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**G**OD has brought us to the time when a new thrust in world missions must be experienced. Doors are open in many lands. The population explosion calls us to maximum effort. A deep conviction fills our hearts. We must place 5,000 missionaries across the world at the earliest moment.

With God all things are possible. He is ready to do more than we can think or ask. If we humble our hearts in prayer and ask God for spiritual power, we will discover that resources can be provided in life and money to enable this great thrust to be realized.

This can be done with blessing to every facet of our Baptist life and responsibility. A new thrust in worldwide mission labor will bless the home base as greatly as the lands to which we go.

Lives are being laid on the altar in dedication to go anywhere and do anything that Christ commands. As we pray we will stand amazed at the marvelous things God will bring about.

We praise God in this hour for Women's Missionary Union and the labor of love she renders year by year in the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, with constant emphasis upon the study of missions and cultivation of giving through the Co-operative Program.

May God grant that this year the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions may permeate all Baptist life and lift us to new heights of commitment to the glory of the Lord we love.

by Baker J. Cauffman, executive secretary  
Foreign Mission Board

# Cradled in Love

by Charles L. Allen and Charles L. Wallis

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heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds" (Luke 2:18). And so do we. We can say only that God loves us as He does because He is God, and we can shout with joy that He cared enough to send His greatest blessing!

There is so much about us that spreads in a different, and an indifferent, tongue. The accent of the universe is one of dispassionate impartiality. Not so with God. His accent is one of passionate partiality even for us.

God loves us because He hopes thereby to claim us for Himself, to save us from the stupidity of treadmill living and from the foolishness and folly of our selfishness, and to raise us from our split-level living to the height and nobility of heroic and victorious spiritual achievement.

And what can we do about it?

"Love is amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all."

We may respond with all we have got to give. When God woos us with such loving compassion, can we turn from Him?

Christmas is also a love story because of Joseph, who rose above his questionings and doubts and gave himself heart and soul to Mary whom God had chosen as a worthy vessel by which His love might be made manifest. We could have understood if Joseph had turned from Mary, but he did not. His faith transcended his misgivings. He enfolded her helplessness in his strong arm after God's messenger had said, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 1:20).

Joseph ministered to Mary's needs as they made their tireless pilgrimage from Nazareth to Bethlehem for the enrollment ordered by Caesar Augustus. He sought respectful quarters for her, and when her hours had come, he was at her side. For her safety he led her and the Child to a distant land beyond the reach of Herod's wrath. Later he guided them back to his home in the hills where he devotedly provided a home which, though perhaps unostentatious, knew such comfort and protection as only self-effacing

love offers. The love of God is centered in the heart of the rugged carpenter of Nazareth.

Christmas, furthermore, is a love story because Mary cradled the Child in the arms of a tender and dedicated love. The life of Mary is an exquisite tapestry woven with those golden threads which are laid in all loving and sacrificial motherhood.

The Lord of highest heaven, whose creation is proclaimed by the spacious firmament, whose power is flaunted in shining spheres, and whose sovereignty no man can gainsay, unveiled His love in a Babe wrapped with loving care and concern within a home God thereby made holy the birth, and He hallowed the family altar. Some that distant day the life within the family circle has been sacramental.

Christmas is a family day. "Hail to Christmas" are the words on the lips of earth's privileged children. This is a day in joyous family reunions, a day when, perhaps more so than on any other day, song and old repose in each other's good company. This is also the day when we remember especially the vanished voices and the empty chairs at the Christmas table.

When Christmas came to Bethlehem last year, too. And Jesus, who was cradled in the arms of Mary's love, has ever since blessed all families and illumined the hearts of Christian love. And He has stretched our hearts to embrace all men within the circumference of our love, for He teaches us the God has "put the whole world in His hands."

The elemental lesson in the school of Christ is that we love Him because He first loved us, and that we love others with the loveable and the unloveable, in His name.

Don't let this Christmas pass by without realizing the challenges and responsibilities of the frontiers of Christian love. The old and familiar words of Kate Douglas Wiggin are worthy of remembrance:

"My heart is open wide to thee  
To stranger, kith or kin  
I would not be a single day  
Where Love might enter in."

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## COVER STORY

How a Christian woman's heart yearns to keep Christmas in a worthy way! But unafraid we find ourselves in the path frequented by those who thoughtlessly move along with the tide of modern custom. And we feel helpless to stem the tide, as even our most worthy ways.

This year will you let your footsteps lead you to long ago Bethlehem, there to share the joyous? Will you allow the Holy Spirit to investigate you every day with the power and glory of the risen Lord? That this days may be filled with acts of kindness and love. Will you set your feet in "the paths of righteousness for his name's sake?"

Alone, it is impossible.  
With God, all things are possible.

# Who Is Jesus Christ?

*The identity of Jesus Christ is a matter of compelling and ultimate fascination. Wherever his name and his words are known, men wonder of the authority and power of his person.*

by John H. McClunahan

THE contemporaries of Jesus who lived in first century Palestine grappled with the above question. Harried by the wisdom and eloquence of Jesus' debate, the Pharisees asked, "Who are you?" (John 8:25 RSV). Upon seeing Jesus, the festival crowd in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was "stirred" as though shaken by an earthquake. They said, "Who is this?" (Matt. 21:19 RSV).

In hopeful despair, John the Baptist sent his couriers from prison to ask of Jesus, "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" (Matt. 11:3 RSV). Zachaeus, with a growing curiosity, climbed the sycamore tree "to see Jesus who he was" (Luke 19:3). And Pilate, with perhaps a suave, Roman disdain, asked, "Are you the King of the Jews?" (John 18:33 RSV).

Others with an assurance more bristling than deliberate, said, Oh, we

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know who he is! "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary?" (Matt. 13:55-56 RSV). And do we not know his brothers and sisters? This is correct factual data, but the interpretation was certainly limited. The question remains: Who is Jesus Christ?

In the Fourth Gospel, we find a series of sayings which might be called the self-interpretation of Jesus. These "I am Passages," as they are called, give us a special insight into the mind and intention of Jesus. For this article of limited scope and purpose, perhaps our best point of departure is John. According to John, this is what Jesus said about himself.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35). Speaking thus, he identified himself with that which represents the basic food necessary to most people in the world. Whether it be wheat in the west or rice in the east, bread is the staff of life for most men. Bread is that food without which physical life cannot endure. What food

is for the body, Jesus Christ is for the soul.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11). The shepherd is one of the most prominent metaphors in the Old Testament to describe the relationship of God to his people. The figure of the Shepherd was a happy blending of the desirable traits of strength and tenderness. The relationship of the shepherd and the sheep was one of genuine concern and intimacy. The shepherd knew his sheep in a glance, their characteristics and dispositions. He called them by name, and they followed him. What the shepherd is for the flock, Jesus is for believers.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine. . . you are the branches" (John 15:1,5 RSV). Old Israel had been called the Lord's vineyard (Isaiah 5:7), but Jesus said, "I am the true vine," that is, the genuine, or authentic vine. This means that membership in the People of God was now dependent upon a personal relationship with Christ, and not upon having "Abraham for our father."

The life and fruit-bearing capacity of the branch is sustained by its vital connection with the vine. Apart from the vine, the branches are withering sticks. What the vine and the branch together are in the vineyard, Jesus and the Christian disciple should be in society.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the

world" (John 8:12). In this guise, he shares a radiant likeness with God the Father, for "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). By faith we believe that God is the source of all physical light. He is the Creator, Lord of light and darkness. Jesus is God's light that enlightens the inner man.

The physical properties of light are striking. Light is the fastest entity which we know in our universe, traveling at the fantastic speed of 186,272 miles per second. Light is clean and pure. It cannot be defiled by man's action. Light is silent in the way that it works.

Men never see the light itself, they only see what the light reveals. Light does not remove all shadows, but it does negate their ultimate reality. What light is to darkness, Jesus would be to human hearts.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life" (John 11:25). He spoke these words to comfort the grief of Mary and Martha. The words have validity, however, because we believe by faith that they were powerfully demonstrated in his own life. By word and example, Jesus showed men how to live. He showed men how to die, and he gave men hope that we shall live again. Eugene O'Neil may write that life is but a "long day's journey into night." But the Christian believer says, "No. Life is a long night's journey into day." Honest Christian piety de-

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clares that the sunset of death today is but the prelude for the sunrise of resurrection tomorrow.

Jesus also said, "I am the door . . . [and] the way" (John 10:7; 14:6). In Palestinian metaphor, Jesus interpreted his life as the door of the sheepfold, or the one entrance whereby both man and animal might legitimately enter. He declared himself to be the doorway to God. Indeed, he said, "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). In what is perhaps the most staggering statement in literature, Jesus said to one of his disciples, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9, RSV).

Such declarations indicate both the pre-eminence of Christ, and the graciousness of God in making himself known to man. Jesus is, indeed, Immanuel, "God with us." Gilbert Keith Chesterton described this reverent mystery in these words:

Christmas Day.

Good news: but if you ask me what it is, I know not.

It is a track of feet in the snow.

It is a lantern showing a path.

It is a door set open.

For Jean Paul Sartre, life may be a "no exit" situation; but for the Christian, life is an open door. Centuries prior to the time of Christ, Moses besought God that he might reveal himself more fully. Commissioned to return to Egypt and free the Israelites, Moses was hesitant to go because he knew so little about God. Whom shall I say is sending me? Moses asked. What is

your name? What shall I say to the people? God replied to Moses, "I am who I am. . . . Say this to the people of Israel, I am has sent me to you" (Ex. 3:14-15 RSV).

Upon casual reading, it seems that God answered Moses with some kind of cryptic double talk. The Hebrew word here, however, is the causative form of the basic copulative verb, "to be." Thus, it is likely that God was saying, "I am the Creator-God, the one who causes all things to be. I am the God of all substance and being." Such a designation for God may be vital for the student of philosophy, but for most men the thought is not moving.

In light of God's statement to Moses, it seems not by accident that Jesus Christ clothed his great self-interpretations as recorded in the Fourth Gospel in terms of the "I am" sayings. He took words that were strongly associated with God's self-revelation in Jewish thought, and added to their graphic metaphors from contemporary Jewish experience which revealed his own identity in dynamic symbols easily grasped by all men.

Upon one occasion, Jesus quizzed the disciples about his identity (Matt. 16:13). At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked, "Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am?" They reported various interpretations which they had heard—John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, one of the prophets. And then Jesus pointedly said, "But whom say ye that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." With gratitude and adoration, we do well to affirm Peter's declaration of faith.

## Dear Pastor,

It might be said that the staff at WMU Headquarters tries to keep Christmas all the year—for we spend some time almost every week in preparation of plans and programs for the week of prayer for foreign missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Oftentimes we are reminded of *A CHRISTMAS CAROL*, by Charles Dickens and are thrilled by the grand promise which old Scrooge made when he cried, "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."

If we understand what Christmas means, and what Scrooge meant, that is precisely what the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering leads us to do—"keep it all the year."

The visible Christmas, of course, must go. The care-free spending must cease. The beautiful tree must be stripped of its decorations and put in the trash to be carried away. The balls and lights must be stored in boxes and put away until the next calendar day of Christmas. Church Christmas parties will all be over.

But the true, invisible Christmas can and must remain and become a vital part of our everyday life.

It was this to which old Scrooge dedicated himself. It is this deeper, spiritual Christmas toward which we move all year, as missionaries around the world meet to decide on priority needs to come from the "next Lottie Moon Christmas Offering"—as writers pour out program materials for the December WMU magazines, as artists design posters and family prayer reminders, as the Sunday school forces prepare for the coming day—as the churches respond in loving obedience to his command to send the gospel "to every creature."

May this current Christmas be the beginning season of greeting love and peace and spiritual power, for you and your church, sustained by the living spirit of our Lord.

Sincerely,

WMU Staff

The church giving through the  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—GOAL \$12,990,000

## MISSIONARY QUALIFICATIONS:

# Lottie Moon's Day and

# OURS

by  
Jesse C.  
Fletcher

*"Could Lottie Moon be appointed today under the high standards maintained by the Foreign Mission Board?"*

TO THE ABOVE QUESTION I recently gave an unqualified, "Yes."

In the first place Miss Moon was well prepared for missionary service. She was educated at Virginia Female Seminary and Albemarle Female Institute, adjacent to the University of Virginia. To this was added several years teaching experience and church service. Friends bore witness to her character and maturity, and spiritually she was of the stoutest order. At the mature age of thirty-three she sailed for China.

"Well," my inquirer continued, "the world has changed drastically since Lottie Moon's day. Surely this has affected basic missionary requirements." Since that September day in 1873 when Lottie Moon sailed for China, one would certainly think changes in basic missionary qualifications necessary.

Look at the map. Nations emerge; nations perish. Social, technical revolutions, and political revolutions take their places

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on the stage of history. Wars come and go and wars will never be the same again because the nuclear age has come. Cultures change. Religions ebb, revive, and wane. Perhaps the most significant is the shaking of the world—Jawajay places are now next door.

Yes, one certainly expects to find basic missionary qualifications changed, but the fact is, they have not!

Why? Simply stated, basic missionary requirements are pre-eminently spiritual.

The 1845 constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention puts it neatly and succinctly.

ARTICLE X. Missionaries appointed by any of the Boards of the Convention, must, previous to their appointment, furnish evidence of genuine piety, fervent zeal in the Master's cause, and talents which fit them for the service for which they offer themselves.

The phrase "talents which fit them for the service" refers to natural gifts and special gifts—the former sanctified by commitment and the latter sharpened by discipline.

By 1849, the Foreign Mission Board was more specific, but the emphasis was still spiritual.

It is true that peculiar qualifications for the missionary vocation are required. These

and men of sound, and well-disciplined minds—men of disinterested love to Christ, and their fellowmen, of unyielding faith and tried humility—men who will seek not their own, but the things which are Jesus Christ's. It is important also that united with good physical constitutions, candidates for missionary appointment should possess a character for discretion.

