supervised youth organizations? The groups included Missionary Midgets for children, GTA's for girls 9-13, YPA for teenagers. The groups often had both young men and young women.

Read about other WNAC projects and accomplishments in *Sparks into Flame: A History of WNAC, 1935-1985*.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." God has surely blessed the efforts of Free Will Baptist women through the years. We can look back with rejoicing and forward with hope. "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

Our faces are toward tomorrow. Let's welcome what lies ahead for Free Will Baptist women with our hands in His and our hearts united in His service. ❖



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Women Nationally Active for Christ
60th Annual Session / July 16-18, 1995
New Charlotte Convention Center
Charlotte, North Carolina



Tuesday Morning / July 18

9:00 **Women Nationally Active for Christ** Convention Center Hall-C
Presiding: Mary Neal
Congregational Singing
Devotion: Tanya Hart
Special Music: Jamie and Lange Patrick
Welcome: Joanne King
Creative Arts Awards: Suzanne Franks
Credentials Committee Report/Seating of Delegates
Executive Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Mary R. Wisehart
Resolutions Committee Report
Appreciation Committee Report
Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers

11:10 **WNAC Missionary Service** Convention Center Hall-C
Congregational Singing
Offering
Offertory: Cramerton Ladies Handbell Choir
Special Music: Patricia Zeigler
Message: Steve Lytle

Tuesday Afternoon / July 18

1:30 Congregational Singing Convention Center Hall-C
Music: Cramerton Christian Academy Girls Quartet
Registration Committee Report
WNAC Special Feature: "Incense on the Altar"
Lorene Miley and Laura Thigpen with Missionaries

3:00 Adjournment

5:00 **WNAC Fellowship Dinner** Convention Center Ballroom
Invocation: Dwight Fletcher
Speaker: Mabel Willey
Benediction: Mabel Willey

Theme:
"Great and Mighty Things Through Prayer"

Scripture:

Jeremiah 33:3

Hymn:

"Call on Me"

Music Coordinator:

Pat Carpenter Zeigler

Organist:

Susan Ervin

Pianist:

Carolyn Riddick

Registration

Chairman:

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