In a letter from China missionaries, written during the early years of Lottie Moon's work there, stress was placed on qualified missionaries. But the qualifications were spelled out in terms of being "filled with the spirit of God" and having a "Christlike spirit—humble, patient, persevering, loving."

An article published in *The Commission* in 1859 delineated basic qualifications from the life of the Apostle Paul in terms such as "distinguished for learning, eloquence, and knowledge; business of heart; total consecration of himself; recommended to the brethren; proved in service."

In the same year came a plea for expert men and women, the writer delirious and the advantage of securing experienced and spiritual men on the mission field.

Some men met the highest qualifications of today not just because of obvious

preparation, but also because of evident inward strength.

The kind of present sought through the years for missionary appointment was aptly set forth by Dr. T. B. Ray, who became secretary of the Foreign Mission Board shortly after the death of Lottie Moon. He said, "The foreign missionary should have every qualification that goes to make a successful, winning, successful man and an effective ambassador for Christ."

He went on to say that we need men who are:

1. Christians—in correct relationship with God.
  2. Scholars—with native capacities trained to the highest degree and minds sharpened in order that they may be like a Damascus blade.
  3. Gentlemen—in correct relationship with his fellow workers.
  4. Prophets—a sanctified imagination, a capacity to love and understand, the ability to pierce through a veil and outward (external) appearances.
  5. Servants—men who can maintain a Christlike relationship to native workers.
- "We need a higher type of missionary than the leader."

From the beginning of our work in 1845, to Lottie Moon's day, to T. B. Ray's day,

to our day, these basic spiritual qualifications have not changed.

However, understanding that basic missionary qualifications have not changed, it is true that the requirements for appointment—those factors related to age, health, and education—have undergone changes through the years. In fact, prior to 1945 and the establishment of the Department of Missionary Personnel, these requirements varied.

For instance, while most missionaries appointed during the years that Lottie Moon served were seminarians, it often happened that men with good fundamental education and wide experience were appointed also. However, as the general level of preparation of Southern Baptist preachers went up, so did the requirements for appointments. The Board has always been interested in the best trained men available.

Concerning age—In the beginning years the Foreign Mission Board appointed men and women between the middle twenties and the early forties. Then later there was a focusing on the twenties and early thirties as the best years for good adjustment and most effective service.

Today the appointment categories run twenty-four to thirty-five years of age, but the missionary associate program opens the door for persons thirty-five to fifty-nine years of age, and the new short-term program will allow college graduates under twenty-seven years of age to go overseas for a limited time in the name of our Lord. In this sense the opportunities today are broader than ever before.

Concerning health, the Board in early days placed great emphasis on "robust physique and excellent health." Article after article in *The Commission* noted the death or disability of a missionary abroad. This underlines the great price pioneers paid on one hand and the vital role of good health on the other.

The Board still places great emphasis on health—most missionaries who come home short of retirement have to do so for health

reasons. But thanks to the advance of medical knowledge around the world, the Foreign Mission Board can today send people who could not have been considered for appointment a number of years ago.

One interesting aspect of changes regarding requirements centers around the concept of a call to foreign mission service.

In the early days one was considered called to foreign missions if he had a general sense of duty in that direction, unaccompanied by a definite and clear call of God to stay in America. By Lottie Moon's day, however, there had come a deep conviction that the fundamental requirement was a sense of God's call to the foreign field. Some even said this should be the only requirement.

The reason for this development seems to have emerged from the foreign field itself. Here, the missionaries came to realize that the men and women who made the best adjustments and had the most effective ministries were the ones undelivered to a deep sense of God's call.

Today, the Board's pamphlet, "The HOW of Missionary Appointments" reads: "The standards circumscribed by the task are high, educational preparation, personal experience, physical health, and emotional stability are basic qualifications. Realizing all the more for a deep sense of personal experience of salvation through Christ and a sense of God's call for overseas service."

The questions who participated in the discussion is right in assessing that the changing nature of the world in which we live is making new demands on those who go across the seas in obedience to the Lord's command. It is fair to say that changes in appointment requirements and the level of change in basic qualifications have been the results of the nature of the task itself.

When God calls a person to go, he calls him to prepare. He has never called for less than the best. This fact about appointment requirements and basic qualifications. It was so in Lottie Moon's day. It is so in our day.

## Angels from the Realms of Glory

JAMES MONTGOMERY, 1771-1854

HENRY SMART, 1813-1879

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2. Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
3. Hag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Flight - er - vi - sions  
4. Saints, be - fore the 'al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in

all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
Bless by night, God with man is now re - sid - ing,  
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing.

Now pre - claim Mes - si - ah's birth: Come and wor - ship,  
You - der shines the in - fant Light: Come and wor - ship,  
Ye have seen His na - tal star: Come and wor - ship,  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear: Come and wor - ship,

come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King!  
come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King!  
come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King!  
come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King! A - MEN.



# WOMEN, Lead the Way!

by Gerald Martin,  
pastor of Poplar Avenue Baptist  
Church, Memphis, Tennessee

DR. BAKER JAMES CAUTHEN challenged the Foreign Mission Board in its spring meeting last year with the goal of 5,000 missionaries on our foreign fields within 16 years.

The Foreign Mission Board in its report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlantic City brought this challenge to all Southern Baptists in one of the most inspirational hours ever experienced during a Convention. Those present will never forget how the Holy Spirit filled Dr. Cauthen to overflowing. Nor can we escape the thrill following thrill as the missionaries marched in single file from the platform and down the long aisles of the auditorium as the congrega-

tion sang "Forward Through the Ages."

Off the platform came a white-headed missionary who had served most of his life on the front line of missionary service. Then came a young couple just the week before appointed to missionary service in Peru. Behind them was the very successful obstetrician who left a successful practice as one of our most progressive cases to go to Indonesia. It is no wonder that tears were flowing in every heart and down many cheeks.

Women, all of this is exciting almost beyond words. Certainly we feel like the Apostle of old. We wanted to just stay there on the mountaintop and erect tabernacles. However, we have a challenge of 5,000 missionaries in 16 years and that doesn't leave much time to sit on our laurels.

I was told by a man in a church where I once was pastor that we were not to put missions in the new unified budget. "That's the ladies work," he said. I do not agree. Missions is the work of every born-again child of God, not just Southern Baptist women. But how grateful we are for the splendid leadership of the women in our mission emphasis so—lead the way!

*Lead the way in prayer.* Burdened prayer for foreign missions must be intensified if we're going to have three times our present number of missionaries. This means special seasons of prayer other than December. You have a Week of Prayer for Home Missions in March and then there are the state and associational seasons of prayer for missionary causes.

This means that all of us should set aside particular times of prayer when we "Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38) as you do day by day, using Call to Prayer in *Royal Service*. Every tremendous undertaking of our Lord and Saviour was preceded by intense periods of prayer.

*Women, lead the way in increased giving.* The constant increases in Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gifts have originated within the hearts of our women. As one of the men in our church tells, "If I say one hundred for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, my wife says one fifty!" That's the spirit! The growth in these special offerings has stimulated all of us. Yet we must keep in mind that the main stream of Southern Baptist gifts come through the Cooperative Program.

You do a grand job here too. You explain and illustrate and encourage women to examine local church budgets and encourage increases in percentage of Cooperative Program dollars going to state and Convention-wide causes. Hand in hand the Cooperative and Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings must go together. Increasing the Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings and allowing our budget gifts to diminish will weaken our long range efforts. You know this already. Therefore, it must be our purpose to strengthen giving through both channels.

*Women, lead the way in personnel.* In the decision service on Sunday morning of the Foreign Mission Conference at Ridgecrest, over 100 girls offered their lives in missionary and other Christian service as the Holy Spirit impressed them. "Why so many girls making these vital decisions?" Perhaps it is the superior work being done in the churches with Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries and Young Woman's Auxiliaries. Repeatedly in our appointee interviews at the Foreign Mission Board a young woman seeking appointment will say, "It was in C.A.s that I first became concerned about missions." If this program has produced many of the 1,000-plus missionaries on the field today, it must be increased in efficiency and intensity to provide many more for the goal of 5,000 missionaries.

Women, lead the way as together we accept the challenge of the Great Commission. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . ." the wonderful story of Jesus and his love!

Mr. Martin is also a member of the Foreign Mission Board.



## HOW LONG MUST THEY WAIT?

**A**RRIVING home from their first term of service in the Philippines, a young missionary family accepted an invitation to speak in their home church. Fond grandparents smiled happily as three small MKs dressed in Filipino costume sang Filipino choruses. Then their father stood to sing:

"Long have we sought eternal life,  
Years have we waited in sin and strife;  
In darkness groped, and misery's maze,  
How long? how long must we wait?"

—S.M. Glasgow

He was a stalwart missionary, not given to emotion, yet his rich baritone voice broke into a sob and he was unable to finish his solo. Apologizing to an understanding audience who loved him and needed no apology, he explained "The Foreign Mission Board gives special instruction to new appointees to prepare them for what is termed 'the culture shock,' that is, conditions which they will face on their fields. However, missionaries coming home on furlough are unprepared for 'the culture shock' of America."

Are we so comfortable in our churches, so complacent in our worship habits that we cannot comprehend what it means to

be lost? Are we so accustomed to skilled physicians and available hospitals that we cannot imagine those whose lives are our great groans of physical agony? Are we so surrounded by public schools and libraries that we cannot conceive of young people begging for admission to our mission schools? Are our homes so convenient, our food so accessible that we have come to believe everyone in the world is housed and well fed?

For teeming multitudes throughout the world, perpetual hunger is a way of life, starvation is a way of death. Look at the calendar. Circle the date. Today some ten thousand people will die of malnutrition or starvation . . . and tomorrow, and tomorrow, and on and on.

However, living without bread is no nothing to bring without the Bread of Life, without salvation, without hope. In East Pakistan less than one third of our per cent of the people express Christian preference, fewer still are believers. Last year the land was lashed by tidal waves which swept sixty miles inland, demolishing homes and crops, drowning people and cattle. Newspaper headlines proclaimed "25,000 Lives Lost." A missionary

## HELEN FLING

returning from East Pakistan said, "The headlines might well have declared '25,000 Lives Lost Eternally,' for if the ratio holds true, only ten of those people were Christians."

This staggering ratio may vary in different countries, but throughout the world "countless people grope in darkness." Doors of opportunity must ajar must be entered quickly lest they be slammed shut without warning. National crises can overnight. A missionary news release from the Soviet agency TASS reported that Premier Khrushchev has called on African nations to expel Christian missionaries. In a speech at Assuan, Egypt, last June he accused missionaries of being agents of former imperialistic nations and declared that ousting them would "guarantee the national progress and national rebirth of all African peoples."

Every national crisis is a reminder of the global specter that hangs over all. The iron ore abundance cost \$2 billion—enough to maintain 10,000 missionaries on the field for 100 years at a basic salary of \$2,000 a year. Today no specter on earth is far enough away to be a safe hiding place and no nation can hope to emerge victor if not. Have we learned no lessons to living under the shadow of a mushroom-

shaped cloud? Do we feel no sense of urgency in this time of peril when man seems bent on his own destruction?

Never in history have so many people been at the mercy of so few. Meanwhile a runaway population gallops on at a net increase of 60 million every year. Under present conditions 90 million of those have little chance of hearing the gospel.

But we have been reminded that "Almighty God is not subject to the status tarian." The Holy Spirit can reverse trends when God's children pray and become obedient to the Great Commission. The dominant imperative is not the needs of men nor even the urgency of the hour but the command of Christ.

From an ambush it is easy enough to view world need on television and prate about accelerating our foreign mission programs. It is infinitely harder to accelerate the percentage of Cooperative Program gifts and Lenten-Mean Christmas Offerings in our own churches. Yet we dare not propose new programs of gigantic proportions for others to finance without examining our personal commitment to prayer and sacrificial giving.

As the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions approaches there are individuals who should write Christ's name at the top of their Christmas list, determining that the gift for Foreign Missions shall be the best gift of all. There are families who should covenant together to give as much to the offering as they spend on all family gifts and festivities combined. There are churches who should set goals of \$1.00 or \$10.00 or more for the work of each of our 1,900 missionaries. Even a small church or mission might give ten cents per missionary, for a church of any size can be a great missionary church!

The ugliest American is the indifferent American. The most sinful Christian is the selfish Christian. May God forgive us for looking at our world without tears. May He forgive us for looking at the manger without gratitude, for looking at the cross without commitment.

## Bible Study:

# The Divine Plan Pursued: From Tower of Babel to Time of Isaac

Read: Genesis, Chapters 11-24

### The Failure of Human Plans

In one of the grandest expressions the Bible contains we are told, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men." Here is disclosed the great humiliation which Christ entered into in his birth in a Bethlehem manger in order that he might redeem mankind. What a contrast is revealed in this stooping by Christ to be born of our flesh and to become obedient to the death of the cross as compared to actions taken by men as described in the story of the Tower of Babel.

"Pride is at the bottom of all great mistakes," declared John Ruskin. "Let pride go before," insists George Chapman, "shame

will follow after." Both observations are strikingly illustrated in one of the early experiences of the human race. For in the heart of the story of the Tower of Babel lies the declaration of purpose by the people stated when the Tower was proposed: "Let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth" (11:4).

The prideful purpose of the men of that day was to get fame for themselves and possibly also to show their independence of God. At any rate, their human effort, which failed to take into account the will of God, or His will for them, failed. Man

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became so self-sufficient that he has no need of his Maker. When attempted self-sufficiency, rooted in pride as it always is, has its way, then "shame will follow after." It followed the people of that day as it follows us now. The very thing they attempted to prevent in the ancient building of the Tower was the thing which later happened: "So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth" (11:8 RSV).

This event is the answer of Genesis to the question as to how the various language groups and peoples came into being. Those who once could understand each other were in time left unable to communicate. Barriers of different language to be followed by still other barriers, developed between them. Until this day such barriers still constitute a formidable problem. In truth, one of the gravest problems of our twentieth-century times is our inability to communicate in a common language.

One is reminded, in contrast with the event of the Tower of Babel, of the story of the early church when a reversal of the development at Babel took place. At Pentecost, as every man heard the gospel in his own tongue, the confusion of tongues of that earlier day in a word was brought to an end. Here a different quest prevailed. Men and women, humbled by their own sense of unworthiness but trusting in the cross of Christ and waiting on God in steadfast obedience, were filled with the Spirit and spoke as the Spirit gave them utterance, and all the people understood.

Man's only hope of redemption and of peace from his confused, wandering existence is in what God in Christ can do for him. In contrast with the spirit of the people at the Tower of Babel, Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the death of the cross. Wherefore God has highly exalted him and given him a name that is above every name. He alone has become the name by whom the "middle wall" between men and races can be broken down and they can be made one again (Eph. 2:14-16).

Here rests one of the great fundamental convictions upon which the case for world missions is founded: God through Christ can remove every "wall" that separates men and causes them to be at war with each other and estranged from Him. He can make them truly one in Christ. Despite all the tensions of these times, he is in truth now doing this in myriad places, as every missionary can testify. At this season of the year, when men are made more wistful than ever for peace on earth, the fulfillment of the hope inspired by the angelic song on the Judean hills often seems to become more and more remote. How strange it is we are so slow to recognize that the only way men can become one—can speak with the same "tongue," as it were—is not through our feeble human effort divorced from any concern about our relationship to God; but is through Christ alone. This is the reason for and the message of missions.

### The Projection of God's Plan

Man's bold shortcut scheme to reach heaven by his own devices dimly outlined God had a plan for the spiritual recovery of men. The plan is reintroduced in the story of the calling of Abraham (read Chapter 12). The plan had been announced to Adam long ago (read Gen. 3:15) and had been renewed in the preservation of Noah during the flood. Its further renewal is now again made quietly and almost imperceptibly through the selecting of one man called Abram. It is the calling of Abram (or Abraham) that distinctly marks the beginning of the salvation history which reaches its glorious climax in the death and resurrection of the man Christ Jesus.

Abram (as he was originally named) was a native of Ur of the Chaldees, a city located in the lower Tigris-Euphrates Valley on the southern bank of the Euphrates. Abram heard a call "to go out into a place which he should after receive." He responded in obedience. It resulted in his becoming

the channel through whom blessings were to flow upon all men. Paul declares, "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed" (Gal. 3:8).

Uc was a city of considerable importance in that day. Prosperous, possessing extensive business and industry, it was also distinguished for that time by a marked degree of culture. Excavations in the area of Uc have revealed that Uc was the seat of an advanced civilization. Studies carried on there in medicine, in advanced mathematics, and in law testify to this fact. Extensive irrigation was practiced in the valley, making possible the production of food for a population of some 250,000 in the city and perhaps adding to the industry of the area.

But however important and cultured Uc was at the time and however much it pleased Abraham, he responded without argument apparently to God's call to go to a land he knew not. His response was similar in this respect to that of hosts of dedicated and faithful missionaries, who like Abraham, have gone out for Christ's sake to strange and distant lands in the conviction that God was calling for this service.

Abraham did not go directly to Canaan after his first call, but moved with his father and family to Haran. There his father, Terah, died. Scholars are not agreed as to whether the renewed call given to Abraham, as reported in Genesis 12:1-3, occurred after or before Terah's death. Though the Bible does not specifically so state, it appears from the text that this new call came after Terah's death, but careful calculations of the dates and ages involved have led some scholars to conclude that his call came some seventy years before Terah died. The family, at near subjection, given then to the head of a family or tribe by all the rest of the family was such that ordinarily a son would not have departed on a new course of life or set out in the formation of a new tribe until after the passing of an aging father.

#### The Introduction of the Divine Promise

Significant indeed is the great promise made of the Lord to Abraham at the time of his renewed call. The promise was reaffirmed to Abraham a number of times later. The substance of the first promise was:

I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, so that thou shalt be a blessing. And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee, and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed (Gen. 12:2).

After the separation of his nephews, Lot from Abraham, God reiterated the promise (read 13:14-17).

These reaffirmed promises to Abraham were still later to be more solemnly codified in a formal covenant (see Gen. 15:1-18 and 17:1-22). This covenant was to be truly his own. It was made after an impressive conquest (the first record of war in the Bible) of four kings who had taken Abraham's nephew, Lot, as captive and after a visit of Abraham to Melchizedek, ruler and priest in Salem. To Melchizedek Abraham offered a tenth of all the possessions he had taken in the conquest of these kings. Melchizedek (or Melchior in the King James Version of Hebrews) was likened by the writer of Hebrews to Christ himself (Heb. 6:20 through 7:17). Without the record of his ancestry, birth or death, he was thought to typify the eternal Son of God who, as Hebrews states, "continues a priest forever."

When, as in this month, the Christmas story is again told and retold, new scenes may leave out of that story the fact that Christ existed before his birth in the flesh. "In the beginning was the Word, Christ is the Eternal One, even as in the Father and the Holy Spirit. He created our flesh in order to redeem us and to make us children of God. This was God's fulfillment of the ancient covenant made with Abraham."

In Matthew 1:1 we read, "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham." Thus the human genealogy of Christ is traced back

to the noble patriarch, Christ, according to Galatians 3:16, was the "seed" promised to Abraham, the one in whom all nations are to be blessed (Gal. 3:8). It is obvious from this that what God was doing to Abraham was to be for the good of all the world. His missionary program is thus unfolded in his plan for Abraham and his descendants.

#### The Title Is First Mentioned

The first mention of the use of the title as the surname of an offering is found in this incident of Abraham's gift to Melchizedek. The title as a specific basis for personal giving was later more fully specified in the law given to Israel through Moses.

Though Abraham was not a perfect man, he was a devout man and a man of prayer as well as of stalwart faith. Our evidence of this develops in his relations with his nephew, Lot. Lot seems to have been an unscrupulous man who was willing not only to take risks to succeed but was not above pressing for what he wanted even if it meant taking advantage of others or if it meant making compromises in his religious life. He is typical of far too many modern American businessmen.

As a consequence of strife between the nephews of Abraham and the hardness of Lot (Gen. 13:8-13), Abraham proposed to Lot that he select the territory he most desired and that they separate. Lot, ignoring the plain right of Abraham to have first choice, "lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where [which fact means there would be plenty of grass as well as water for his herds]. . . . Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east, and they separated themselves the one from the other." Lot moved into the area of Sodom and Gomorrah and evidently continued to prosper there. In time, however, he fell victim, as already mentioned, to a plot by four kings of the area. Magnanimous Abraham, though Lot had been selfish in taking what appeared to be the choice territory available, responded as once to Lot's

ill fortune and with his own army of trained servants delivered Lot.

It is interesting to note that Abraham had not lost anything by being generous. In fact, one of the great promises of the Lord to Abraham assuring him of his inheritance of all the territory of Canaan was made just after Lot made his departure. Lot, however, who had selfishly grasped for the best, without thought of his indebtedness to Abraham, would, had he not, have lost everything he had. Later, he did lose it in the judgment visited upon Sodom and Gomorrah.

#### The Judgment of God Upon Wickedness

The judgment which fell upon Sodom and Gomorrah has been called "a hair-raising story." It resulted in the complete annihilation of these cities. Presumably it took the form of a combination of an earthquake and a tremendous electrical storm. The latter, it is thought by some, set fire to seepages of hydrogen sulfide, petroleum, and possibly natural gas supposed to have been in the area, and thus made the earth a hideous.

The judgment visited upon Sodom and Gomorrah may seem dreadful, but the wickedness of these cities was notorious. Doubtless God saw again, as he had seen regarding the people before the flood, that these cities had forfeited all right to further existence.

In it all, however, there is evidence of God's concern and of his grace. He was willing, as Abraham was told, to spare the city if only a few righteous people could be found in it. When these few could not be found, he offered his mercy to Lot, despite Lot's unworthiness. This was done evidently because Lot still had some faith in God and some reverence for him. The writer of Genesis in revealing the mercies of God toward Lot is declaring that God's mercies reach as deep as his justice allows, and that his justice is always rendered in the bounds of his mercy. This is a further basis for human hope despite all our human waywardness and unworthiness. It is in this hope that the missionary works.

# FROM Washington

by Carl E. Bryant  
Editor, *The Baptist World*  
Executive of Baptist World Alliance

## The Nation's Social Drinkers

AT THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON it is doubtfully appropriate that we consider the problem of social drinking.

The Federal government says that there are somewhere 75 million social drinkers in the United States. This is a ratio of more than 1 of every 10 citizens above 14 years of age.

The million drinkers are alcoholics, people who have become addicted and dependent on the drug. The number of alcoholics is increasing at a rate of 300,000 a year.

Most of the drinking in the United States is done during the "cocktail hour," between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. But health officials look seriously at a growing tendency of business and professional men and club women who add alcohol to their business menus as well. This is a term that could skyrocket the alcoholic spend.

As of now, the United States is the second most alcoholic nation in the world, France is number one.

Two primary factors contribute to the rising prevalence of alcoholism in the United States. The first is the fact that American society has grown tolerant of the drinker. No longer does the drinker find himself condemned for his habits—at least not to the extent of a few years ago when churches and women's organizations strongly denounced use of the beverage. The second factor is one of social pressure. Liquor has become a status symbol in many areas, especially in the cities. It is a part of

the "entertainment" at luncheons, meetings, and conventions—and has become a social circle, as traditional as a glass of cold water in homes of the South a few years ago.

Physicians, who now consider alcoholism a disease rather than a bad habit, warn that one of every fifteen social drinkers will become addicted to alcohol and be controlled by it. One must ask, Are we justified in our attitude of tolerance ("Whether for drinks or not is his business"), and—who is responsible when someone's youth are trapped in the liquor habit by a generous host who must be paid in the end?

San Francisco has the distinction of being the country's most alcoholic city, but Washington, New York, and Chicago fall next in line. New England, as a section, also has a high rate, whereas agricultural and rural areas have the lowest consumption records. The temptations of city life and the social pressure to conform are cited as reasons for the higher alcoholism rate in urban areas.

How much does alcohol cost the country? The initial cost is that money paid across the bar or the liquor store counter—money that is almost always more needed for groceries or shelter. America's 75 million drinkers paid out \$10 billion for alcohol last year.

But that is only the beginning. The 75 million alcoholics and their families, who bear the total of affected people to more than 20 million, present a unological problem into which public agencies pour as much as \$30 million a year. Millions more are expended in police cases, as the government seeks to minimize the havoc of the bootlegged crime. And conservative estimates say, \$125 million are lost in property damage in accidents caused by drink.

Oh yes, there's another cost: 40,000 people were killed last year in automobile accidents, in most of which alcohol was a factor.

Still other factors: No one can figure the total wages sacrificed and productive power lost while a fellow man works in his maddening up period. Now can one know the

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Prepared by Mrs. Russell E. Owen

**TUESDAY** Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:13 (read vs. 1-11)

Five miles from Beirut, Lebanon, on a magnificent hillside overlooking the city, there is a beautiful missionary campus. Arab Baptist Theological Seminary would not have been possible without appropriations from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering over a period of years. Many members of Southern Baptist churches who contribute to world missions endeavor to share and will share increasingly, in the victory of transformed, Christ-redeemed lives through the ministry of men and women who are educated from this seminary.

Pray for: F. J. Snyder, Beirut, Lebanon, ed. *World's Work*; M. Hays, Tanganyika, SPN; Mrs. B. O. Owen, Kigoma, Tanganyika, RN; M. E. Pitts, Lima, Peru; Mrs. C. E. Harvey, Batavia, Ind.; J. H. Paul, Dacca, E. Pakistan; Mrs. E. D. Jordan, Nagasaki, Japan; or L. E. Johns, The Grange, Mrs. A. A. Moore, Fillmore, Mrs. Ed. Pratt, Chula, Ariz., Ind. or

**WEDNESDAY** But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people. 1 Peter 2:9 (read vs. 1-10)

From Mrs. Charles B. Clark, Caracas, Venezuela. Leonardo Estrada, pastor of the Spanish-speaking congregation of Manhattan Baptist Church, New York City, preached in a series of evangelistic campaigns during a five-week visit to Venezuela, made possible by the Lottie Moon offering. His sermons are broadcasted weekly on the Spanish "Baptist Hour" in Venezuela and in other countries of Latin America. Lottie Moon funds for more than eight years have financed these broadcasts.

Pray for Mrs. Clark, Mrs. M. M. Alexander, Jr., Mar del Plata, Argentina; D. H. Redman, Uruguay; or R. B. Wyatt, Jr., Temuco, Chile; Mrs. W. E. Mathews, app. to Peru; Mrs. W. L. DuVall, Nigeria, or

**THURSDAY** Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake. 1 Peter 2:13 (read vs. 11-25)

Your letters, prayers, and support have been sources of great blessing. I thought of this as

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I met in a church building provided by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

"The African pastor was trained at our seminary where the buildings and operations are made possible by your gifts through this offering as well as the Cooperative Program. You made possible the presence of missionaries in this country, onto Nyamaland, now called Malawi. I thank the Lord for your concern and contribution"—a missionary.

Pray for LeRoy Albright, Lilongwe, Malawi, R. L. Harris, Peru, ex.; Herman Pughan, Essexville, Utah, ind. ex.

**4 FRIDAY** And he ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. 1 Peter 3:15 (read 1 Peter 3).

Because of your gifts to the Lottie Moon offering, missionaries in the Bahama Islands preach by radio to islands in the Caribbean Sea. The station in Nassau estimates twelve to thirteen thousand radios in the Bahamas, reaching a listening audience of approximately 80,000 people!

Pray for W. E. Viorst, Bahamas, Mrs. W. D. Swisher, Oklahita, Nigeria, ex.; Mrs. C. W. Applewhite, Kadiri, Indonesia, E. C. Valerius, Campinas, Brazil, ex.; Lydia Early Orsini, China; Naouan-Melaysia, ret.

**5 SATURDAY** And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful. Titus 2:14 (read Titus 2:15 to 2:19).

Hong Kong Baptist Hospital was formally dedicated last year, with four of the eight stories completed. There will be more than one hundred beds when funds and personnel make possible use of the upper floors. The Hong Kong Baptist Association and Southern Baptists provided much of the capital for this first phase of the hospital.

Pray for Kathryn White, Hong Kong, ex.; Mrs. M. J. Bradshaw, Hiroshima, Japan, Mrs. T. A. Hicks, Ibadan, Nigeria, Mrs. Saunders, Ghana, Mrs. E. E. Hestry, Ferriss, Mexico, A. C. Scamlon, Guatemala, ex.; R. L. Willis, Bangkok, Thailand, MD; Mrs. Oyleta F. Aldager, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Mrs. L. E. Saunders, Oklahoma City, Okla., Sp. ex. ex.

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 6

Castig all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Peter 5:7 (read 1 Peter 4 and 5).

"The Lottie Moon offering is a story of love; it is a story of prayer; it is a story of sacrifice;

it is a story to be continued until the Lord comes again. It is a story with a small beginning; a story of today that includes all who pray and give; a story that tells of a glorious future with an annual outpouring of love expressed in millions of dollars in memory of Him whose birthday we celebrate"—Baker J. Cauthen.

Today we begin the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Will you dedicate yourself to prayer this week?

Pray for Mrs. R. E. Richardson, Hing, Philippines, ex.; Mrs. R. Valcator, Yokohama, Japan; Carol Leigh Humphries, Jac. Nigeria, F. D. Bull, Lima, Peru, ex.; Mrs. D. H. LeBaron, Meru, Kenya, Kenya.

**1 MONDAY** For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:8 (read ex. 1-11).

"The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering give Woman's Missionary Union unexcelled opportunity to promote a prayer emphasis and an offering in which everybody can have a part. The pastor and Woman's Missionary Union make plans whereby the missionary interest of the whole church will be stimulated, the proper potential of the church harnessed, and all members encouraged to observe the birthday of our Lord by giving their first Christmas gift through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The churches will be encouraged to make this their largest Christmas gift—their gift to the world into which Christ came and for which he gave his life"—Alma Hunt.

Pray for Mrs. E. D. Sprinkle, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina, W. W. Dunham, Bogota, Colombia, Mrs. C. H. Gilbert, Mazara, Mrs. E. W. Fields, Nateroga, Israel, W. P. Clemmons, Florence, Italy, ex.; Mrs. J. C. Meador, Oklahita, Nigeria, M. A. F. R. Scott, Manila, Philippines, ex.; Mrs. Tong Japala, Albuquerque, N.M., Ind. ex.; Paul Rogovin, Calif., ret.

**2 TUESDAY** For the prophecy came not in all time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Peter 1:21 (read 2 Peter 1:22-21; 2).

From a Week of Prayer when Christians are moved by the Holy Spirit they gladly bring gifts.

Without the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Southern Baptists could not buy property in strategic locations for new churches and missions, could not assist nationals in paying pastors' salaries, in erecting adequate buildings to meet the needs of growing congregations, and

in training students for the ministry, in publishing Christian literature, in resuscitating new areas. Thank God for the Week of Prayer.

Pray for Mrs. C. W. Whitton, Barcelona, Spain, Mrs. M. F. Gillham, Japan, Mrs. Jerry Hobbs, Bangkok, Thailand, Mrs. O. W. Brady, British Guiana, ex.; R. H. Culpepper, Fukuoka, Japan, ex.; Mrs. Jose Flores, San Marcos, Tex., Sp. ex. ex.; Mrs. Juan Acosta, La Tabla, Panama, ex.

**3 WEDNESDAY** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness. 2 Peter 3:9 (read 2 Peter 3).

It will take BOTH the Cooperative Program a growing volume, AND the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in sacrificial proportions to give an answer to the world's need loud enough to be heard"—Herold M. Hobbs.

Pray for E. B. Hawkins, Argentina, Mrs. R. E. Isaacs, China, ret.; Mrs. R. J. Hall, Oyo, Nigeria, ex.; J. D. McHenry, Uruguay, Mrs. A. C. Miller, Caracas, Mexico, J. G. Tuel, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina, W. L. Lofland, Comilla, S. Pakistan, Mrs. J. E. Troop, J. M. Wilson, Mrs. E. R. Frazier, Campinas, Brazil, Mrs. J. G. Conley, app. to E. Africa, R. W. Terry, Keftarik, Iceland, ex.; R. C. Fricke, Miami, Fla., Sp. ex. ex.; Mrs. Robert Fling, president, Woman's Missionary Union, Cleburne, Tex.

**4 THURSDAY** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:7 (read 1 John 1:1).

"I thank God for all you who are helping me with prayer and gifts"—a national who is attending Baptist Theological Institute, Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Pray for Mrs. W. R. Nease, Guayaquil, Ecuador.

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Gov. B. C. Airison, Macao, Brazil, Mrs. J. W. Trimble, Beirut, Lebanon, ex.; J. A. Harrington, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, J. A. Moore, Zurich, Switzerland, T. W. Hill, San Jose, Costa Rica, ex.; Mrs. W. E. Allen, Brazil, ex.; Mrs. Antonio Martinez, Cuba, ex.; Mrs. Hubert Neely, Memphis, Tenn., RM.

**11 FRIDAY** And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 1 John 2:3 (read 1 John 2).

"Because of your faithfulness in prayer and giving more than half the Baptist pastors in Italy have had missionary training. Twenty-one men are now at the Philadelphia Institute preparing for the ministry, to serve churches that call souls to repentance, rebirth, and growth in Christ"—Benjamin R. Lewton, Rivoli, Italy.

Pray for Mr. Laurion, Mrs. D. M. Carroll, Jr., Buenos Aires, Argentina, W. H. Ichter, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Mrs. M. T. Bond, Kowloon, Hong Kong, ex.; Mrs. R. L. Smith, Bandung, Indonesia, E. B. Soars, Djakarta, Indonesia, Mrs. A. L. Natanson, Kyoto, Japan, Mrs. J. P. Smyth, Salvador, Brazil, ex.; Fanny Starns, Bangkok, Thailand, pub. W. H. Parkman, Manila, Philippines, BA, L. A. Longoria, Jordan, MD, M. G. White, Brazil, ret.; S. M. Taylor, Dermott, Ark. L. T. Wheelocke, St. Augustine, Fla., Negra, ex.

**12 SATURDAY** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal 3:28 (read Philimon 4-21).

"It is only through prayer that we can approach an understanding of the potential in these dollars we give, and it is only through prayer that their value may be extended.

"Without that extension they will not go far—the extension which is the sacrifice of the missionary of work in his field, the extension which is the zeal of the national won to Christ and desiring to witness in His behalf, the extension which is the special providence of God which adds to our every effort and gift beyond all our comprehension, beyond our imagination.

"So let us pray and give with confidence for that extension of our gifts which God can and does give"—Baker J. Cauthen.

Pray for Mrs. W. J. Williams, Ebo, Nigeria, RM, L. G. Logg, Nigeria, Mrs. H. K. Middleton, Santiago, Chile, T. L. Watson, Durango, Uruguay, Mrs. G. M. Swaingood, Campinas, Brazil, ex.; Vera Aquilard, La. Mrs. F. C. Rowland, Tex., ex.; Mrs. Grace Crumshaw, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Ind. ex.; J. L. Nalotte, Los Angeles, Calif., Ind.; Mrs. Eugene Wolfe, Los Angeles, Calif., Sp. ex. ex.

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

We know that we have passed from death into life, because we love the brethren. 1 John 3:14 (read 1 John 3).

This is the final day of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Let us make this a day to rededicate ourselves to the ministry of prayer without ceasing for nationals, missionaries ourselves that our combined witness shall bring more and more to a knowledge of the Saviour. Have you given thoughtfully to the Latter Moon Christmas Offering?

Pray for Mrs. J. B. Braxington, Lima Peru; H. W. Barber, Chungking, Taiwan; Mrs. G. W. Pinkston, Bandung, Indonesia; Anna H. Wallerman, Curitiba, Brazil; W. S. Wrester, Malawi, ex-Bonnie Mae Moore, Jos, Nigeria, ed. W. O. Cunningham, St. Rose, La., Fr. ex.

**14 MONDAY** Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. 1 John 4:13 (read 1 John 4).

"What do music missionaries do?" This question was put to James C. Fletcher, personnel secretary at the Foreign Mission Board.

He illustrates his answer with Rev. and Mrs. William R. O'Brien, music missionaries in Indonesia, as he says, "Men and women around the world pioneer the future odium of music evangelism."

Bill and Dellana O'Brien gave a thirty-minute television concert to an estimated quarter million people. As a result the head of programming at the TV station gave Baptists a thirty-minute program every three months. Many contacts will be made for the gospel by this ministry. Pray for this type work.

Pray for Mrs. G. E. Logak, Maracaibo, Venezuela; Mrs. W. H. Gray, Jr., Saltillo, Mexico, ex. G. A. McNeely, Barcelona, Spain, ed. Mrs. F. W. Patterson, El Paso, Tex., pub. Mrs. Deaudredah Escobar, La Palma, A. J. Roddy, Boca del Toro, Panama, ex.

**15 TUESDAY** These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life. 1 John 5:13 (read 1 John 5).

In Beirut, Lebanon, there is an English-language Baptist church in which Girls Auxiliary work flourishes. The pastor's daughter, Ann Kirkendall, recently was crowned Queen and another MK Jerry Trimble was recognized as Queen Regent! Jerry's mother is the GA director. Four other girls are maidens and one a Lady-in-Waiting. Pray for these girls.

Pray for D. L. Mitchell, Djakarta, Indonesia.

SA L. R. Smith, Kouroua, Ivory Coast; Mr. Mrs. F. R. Scott, Manila, Philippines; A. W. Coleman, Monrovia, Liberia; G. H. Phillips, Shabara, So. Rhodesia; H. M. Fitch, Congo; Campos, Brazil; C. E. Perez, Caracas, Venezuela, ex.

**16 WEDNESDAY** Look to yourselves that ye lose not those things which ye have wrought, but that ye receive a full reward. 2 John 8 (read 2 John).

Heke Smith, missionary, says that, in Uruguay the missionaries adopted a method of administration which will significantly increase the participation of churches in missionary outreach. Already preaching ventures are making an impact for the gospel.

Pray for Mrs. A. R. Haglund, Tegayungu, Honduras; W. L. Smith, Brazil; Mrs. C. G. Collins, Accra, Ghana; Mrs. G. W. Corral, San Liguendo, ex. Mrs. J. A. Tumbin, St. Paul, ex. M. E. Elder, N.M., Ind. ex. Mrs. Elizabeth Chaga Morris, Panama, ex. Betty Ruth Robinson, New Orleans, La., GWC.

**17 THURSDAY** Beloved, follow not the which is evil, but that which is good. 2 John 11 (read 2 John).

"I wish I were able to lift up before the eyes of Southern Baptists the unbelievable life faith here in the Philippines," says W. Bryant Hahn. "It is not overrating to say that in many areas of the Philippines what we need to witness quickly is a missionary couple. This is the kind of readiness that the Lord has provided through the Holy Spirit. Will you go?"

Pray for Mr. Nirta, Philippines, ex. Mrs. N. V. Dora, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ex.

**18 FRIDAY** Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to prevent you from falling before the presence of his glory with unceasing joy. To the only wise God our Father be glory and majestic dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 24-25 (read Jude).

Rev. James F. McKinley writes from Rawl Pakistan to place a prayer burden on your heart. In two visits to a group of villages where about 4,000 live he was able to talk with some who were interested in knowing Jesus. "What a joy it was," he says, "to tell them that there is life in assurance of eternal life." He has had his great fear of death. Pray for these who are souls who yearn for eternal life.

Pray for Catherine Flo Chappell, St. Paul, ex. Mrs. J. E. Humphrey, Nigeria; E. B. K. Jones, Venezuela; Mrs. R. E. Olander, St. Paul, ex. T. K. Edwards, Guatemala, ex. T. K. Edwards, St. Paul, ex. Mrs. F. A. R. Morgan, Brazil, ex.



by Mrs. Charles Mullins Missionary in Hawaii

Retold by Mrs. Russell E. Owens

## Another Wise Man

IN our excitement of the Christmas season in our church here in Hawaii, Mr. Kota Nakata has been a wise man for several years. Being oriental, he really looks like a wise man from the Far East!

Mr. Nakata is indeed a wise man—in real life. He has searched and found Jesus Christ as Saviour. Each Sunday he comes to Sunday school and worships the Lord with an offering from earnings on his truck farm. He is wise because with genuine and dedication his life reveals that he is like the character he depicts.

Mr. Nakata was born in Okinawa and was raised by Buddhist parents who from the time he was six years old gave him absolute drinks. And he became an alcoholic. He was filled with deep bitterness and resentment and was harsh with his family. But God used a child to awaken him, and turn his life toward Him.

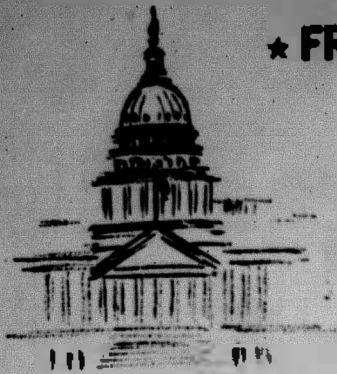
One day he was working in the garden when a grandchild used to him, "Hi, drunk Grandfather." On that same day a member

of our church visited him, and Mr. Nakata told his visitor what his grandchild had said. This Christian man responded to his need with understanding and asked several members of the Japanese language Bible class to visit him which resulted in his joining the group for Bible study.

Christ worked a miracle in his life, and it was immediately evident to his family. For a family picnic he told his wife to call an estranged daughter, and invite her and her husband to come and he and his daughter were reunited.

His wife, seeing the change in his life, was so greatly impressed by Christ's power that she also surrendered her own life. Now both husband and wife and their family are witnesses unto Him.

At their golden wedding anniversary a missionary spoke of how wise a man he is in his knowledge, and at the close of the entertainment the Japanese Bible class sang a hymn entitled "The Living Water Is What I Now Drink."



### The Nation's Social Drinkers

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reckless cost in both dollars and human lives by the wrong decisions and the short-from-the-hip actions taken while the leaders of industry and government are under the influence of a social cocktail. Wars can be started, battles can be lost, fortunes can be

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gambled away in those moments a drinker trades even the slightest bit of his reasoning power for the pleasurable tingle of a social martini.

Yes, there are alcoholics among people in high places. Dr. Marvin A. Black, vice-president of the National Council on Alcoholism, says that only 5 per cent of America's alcoholics are alcoholics from some 92 per cent of them eat in the same restaurants, ride the same buses, visit the same libraries, and work in the same offices and shops in the tank and file of other Americans. Now are they all men? Dr. Black says half of these 5 million addicts to alcohol are women who, because of their opposition to drink in taverns at home, do not get the public exposure of men.

No one is more significantly affected by this growing problem than the businessmen. None has more influence on stopping social drinking than do Christian women.

**19 SATURDAY** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins Matt. 1:21 (read Matt. 1:18-25).

"I am happy in giving this testimony, in all sincerity, that from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Liberia has benefited tremendously, and it continues to enjoy blessings therefrom. These funds have been utilized to expand Christian education and missionary work in needy parts of the world"—William R. Tolbert, Jr., vice-president of Liberia.

Pray for B. D. Brown, Monrovia, Liberia, ed.; Mrs. P. C. Porter, Brazil, ret.; R. C. Hensley, Venezuela, C. W. Shirley, Mendoza, Argentine; Mrs. B. E. Cader, Feira de Santana, Brazil; N. L. Adams, Ibadan, Nigeria; R. E. Gordon, Dagupan City, Philippines, et.

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 26

I am he that liveth, and was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen, and have the keys of hell and of death Rev. 1:18 (read Rev. 1).

In Tokyo, the world's largest city, in a country where more than 80 per cent can read and write, they face a tremendous challenge to get the gospel of Jesus Christ into the hands of a people by means of the printed page. Pray for publication work in Japan.

Pray for S. P. Howard, Jr., Kagawa, Japan; Clarence Thurman, Jr., Molokai, Mo.; G. A. McNeely, Barrville, Spain, et.; Mrs. A. I. Bop by Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, et.; L. I. Johnson, Brazil, ret.; L. O. Broder, Barrville, Columbia, MD.; J. R. Aldape, Corpus Christi; J. D. Crabb, Nonda, Jara Flores, San Marcos, Tex.; Mrs. Daniel Gomez, Pineda, Cuba; No. Alexander Pasotti, Lutz, Fla.; Sp. et.; Donald Phleger, Sanction, Calif.; Filipinos; Sh. Tachio Sakamoto, Seungyo, Calif.; et.

**21 MONDAY** He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the church Rev. 2:7 (read Rev. 2).

Seventy-four thousand Cuban refugees have been assumed in resettlement in the United States. Southern Baptists have helped resettle

them. Listen and the unanimous report of every church we have received more than we have ever had. Every state has a refugee committee which helps churches to know how to go about helping Cuban families. Should your church investigate the possibility of extending Christian love to such a family? Pray about this. Pray for Mrs. J. L. Gobhart, Tex., Langport; C. J. Caldwell, Jr., Guatemala, Anna L. Coon, Alton, Jordan, ed.; Lois Hurt, Chile; W. J. G. Venzel, Chile; Mrs. T. E. Bryant, Brazil; Frances Norton, Tokyo, Japan; Mrs. J. G. Davis, Bangkok, Thailand; J. W. Trimble, Beirut, Lebanon, et.; R. M. Perham, Jr., San Nicolas, Ag.

**22 TUESDAY** Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me Rev. 3:20 (read Rev. 3).

What are your plans for Christmas? Peter Marshall once preached a sermon entitled "Let's Keep Christmas." In that sermon he stressed the necessity for Christians to cherish within their hearts the meaning of the birth of Christ, to live in God, that we keep that meaning within our lives as a guide and stay. Will you keep Christmas? Will you plan for your family to do so?

Pray for Mrs. R. L. Cartledge, Jr., Montevideo, Uruguay; B. H. Weinbauer, Cuba, Columbia, R. L. West Ophendale, W. A. Par, Nigeria, ed.; J. L. Elms, Terengganu, Brazil; H. W. Schwenberg, Bogota, Colombia, et.; Virginia Cobb, Lebanon; Dr. N. H. Dudley, El Paso, Tex.; pub. Maxwell Johnson, Baltimore, Md., CD; Gladys McLanahan, Tex.; Mrs. Maiter Swetnam, La., et.

**23 WEDNESDAY** And immediately I was in the spirit, and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne Rev. 4:2 (read Rev. 4).

The demand for reading material is increasing every day as the literacy program advances. We must make Christian literature available in several languages used in this area.

"As each lesson and program is prepared and checked by our Baptist Publications Mission in Central Africa, we experience the blessing of God's leadership." Pray for the missionaries who write and edit copy and for those who translate, teach school and W.M.U. literature.

Pray for Mrs. M. L. Garrott, Sakayon, Sa. Bulacan; H. B. Lee, Jr., France; Mrs. R. H. Nash, et.; Philippines; Mrs. V. E. Squires, Jr., Comoros; Mrs. W. E. Mackay, esp. in Peru, et.; Mrs. J. C. Wiltman, Beirut, Lebanon, ed.; C. D. Langford, Kaulaon, Hong Kong, MD.; J. D. Fox, Santa Ana, Cuba, et.

**24 THURSDAY** Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing Rev. 5:12 (read Rev. 5 and 6).

In the Latin American Department of Manhattan Baptist Church, New York City, Francisco Navas and his wife were recognized on Sunday morning. "We are from Chile—with Hurling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus," they replied to a query. This caused excitement indeed, for the circus was performing in nearby Madison Square Garden.

When the pastor gave the invitation these two visitors professed faith in Christ as Saviour!

Pray for this significant ministry and for this husband and wife.

Pray for Mrs. Ruth Looze, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chas. et.; N. K. Middleton, Santiago, Chile, ed.; H. J. Palmer, Jr., Kintapore, Nigeria; Mrs. H. A. Littleton, Ghana; C. R. Rogers, Bandung, Indonesia, et.

**25 FRIDAY** And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are conveyed to white robes? and whence come they? Rev. 7:13 (read Rev. 7; 8; 9).

Today in Christmas Will you turn to page 1 and read "Cradled in Love?"

Will you pray that God will provide for you grace to examine and evaluate your priorities?

"O worship the King!  
All glorious above  
And gratefully sing  
His wonderful love."

—Robert Grant

Pray for Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Feira de Santana, Brazil, ed.; W. J. Blair, El Paso, Tex., pub.; D. B. Ray, Korea; Mrs. R. R. Stewart, Chachoengua, R. 1, Shabon Bangkok, Thailand; Mrs. J. N. Young, Belo Horizonte, Brazil; T. W. McMillan, Arusha, Tanganyika; Mrs. R. A. Hollifield, Genova, Italy, et.; Mrs. A. W. Hancock, Ohio, et.

**26 SATURDAY** Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising Isaiah 60:1,2 (read Matt. 2:1-12).

Missionaries write that many persons make professions of faith in Christ during the time they are treated in Baptist hospitals. There is a follow-up ministry to former hospital patients when they return home. Many go home and start preaching work in villages where little or no Christian work is known. Pray for medical work in Nigeria.

Pray for Antonino Casarotti, Velds Lamp, Nigeria, RN; J. B. Gaultney, Eku, Nigeria, med.; Mrs. J. C. Abell, Jr., Nigeria; Mrs. C. A. Tapp, Arusha, Tanganyika; J. C. Wether, Bientyre, Malawi; Z. J. Dool, Jr., Cartagena, Colombia; co.; J. D. Carter, Bala, Brazil, Ag.; Mrs. J. W. Shepard, Sr., Brazil, ret.; N. H. Brown, Gardena, Calif., Japanese, cv.

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 27

And the seventh angel sounded, and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever. Rev. 11:15 (read Rev. 10 through 18).

"Vigorously waving from the train window, Jorge is on his way to Italy for seminary training. During the last two years he has lived in a student hostel and now he is going for theological training because of a scholarship provided for him by your gifts. You have offered him opportunity. You help to nourish the flame of hope, to encourage the call to complete dedication. You invest not only in his life but also in all those who, through him, will be brought into the kingdom. Pray for Jorge."—Grayson C. Tennyson, Portugal.

Pray for Mr. Yennian, N. M. Alexander, Jr., Mardel Plata, Argentina; Mrs. R. H. Wolf, Mexico, D. C. Ankara, Tokyo, Japan, cv.; Mrs. J. A. Smith, Tokyo, Japan, MA; Ruth L. Ford, Kediri, Indonesia, RN; J. R. Moseley, Kotsagora, Nigeria, MD; V. T. Yearwood, Panama, ret.

28 MONDAY And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. Rev. 19:16 (read Rev. 19).

During the past ten years the work of Baptists in Hong Kong has been multiplied at a rapid rate. Two factors are responsible: the leadership of God and the co-operation of Southern Baptists. Hong Kong Baptists would find it difficult to build new chapels in un-reached areas, establish a hospital, and provide facilities for education.

"We express our grateful appreciation to Southern Baptists for their concern and love!"—a national in Hong Kong.

Pray for J. D. Hollis, Hong Kong; Mrs. J. D. Smith, Bandung, Indonesia; Mrs. C. F. Eaglesfield, Yaba, Nigeria, cv.; Vella Jane Burch, Zurich, Switzerland; Mrs. E. L. Goldfarb, Sr., San Jose, Costa Rica; Mrs. C. F. Stapp, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ed.; J. B. Silva, Cuba, ret.; Mrs. Erkie St. John, Jackson, Miss., deaf cv.

29 TUESDAY And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. Rev. 20:12 (read Rev. 20).

Last December, Jane Mary Wambui, newly elected W.M.U. president of Shauri Moyo Baptist Church in Nairobi, Kenya, asked the women of the church to pray for her. A few years ago, when she began coming to the community center connected with the church, she did not know how to hold a pencil, she says. Now she is literate in her language, Swahili, and is learning English—a mammoth. Pray for this community center.

Pray for Mrs. J. O. Perain, Kibiti, Kenya; Mrs. H. R. Tucker, Jr., Venezuela, cv.; Ann Swanson, El Paso, Tex., pub.; Mrs. E. N. Walker, Baguio, Philippines; Martin Phillips, Iloilo, Iloilo, cv.; John Fairfax, Kigali, Rwanda, cv.; Mrs. J. W. Swartzwater, Tex., Sp. sp. cv.

30 WEDNESDAY And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. Rev. 21:1 (read cv. 1-10).

"The time has come for Southern Baptists to fix their eyes upon a new horizon in world missions." Dr. Robert J. Coonin says. "The Foreign Mission Board, after long and careful consideration, has issued a call for 5,000 missionaries to be placed across the world at the earliest possible time." Pray about this. What should you do about it?

Pray for Mary Sue Marsh, Dychester, Indiana, BA; J. T. Poe, El Paso, Tex., pub.; Rev. B. Sanders, Iru, Nigeria, RN; J. L. McPhail, Vellan, India, MD; George Hunt, Windsor, Ariz., RN; N. D. Shield, Houma, Calif., Ind. cv.

31 THURSDAY And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. Rev. 21:27 (read Rev. 21:1-27).

Japan Baptists first missionaries to the West are Hinemphre have been named. They are Mr. and Mrs. Nobuyoshi Tugawa. Previous study at New Orleans Seminary and foreign study in Campinas, Brazil, they will work in a city where more than a half million Japanese live. Pray for this couple and for Japanese of Brazil.

Pray for W. B. McHenry, Mrs. R. E. Smith, Santos, Brazil, cv.; Bruce T. Griffin, Lagos, Nigeria, BA; V. C. Chandler, Tex., cv.

## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING Allocations

by  
Alma Hunt

IN RECENT YEARS we have printed in December *Normal Service* what we call the regular allocations for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Because this offering has become a most satisfying Christmas gift opportunity for many Southern Baptists, it has grown until this list was twelve pages long last year. And literally the half had not been told. Therefore we decided to present the allocations differently this year.

First I'll answer the question which is no doubt on your mind: "Who did I see?" (Since all the half had not been told.) To answer the question I'll have to answer another which has come frequently: "Why don't the allocations in *Normal Service* total the amount set for?" In other words, who did the 1963 December *Normal Service* show \$3,000,000 in allocations when the goal was \$11,000,000? I'll try to set the record straight on these questions. I'll "work up" to my answer by reviewing briefly how the allocations are made.

The missionaries in a foreign mission area form what the board calls "the mission unit." One year there is "the mission offering" to which the missionaries come and bring their children. It's quite a family affair. The children see all their uncles and aunts in this affectionately call their parents co-workers.

While the children return home,

the missionaries share rewarding experiences and join together in prayers of thanksgiving. They share the concerns of their hearts and together take these to the Lord in prayer. They pool their fields' needs for various types of missionary personnel and from this they finally arrive at their list of requests for missionaries according to priority—a doctor here, a nurse there, a medical technician, a druggist, teachers with specialized training from nurses through scientists, a person with editorial training, a man with a knowledge of printing, a person to advise on writing up religious education programs in the churches, an architect who can help the mission get the most for its money in building missionary residences, churches, a hospital, seminars building, a publication house, etc. Such priorities list require days of honest consideration, con-

Part of Spain, Trinidad—Winds blows in a home



TRINIDAD \$4,000

Foreign and Other Church Workers 1,000  
Baptists and New Work 1,000



The Foreign Mission Board writes this for to Vietnam's Christians & men for mission work during the summer. You may ask why we haven't joined this interesting but because, by the time we could get it in French, we are heading toward the next Easter season (Christmas following). We are on pick up information all through the year about work which has either benefited or been near provide through these with that information.

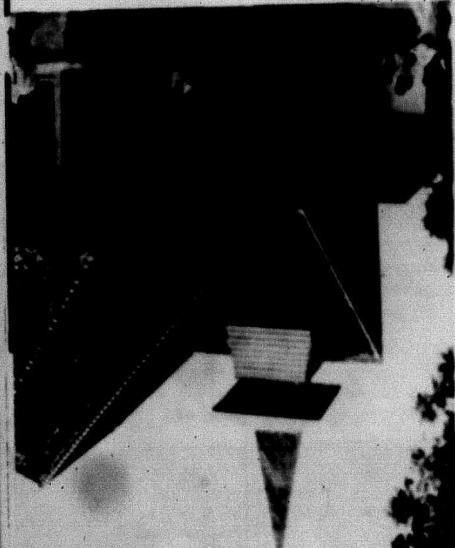


US Air Force Sergeant working Sunday school home of mission residence, Hanoi, Indochina.

**NETNAM**  
\$37,500  
Missionary Operations  
Property Operations  
11,000  
8,000  
Publication Work

for foreign funds. (At this point 11 answers the foreign funds for using that Latin Mission & Vietnam (Following funds are used for operation of the Foreign Mission Board on a monthly basis to the two which has been arrived in French Indochina. It amounts to two million dollars the last year has been used when I said "the last year has been used" the report to the Foreign Mission Board funds are found and the total figure on the board. There the Foreign Mission Board comes in what we call "Additional Assistance." Most of the annual needs are met and then some as the last has shown in various other parts of current operations and mission centers in the French Indochina. Through additional efforts the board takes care of additional expenses which have not been met with other funds. The report on buildings and equipment for the year has been long but not too long which summarizes and shows who

**INDONESIA**  
\$105,000  
Direct Evangelism, Pastors and their Church Workers  
10,000  
Direct Evangelism, Property  
4,000  
Operating Requirements  
31



First Baptist Church, Bandung, Indonesia

**EQUATORIAL GUATEMALA**  
Radio Evangelism  
Audio Visual Aids  
\$17,500



Japanese Baptist Hospital, Kyoto, Japan

and activities to existing buildings, equipment for hospitals and community centers, mobile, radio ambulances, etc. The same program is carried on over and demonstrates interest in the making up of the budget needs which the Foreign Mission Board supplies on the basis of an annual budget report to Congress. From no Congress Foreign Mission Board estimate and the Latin Mission (Following

Before the Latin Mission (Following) report to take the Foreign Mission Board adopts its budget on both before and Southern Baptists are given to request the approval for gifts beyond their regular budgets by Sunday gifts through the church budgets. As that comes the board anticipates the amount of Latin Mission (Following) giving request to pay for buildings of all kinds, improvements, sites, buildings of all kinds, improvements, etc. bring their capital needs—building

**JAPAN**  
\$432,633  
Kyoto, Japan Baptist Hospital, Current Expenses  
18,000



Japan, Kyoto—Children hear Girl's Word and pray together at Baptist Hospital



Petah Tiqva, Israel—Baptist Center. Building used for dormitory, classrooms, missionary residence

The first list of allocations for 1964 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering—the one the Board adopts on faith—is for \$6,000,000:

General	\$1,962,000
Latin America	1,507,100
Orient	1,570,555
Africa	870,477
Europe and Middle East	681,155

### ISRAEL

\$779,337

Petah Tiqva, Current Expenses for Center	70,000
Baptist School, Petah Tiqva, Current Operating Expenses	9,000

A look at the list will make you ask first what general allocations are. Among these are salaries of 275 missionaries, children's allowances and supplements for salaries where the exchange makes supplements necessary, the operation of training schools for women in Ratisle and Rio de Janeiro in Brazil and in Rome, Italy. WMU publishes news and literature in 10 countries. WMU promotional work in 31 countries and two thrilling cruises \$400,000 for continuing freight and travel of new missionaries and \$200,000 for salaries and rent for new missionaries.

A quick glance at the allocations may lead one to think partiality has been shown Latin America and the Orient—each with approximately a million and a half dollars while the combination of allocations for Africa and Europe and Middle East is slightly more than a million and a half dollars. There's been no discrimination since last year the area we have known as Africa, Europe and the Near East has been divided and the territory extended. Africa has one

### JORDAN

\$89,975

Ajlun Hospital, Current Expenses 41,000

Jordan—Mrs. Violet Papp, teaching at Baptist Hospital, Ajlun



## Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Thou didst leave Thy throne  
And Thy kingly crown,  
When Thou camest to earth for me;  
But in Bethlehem's home  
Was there found no room  
For Thy holy nativity.

Thou camest, O Lord,  
With the living word  
That should set Thy people free;  
But with mocking scorn,  
And with crown of thorn,  
They bore Thee to Calvary.

When the heavens shall ring,  
And the angels sing,  
At Thy coming to victory,  
Let Thy voice call me home,  
Saying, "Yet there is room,  
There is room at My side for thee."

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,  
There is room in my heart for Thee.  
—Emily E. S. Elliot



The daily procedure for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 6-12, suggests the use of the hymn, "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne." What shall our response be to this reminder of His love?

Shall we make Christmas a "holy day" instead of a "holiday"?  
Shall we be more concerned with "giving" than "getting"?

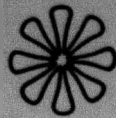
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## Dear President

December is such a wonderful time of the year! It's the month when hearts respond more kindly to others, and thoughtfulness and helpfulness are experienced more often. Why is this true? Isn't it because we are frequently reminded this month of God's love and his gift of his Son to us.

You will lead WMU members to share God's love in a special way this month through the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, December 6-13. It is hoped that this week will develop within members of churches a renewed faith in the power of prayer, and will inform them of the needs of our world for the gospel. As you and others in your church plan for the week, seek to involve all church members in meeting needs through prayer and gifts.

As you plan with the pastor, the prayer committee, and the Church Council, pray that the week will be a most meaningful experience for your entire membership.

Study the plan outlined in Royal Service for a day-by-day observance of the week and see the suggestions given under Current Comments in Forerunner. The goal for the 1964 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$12,300,000 and your church is urged to accept a goal

which is a 15 per cent increase over the amount given last year. We must work and pray if we reach this high goal for foreign missions.

December is the last month of the first quarter of 1964-65. Check the program your WMU has made on Aims for Advancement. How is your WMS using the Bible study lessons in Royal Service? You will lead the executive board to plan for the use of the material. It may be used individually, or in the society or in circles. If you are not already using "Helps for Study of the Missionary Message of the Bible" price 50¢, order copies from Women's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, or from your nearest Baptist Book Store. In societies without circles the responsibility for Bible study has been given the study chairman. We are eager to hear from those societies without circles that are using the simplified plan of organization. If you are using this optional plan, let us know whether or not you have found it helpful.

The WMS staff wishes for you and your WMU leadership a blessed Christmas—one which will help you understand the deep meaning of "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

*Every Member Praying  
Every Member Giving*



## Dear Circle Chairman

You are such an important person in your Women's Missionary Society for you have the opportunity and the responsibility of helping circle members become a vital part of the total work of Women's Missionary Union. By your effective leadership you can help those in your circle become involved in all that the organization seeks to do.

This month your emphasis will be on every member praying daily for foreign missions since the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is December 6-13. Encourage them to use the Stand-up Prayer Reminder individually or with their families. Help members see how the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes into all the world, to every creature, "preaching, teaching, healing."

Read the suggestions in Current Comments in this Forerunner for observing the Week of Prayer and help your WMS president promote the plans which are made for your church.

The circle program this month, "Worship Through Giving" points up giving as an act of worship. Giving through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be a very wonderful worship experience for circle members who give worthy offerings.

Have you and the members of your circle been using the little folder, "O Come, Let Us Worship Him?" The message inside the folder reads:

"I will seek to worship God by bringing tithes and offerings to

Him—so that the coming of his kingdom shall be hastened among men.

"I will seek to worship God by praying daily for people who are oppressed, hungry, fearful, lost, knowing that the Holy Spirit works miracles among men, reconciling them to God."

These folders may be secured free from your state WMU office.

May the old, old message of the angels bring new meaning to your heart this Christmas time as you ponder their words, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."



**Give a gift that keeps on giving. That's what Royal Service does!**

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## Promotional Features AT YOUR MEETING

### CIRCLE •

#### Mandatory Reading

Have all your circle members read *Frontiers of Advance* by Luther Copeland (Price, \$24 from Baptist Book Stores.) Have copies on hand to circulate to members who have not read it. Read brief excerpts from the book to stimulate interest of members in reading it.

#### Royal Service

Use this puzzle poem to promote Royal Service at your circle meetings. Ask members to fill in the blanks as someone reads the poem.

#### My Royal Service Score

I call it my RS Nightmare.  
For as I slept, I dreamed  
That things suddenly went wrong  
With our missions \_\_\_\_\_  
(magazine)

First, what a shock to discover,  
A new Royal Service with no shiny \_\_\_\_\_  
(cover)

Another mistake, a complete disaster—  
I lasted all the way through,  
But found no \_\_\_\_\_  
(Forecast)

Something else caused a big fright—  
\_\_\_\_\_ rates soared  
up. (subscriptions)  
Out of sight!

I surely can vouch  
That it gave quite a scare  
To discover at last  
That the \_\_\_\_\_ was not  
there! (program)

Well, all this had its effect.  
I awoke tired and nervous  
Till I spied on the table  
My new \_\_\_\_\_

#### (ROYAL SERVICE)

Missions-filled as usual,  
WMS asks galore!  
\$1.00 a year, I purr'd,  
As always before!

After reading the poem, encourage reading of Royal Service and gift subscriptions as Christmas gifts. (When ordering on gift subscriptions mark them "gift" and a card will be sent to the person receiving Royal Service announcing the gift.)

—Mrs. James McCallie, Mississippi.  
Adapted.

#### Preview of January WMS Program

The WMS program for January is titled, "Christ for the Cubans." Its purpose is to lead women to pray for the Cuban people and to help meet the needs of Cuban refugees in the United States. How is an idea to use as preview in the program for circle members:

Clip pictures and headlines about Cuba out of magazines and arrange

pages. Mount these on cardboard and display in cases where circle meets. During the promotional period of the circle meeting call attention to the problems in Cuba. Request circle members that many faithful Christians remain in Cuba. Tell them that the January WMS

program will be about Cuba. Ask them to be alert to what they read and hear about Cuba, then come to the WMS meeting in January prepared to consider the topic, "Christ for the Cubans." Announce the time and place of the meeting.

## SPICING YOUR PROGRAM

### MEMBER SERVICE

### CIRCLE •

The December program topic for circles is "Worship Through Giving." As an alternate to the suggested devotions given in Royal Service, have three women give the hour information in the program. Place on a tackboard a large "C." As each woman speaks she may add letters to complete the word in

### Commitment currency co-operation

In closing, have members give words which describe God's gifts and ours. Some of these may be God's gifts—faith, salvation, eternal life, peace, strength, daily blessings. Our gifts—self, talents, offerings, prayer, praise, or worship.

Scripture: Matthew 21-2: 11  
Daily Topics

MONDAY—"Without Christ They Have No King" (Worshippers of false gods) Slide set, "Gods Other Than God," \$2.00, may be ordered from Division of Visual Education, Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 8097, Richmond, Va. 23208 (Please send check with your order.)

TUESDAY—"Heralds of the King" (Missions)

WEDNESDAY—"We Follow in His Train" (Opportunities to witness)

## Current COMMENTS

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Date: December 6-13, 1964  
Theme: "Worship Christ the King"  
Hymn: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

the work in the week they are doing? Plan to emphasize the week-long message, build on your strengths.

—Mary Kay Stephens, Atlanta, Ga.

A DAVID

#### Encourage Members

December is a good time to do something special for extension members. Encourage their participation in the Foreign Mission Week of Prayer observance and in giving in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

In a personal visit take the extension members a Hand-up Prayer banner to use during the Week of Prayer and an offering envelope of prayer and an offering envelope to make her offering. Talk with her about the banner. Point out the daily verses in *Prayer* and encourage her to have an individual prayer time each day. Write her notes in *Prayer* as a group. Help her feel a part of your work.

#### Plan for Christmas

The last service on Nov. 16. An offering statement for the year of service should be made for each member of the members of each church as the general missionary program meetings of the society. Consider on whether or not your society should have a Christmas service. The offering can be the responsibility of the local church or the WMF secretary. How is it



#### Prayer Cards

The following questions will help you plan your work in your church. Add stars to the large Week of Prayer poster to represent of- fering received.

- (1) Use large poster as background and place an open jewelry box on table underneath poster.
- (2) A background may be arranged by placing a bar of music, have Christmas songs and carols played or used in offering.
- (3) Christmas greens may be used underneath the program.
- (4) Do organizations meet often enough to make a missionary im- portance being reached each year?
- (5) Are an increasing number of youth organizations?
- (6) Is your goal "smooth-running" organizational machinery" or to have members with missionary interest?
- (7) Is fostering "balanced" among all youth organizations or is one group being overlooked?
- (8) Are your youth leaders con- sciously aware of the support of

ferent parts of the church Streamer announcing Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Streamer announcing Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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new! Planets "Who follows the King" 2222 with manual may be ordered after November 1 from the National Christmas King (National Christmas King) "Have Come to Worship Him" (Bible) It is suggested that Friday be a day of prayer and that the church be open all day for those who will come by and pray. Members of the prayer committee can be given out- turn times of the day to be at the church and hand out guides for meditation and prayer. Suggested guides are given in the issue of Royal Service and may be materi- graphed for distribution. At some time(s) during the day follow the service suggested in this issue of Royal Service.

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We will not have space to print  
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clude your name and address.

**In Reply to Mrs. Robinson's Letter  
in October Royal Service**

May I have the privilege of answer-  
ing Dorothy Robinson's letter?

First I want to say I am white and  
"old South." I am not young. I was  
born the year the Yankee soldiers  
were called back home. My childhood  
was darkened by the aftermath of re-  
construction. I know what it means  
to be hungry. I was born in Atlanta,  
and what Sherman's army didn't de-  
stroy, the carpetbaggers took. Our  
Confederate money was no longer  
usable.

I know something of how all South-  
erners feel, but Christians must for-  
give.

It's not easy to build a new South  
on the ashes of the old. We keep look-  
ing back longingly, but that was "the  
South that was." It is not coming back  
ever. This is the "South that is." We  
can hug our prejudices to us, refuse  
to move with the tide and face the in-  
evitable—hindering the progress of  
our beloved Southland.

You say you have not "pre-judged"  
the Negro. Haven't you? Haven't you  
already judged him as not being eli-  
gible to be a citizen in the country in  
which he was born? The Negro is an

American citizen by right of birth.  
This is his country just as much as it  
is yours and mine. It is the only coun-  
try he has. He is born with the same  
rights that you and I possess.

We have a right to all things public,  
all things operated for the public, and  
for things for the good of the public.  
We are born with that right under the  
United States Constitution. The Ne-  
gro, as an American citizen is born  
with the same. The new Civil Rights  
Bill only forces us to do that which the  
Constitution has always guaranteed  
should be done to all its citizens. It  
does not require that we accept them  
socially or intimately with them. I'm  
sure all of us have had white class-  
mates that we never invited to our  
homes, socially. While the law does  
not require us to accept socially, it  
does not forbid it to those who wish  
to do so. Here in America we have  
always been free to choose our own  
friends. We still are.

You say you are for "God and  
America." How can you be for God  
and not be for all his children, re-  
gardless of race or color?

We in the South gave the Negro  
Christianity. In the early colonial days  
we all went to the same church.  
There were many of the churches with

Negro members that formed the  
Southern Baptist Convention in 1845.  
It was by our actions going to dis-  
franchise them as to the sincerity of our  
faith. They themselves asked for a  
separate convention and I believe they  
got it all done, but I would like to be-  
long to a church where my colored  
brothers and sisters in Christ would  
be welcome. I don't mean by that that  
I would want them for special friends.  
I wouldn't go that far, but I think we  
ought to use the golden rule in deal-  
ing with them.

You say you are "for America."  
America is not a place. It is a people.  
We the people make America. How  
can you be for America, and not be  
for all her citizens?

Once I held the same views you  
hold. Once I was very bitter and very  
prejudiced where our colored people  
are concerned. I lived through a very  
difficult period immediately after re-  
construction. The reconstruction pe-  
riod was a spite program to punish the  
South for Lincoln's death, just as a lot  
of people today would like to punish  
Dallas for Kennedy's death. It's like  
blaming all the apostles for what Judas  
did. That program created much bit-  
terness and hatred where no bitterness  
and hatred had been before.

I've done my share of hating. I've  
had my share of prejudice against the  
colored people, but as you grow older  
you see things more clearly, and I now  
confess I have been wrong.

After much Bible searching and  
much prayer on the subject, I no  
longer believe in race superiority as I  
once did. I do believe there are degrees  
of civilization. The Negro did not  
come from an inferior race. He came  
from an uncivilized, and undeveloped  
race. The Negroes are people of cir-  
cumstance. They did not ask to be  
brought here, and those who are here  
today did not ask to be born here, but  
they were, a fact they used to be proud  
of, but I'm afraid by our actions we  
are changing their views.

Since God is no respecter of persons,  
God's children cannot be either.

I love the South and am proud of  
being a Southerner. I'm proud of be-  
ing a Southern Baptist. I believe  
Southern Baptists today are facing  
their greatest challenge. The way we  
face the race question will determine  
what our future as a great denomina-  
tion will be. It could be Southern Bap-  
tist's finest hour, or it could be her  
death knell. Personally I no longer  
feel that I can be a real Christian and  
hold on to race prejudices.

Mrs. S. A. Williams, Arkansas

**GIVE TO THE**  
*Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*

# CIRCLE PROGRAM

## OR FOR SECOND WMS MEETING

MISSION STUDY BOOK  
Features of Advance  
by E. Luther Capelow

Make plans to have this feature  
shown, guided, every time  
taught in each of your...

## Worship Through Giving

by Mrs. Louis L. Dabney

### OUTLINE for MEETING

- Circle Chairman in Charge
- Call to Prayer (read Scripture)
- giving missionary information, and praying for missionaries.
- Song (choose one appropriate to Scripture passage)
- Business Period
- Promotional Features (see Forecaster)
- Program Chairman in Charge
- Program

**Suggestions to Program Chairman:** The information may be given as a playlet as suggested, or simply as the three keys supplemented by discussion relevant to your own church's stewardship. Ann and Beth may talk informally, with three other women giving the topics: Commitment, Carriers, and Cooperation. Ann sits at a table with papers, pencil, three keys and a book and a Bible before her. She invites Beth to come in.

Circle Program of Advance, Features of Advance, and Forecaster's Family, 250 First Avenue, Beth, N.Y.

**Leader:** This is the third and last program in the unit. Magnifying the Church, its purpose is to show that giving through the church is a missionary endeavor and an act of worship.

### Discussion

**Ann:** Beth knows I came out on this. Some one had matters, but I'm brought up in program planning. How's it go?

**Beth:** I don't want to interrupt your efforts.

**Ann:** I'm glad you are here. You can help me. You're a brand new Baptist, and you may have some fresh ideas.

**Beth:** Being a brand new Baptist, you have something to do with my problem. I've had my decision made and you think I have another demonstration. You see, I promised God and myself that I would in every opportunity to give in special knowledge and in service. God has been with me in special ways as I have had worship from more missionaries and sermons. I am busy trying to serve from this

my people, and I love it.

**Ann:** You know Ann I will feel that I've done myself out somewhere along the way, and myself was I do or look? But you know about our checks at papers on desk? What are you working on?

**Ann:** A class meeting devotional message that is clear to Christmas I'm going to talk about the "giving and getting" cycle. It isn't very original, but I'm going to use an original idea which I hope will be of help.

**Beth:** Giving and getting, huh? I'm afraid not. I'd as reverse the order and put the giving before the getting. What do you mean?

**Ann:** I think of it in terms of some spiritual life. Beth, which came first with you?

**Beth:** Let me think a minute. I became a Christian when I believed that "God gave, he asks forgotten soon." So the giving came first. God gave and I received. Is that what you mean?

**Ann:** Yes, but don't you see, Beth, this is only the first step in the cycle of giving and getting? The whole Christian experience is a continual giving and getting. Go back to the receipt stem, and you'll see that God's gift involves all of life, and the way we accept and use it as stewards.

**Beth:** Stewards? What has that to do with it?

**Ann:** What is your understanding of the word steward?

**Beth:** A steward is a layman who helps the pastor oversee the work of the church — as found in some churches. Methodist?

**Ann:** Anything else?

**Beth:** In general, I suppose a steward is a person who takes care of something for another. Is that what you want me to answer?

**Ann:** Yes — in a way. A Christian steward is a person who takes care of what God has

entrusted to him.

**Beth:** Well, yes, that's correct. The Bible says, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). I know that's true, but I suppose I never connected that verse with the idea of stewardship. If God is owner of everything and has entrusted me with certain possessions, then I must use them wisely and return a portion to Him in recognition of that stewardship. Is that what you mean?

**Ann:** Yes. Now if you will go on with that idea you will find an answer to your feeling of shortchanging God.

Look at this: *Picks up keys and looks.* This idea isn't quite clear in my mind, but maybe as we talk about it, it will get clear. Each Christian has been given the greatest gift — salvation. But it isn't to be held closely to oneself. Right?

**Beth:** Right, and you're going to tell me that if we don't share our knowledge of Jesus as Saviors, it remains locked up in safe as it must "show" in our words and our lives.

**Ann:** It is the nature of this "good news" that it is shared. So we are stewards of what we know to be true about God.

**Beth:** That's a wonderful thought. Ann, doesn't stewardship also refer to money?

**Ann:** Yes, but it is neither first nor the most important for a Christian.

**Beth:** There's a line of points which comes to mind. "The gift without the giver is bare." So then the first thing I must give is myself?

**Ann:** Yes, the first key in unlocking God's blessings is Commitment of Self. Let us listen.

### THE KEY OF COMMITMENT

The Christian's first act of worship comes when he recognizes God as owner of all and giver of all good gifts. God loved and sent his Son, Jesus Christ, loved and gave

his life. The Christian loves and gives witness to this love of God in worship and to others through service.

The Christian commits his talents to God's work. Voices can be used to speak to the lost about the Saviour, to sing of God's power and grace. Intelligence and training can be used to teach the way of life to others. Understanding and enthusiasm can be used to guide little children in spiritual experiences. Compassion can be expressed by Christians to the sick and suffering. Business ability can be used to administer church affairs.

The Christian commits his influence to God. Where he goes and what he does will be determined to a large degree by what is right in the eyes of God. He commits his prayer life to intercede for others, and in the process moves closer to the source of his strength, Almighty God.

The Christian commits his material possessions to God through the giving of his tithes and sacrificial offerings into the Lord's storehouse. In all ways the Christian must commit himself if he is to heat the world. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

#### The Key of Courtesy

A pastor writes, "Giving is an act of worship, a deeply sacred thing. We worship God with our offerings, and the extent of our giving, in proportion to our means, is a measure of the genuineness of our worship. Giving is a spiritual experience."

As a steward the Christian is answerable to God for the way he makes his money, the tithes and offerings he brings into the church, and for the way he spends all his money. If he does not hear the call to go in person to carry the gospel he is obliged to go in prayer and in purse.

James Crane, field representative in Latin America, sees giving money to Christ's cause as a way for "each believer [to have] an opportunity to officiate as a priest unto God, bringing his gifts as an expression of gratitude and love. In this light, the offer-

## The Secret Walk

by Marjorie Lou Stamp

Prayer is the Christian's secret walk.

Each Christian walks alone

in quiet fellowship with God.

To bow before his throne.

No other soul can truly share

This peaceful avenue.

Who walks the path of Christian prayer?

The One called Christ and you

ing, coming to be a much more meaningful part of worship, there will be no lack of liberality. This higher motive will compel us to undergird our program of world evangelization with adequate funds.

Joy in giving comes as a result of the ratio of ability to willingness to be a part in the Kingdom's work. Two true stories illustrate this equation. In 1948 Mr. and Mrs. George Bottoms of Arkansas decided to give stock in a lumber company to the Home Mission Board. From that year, 1948, through 1963, the total amount received by the Board from that stock has exceeded one million dollars! This amount was in addition to many other generous gifts to missions. The couple's money continues to influence mission work after their deaths. Many people today have superfluous wealth beyond their needs. How wonderful is when it is used for God.

The other story tells of a housewife-mother who had to supply full support for her family. After pledge day in her church the deacon who was tabulating the pledges came across her card and saw the amount she had pledged. "I know this woman," he told the other deacons. "She cannot affor-

to give this amount." He took money from his pocket to pay the pledge and marked her card "Paid in full."

After this well-meaning deacon reported the matter and told her of his action, Her husband approved her decision. "I thank you for your kindness, but you cannot do that. I've already made arrangements to take another job next week to pay the pledge. What can take me out of the pay of having a part in the Lord's work?"

#### The Key to Cooperation

Cooperation has been called the "secret" that holds the bricks of our civilization together. It is also the means of our being victorious together with God. No one will deny the fact that acceptance of Christ is an individual decision; nor will a clear thinking person argue against the monetary power of ten million Baptists when their gifts are channeled through the Cooperative Program. Just as early Christians brought their gifts to be distributed second only to food among their brethren (1 Cor. 12:13), so we bring our gifts and equate them to home and foreign fields as the church is presented and sanctified by those who labor there.

The Cooperative Program's theme, Sharing Christ with the World, is carried out in fact. It is the most efficient way yet found for each church member to give each week to each mission cause.

Sponsored by Women's Missions I must not forget to mention the career church, the Lane Mission and Annie Armstrong offerings have come to be excellent means for Baptists to give the thrust to missions that God has required of them. Sacrificial as well as regular income can be given to these offerings. Dr. Baker James Carberry, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, has issued the call for a new Advent Program looking toward the year 2000. Like thousand missionaries will be working around the world. It is our conviction that ten million Baptists support five thousand on foreign fields, as well as those who give out American aid.

It is not too much to pray, asking God to save the world and yet withhold the means of money and power which make such a venture possible.

A large church in the suburbs of a city wanted experimentally for the report from the finance committee at the close of pledge day. After the total was reported, the committee chairman continued, "It will be of interest to you to know the amount of the pledge which carried our pledges over the goal. As we tabulated the amounts we reached our goal with a pledge card promising the total amount of fifty-two cents, one penny a week from a child who marked his card as a tither."

It is significant in our understanding of stewardship to God that every Christian feel responsible to give if he is able, and so be "purposeful in his heart, from his lack and also his abundance."

#### Answers

**Ann:** Well, Beth, what do you think about the content of my devotional message for my class?

**Beth:** Oh, I had forgotten we were talking about that. This has been so helpful to me. Thank you so much. You know, until eight years I had considered my giving to the church as a sort of good duty, a way for my church to meet its obligations. For the first time I see that my giving is a means of expressing my gratitude to God, and of putting her in prayer. These verses will help me grow in my relationship to God. My thanks to you. When I survey the W.M.B.F. program, I cannot express it.

*Here, the whole world of nature sings.*

*That sing a psalm for his glory.*

*For he is working, or dividing.*

*It sounds as well, my life, my all.*

—Isaac Watts

**Leader:** Choose from among the verses below following each with prayer relating to the verse and its stewardship meaning. 1. Chronicles 29:11-14. Luke 6:38. 1. Corinthians 12: James 1:7. Malachi 3:10. Matthew 28:19-20.



## WEEK of PRAYER

### FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Sunday DECEMBER 6-12, 1964

The responsibility of this program is yours. Plan so this is a fact. Use those visuals which are vital to your purpose. Impress upon those who participate that you are seeking to maintain an attitude of worship.

Plan well every detail, delegating responsibility and using as many people as possible so that more can enter into the spirit of the week.

This is not just for WMU members. It is a Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions to be engaged in by all members of your church who will join with you.

In Sunday school and Training Union mention will be made of the emphasis. This is a fine opportunity to let everyone know that Christ's kingdom advances as Christians pray. Invite them in unique ways to come to the church for prayer this week. Note that the observance is from Sunday through Sunday. Call attention of your members to the suggestions for Sunday, December 6 and Saturday and Sunday, December 12 and 13.

Make suggestions available to those who do not receive *Royal Service* to their homes. See Forecaster for suggestions regarding the stand-up prayer reminder "Our Family Praying Together."

**Have Materials Ready:** Large and small Week of Prayer posters. Some of which are printed words "Come and Worship During Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 6-12, 1964." Stand-up prayer reminder "Our Family Praying Together."

**Priced:** *Eight slides* "Gods Other Than God," \$2.00 from Division of Visual Education, Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 1697, Richmond, Virginia 23290 (for use on Monday if you decide to use them); *filming* "Who Follows the King," \$3.50 from Baptist Book Stores or above address for use on Wednesday night or before the Week of Prayer if you decide to use these to stimulate interest in the Week of Prayer and the Lenten Mission Christmas Offering. Send check with order to Foreign Missions Board.

How will you use to maximum advantage these materials?

**Program Covers:** From Women's Missionary Union, 600 No. 20th St., Birmingham, Alabama 35203, and

Baptist Book Stores for 2¢ each order your materials.

**Make Folders for Friday:** Make them yourself. Take a piece of 8 1/2" x 11" paper and fold it three times. Make the cover look something like this one below using the words "O Let Us Worship Him" on it. Then on these other folds write or stencil the following:

#### O Let Us Worship Him

Meditate and Pray

Open your Bible to Psalm 34

Read the entire Psalm.

Read again verses 1 and 2. Think on these verses. What do they mean? Pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten your heart to realize anew that "they that dwell therein (verse 1) must recognize God as Lord."

Read verses 3 and 4. Think on your motives and attitudes. Are they clean, pure, sincere, unprejudiced toward all men?

Pray regarding your answer to the above question.

Read verses 8, 9, 10. Do you know the King in "unceasing prayer"? This means continuous companionship in His presence.

Have you learned to depend on His might and power in your life? Pray that you will rely more fully on His promises and recognize that His commands are to you.

Read Romans 5:8 and think on Christ's love for you. Thank Him for this precious gift.

Read John 17:15-18. Meditate on Christ's prayer as recorded here. Read again verses 15 and 18.

Read Matthew 28:19-20 and realize that this last command of Jesus before His Ascension is given to you.

Pray about this.

Read Acts 1:8 and think on the implications of this verse for you. Pray regarding your response to this truth. What is your witness? Pray by name for one lost person whom you know. If you do not know by name one who is lost, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to such a person.

Pray for the Power of the Holy Spirit in your life.

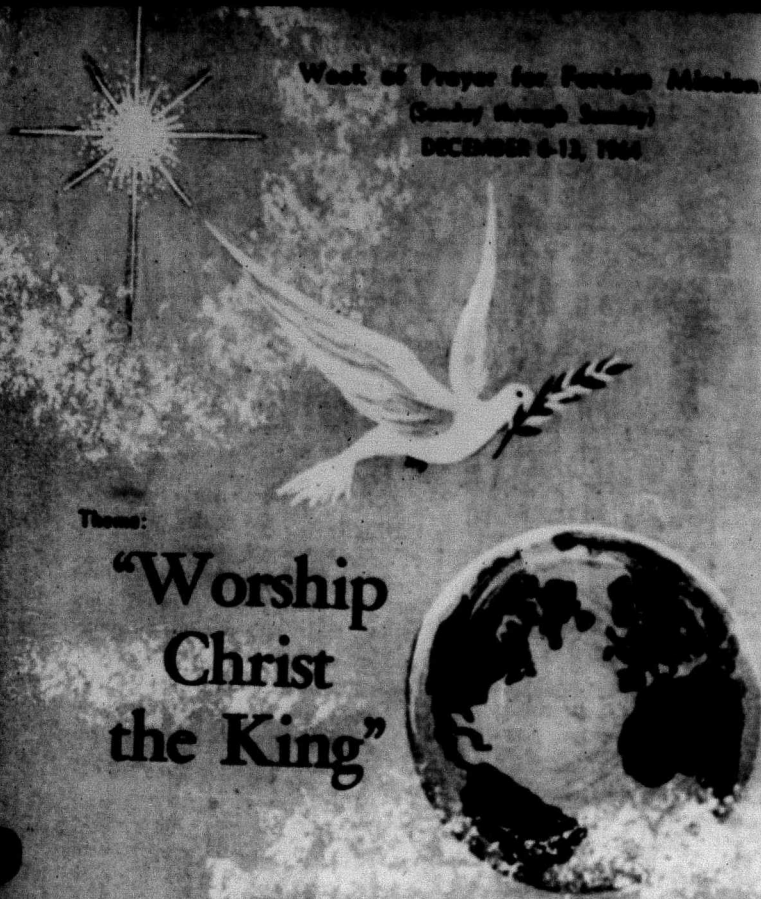
Will your church keep a place of prayer open all day Friday? Ask members of your prayer committee to be on hand all day to distribute Bibles and this folder. Each person enters, follows the suggestions on the folder and leaves when he desires to do so.

Or give these folders out at the door as people enter. (See Suggestions page 62.) Then after a time of quiet meditation, proceed with the plans for Friday.



Make folders like these for use on Friday. See left for suggested contents.

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions  
(Sunday through Sunday)  
DECEMBER 6-12, 1964



Theme:

# “Worship Christ the King”

Prepared by Mrs. Lamar Jackson

**PURPOSE:** To develop within the members of our churches a renewed faith in the power of prayer (see James 5:16b, *HW*); to inform our people of the needs of our world for the gospel and to inspire individuals to become personally involved in meeting these needs.

**SCRIPTURE THEME:** “Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. . . . And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matt. 2:1-2,11).

... And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matt. 2:1-2,11).

**HYMN:** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (see page 11).

### DAILY PROCEDURE

(Monday through Thursday)

#### Meditation and Prayer

Have guests play quiet background music, or use recorded instrumental music as people quietly enter and pray silently for daily requests.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-2,11

Hymn: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” Luke 2:14 (read in season)

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## Sunday, December 6

1. With your family, begin today to use Call to Prayer if you ordinarily do not do so; also the Stand-up Prayer Reminder “Our Family Praying Together.”

2. Pray by name for any missionaries you know or have met in addition to those on the Calendar of Prayer today.

3. Pray for Dr. Baker, Cauthen and all the Foreign Mission Board personnel.

4. Pray for the members of your church that were will invest time in prayer this week, and that all of you will

give generously to foreign missions during this Week of Prayer when we receive the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

5. Pray for your family, that God will show you his way for all of you, including your children.

6. Have you decided to go to the church each day this week for prayer?

7. Pray about your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Attend all the services in your church today.



MONDAY,  
December 7

## Without Christ, They Have No King

**Illustration and Prayer:** (Pianist plays quietly means which are familiar and devotional in meaning. Stop regarding your personal needs in evaluating your use of your abilities and energies. To what do you give priority?)

**Lesson:** The Christmas story from Matthew tells of the visit of the wise men (read Matt. 2:1-12). Why had they come? They came to worship. This is our stated purpose during this week of prayer. Our theme is "Worship Christ the King." (Read Matt. 2:11.) Notice that the wise men worshipped him. They did not worship Mary, or the animals, not the star, but they worshipped Christ the King.

Why do we think of two billion people in the world who because they are "Without Christ, They Have No King." May we sing "Angels from the Realms of Glory," a Christmas hymn with the hope that Christ will use us to help bring the light in the hearts of all those who now worship in false gods. Then they too will hear the angels sing and worship Christ the new born King.

**Hymn:** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (The Baptist Hymnal; see page 21).

**Lesson:** The angels brought good news of great joy. May we repeat their message together every morning (Luke 2:10).

**Prayer:** (Pianist plays quietly)

**Prayer:** Of all the wise men who worshipped Christ as King, none surpassed you. With our minds' eye, let us go to Athens. Paul on Mars Hill. Do you feel a message for him? There he stands suffering unknown melody, speaking with a

provincial accent, driven out of Macedonia by opposition and now finding himself stranded, tired, dusty, sick, and alone in the world's most beautiful city.

Look at his audience. They are the most sophisticated intellectuals in the world. Some do their manual work, and in those rare moments of leisure, beautifully groomed, they debate proud of their knowledge of philosophy and the arts. They standers themselves and thinkers, open-minded and tolerant.

Glance around you. Just opposite is the great Acropolis with its tremendous statue of Athena, patron goddess of the city. The marble statues and colonnaded entrance temple are impressive, and the Parthenon is magnificent. The Romans have built another temple nearby for the worship of Caesar, and lower gods share places by necessity.

Look at the plain below you, down by the market place. Here are crowded business establishments as well as churches, temples, schools, and statues in numberless areas. They are the road separating the Acropolis from Mars Hill and extending all the way to the sea. Paul has seen no altar "to the Unknown God" and has observed the "devotions" of the people of the altar.

You are aware, of course, that the plain where you are sitting on Mars Hill is called for the Roman god of war. The Athenians called it the Areopagus after one of their gods, but there is no reason for this. It is an argument with the Romans about the Romans are generous toward Athens; they extended them citizenship privileges and permitted them to live as they did before. Conqueror becomes a god. There is no need to get all excited over a god or a religion. Con-

... is the order of the day. The Roman philosophy is popular at the moment. This philosophy is the chief god. Pliny says: "Law is tranquil in existence as gods do not live in uncertainty of their hands or why were there or as though they needed anything." Paul knows that some of those seated on the benches believe that he devotes in quite the same way.

The Roman of Paul's time has heard a glimpse of truth. They say they are morally good; they have reached reason. Their lives, however, are rigid, cold, and fatalistic. Paul came to reach their own of logic and question one of their gods.

Look at Paul as he gives his masterful address (Read Acts 17:22-31; Luke). Paul gives a significant testimony. But what is the reason of the "sound"? The law requires that truth be stated by interruption by laughter or applause. Now that he is finished, some openly doubt and mock him over the idea of resurrection. Others say vaguely that they will hear more about it at some future date.

Paul draws Mars Hill about it and departs to Corinth. Several did believe, but numbers who he was in his converts for Christ the King. Do you pity Paul? Please don't pity sophisticated Athenians, those to whom he spoke. These Athenians love among an inferior devotional leader or those in whom appearances have been made, play subjects on your table on comments are made.

**The Sermon on the Acropolis (Acts 17:22-31)**  
(Read large book on the table.)

Are there any Epicureans or Stoics in your neighborhood? Are there any on your church roll? There are people who just don't want to get excited or be involved in anything. When these doctors tell them to be tranquil and give their pills to insure it, they have the perfect right. They are not of the faith and position the church at their convenience. They want to be "happy." Pleasure is the end of life, a happy ending, don't have firm convictions that anything and please don't raise your voice. There is some good in all religions and in all people as why antagonize others by making accusations? Love and let live.

The average sophisticated busy-body about town (Christ as children, but now they call him J.C.) they go to the Smart Choral Night Club where they drink Sam Harris, Deacon's Punch and drink Tompkins. The cool rooms are dimly lit, and there is "music."

Do you know "Amazing Grace" was being sung in the heart of the bar-room in dimly lit

barroom? This is not in Africa, ancient Greece or "backward" Paraguay. This is U.S.A. 1964, at least in some places.

**The Lion Westminster (Place statues)**  
(Statue may be substituted here.) (Read Acts 17:22-31; Luke). "Gods Other Than God" for \$2.00 from Division of Visual Education, Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 6887, Richmond, Virginia 23268. Use the comments furnished with the statue and omit the remarks being.)

The gods of today attract many tourists. The Great Buddha of Japan has set calmly on its pedestal for 700 years, its eyes on the level of the tree-top. Bells are rung in the hope of attracting its attention. The emerald Buddha of Thailand and the thousands of saffron-robed priests dominate the streets of Bangkok. The plundered wealth of the Vatican in Rome, Italy—how do these affect you?

It is impossible to feel tranquil about foreign missions after seeing the statue of the boy saint in Rome whose offering box is reported to contain more money paid in the hope of miraculous cures than any doctor receives annually. Or the work and wisdom still crawling on their knees up the steps stairway of St. John Lateran Church in Rome in hope of forgiveness of sin. Martin Luther walked down these steps in disgust and back to Germany to start a Reformation. Look at the five sealed Jubilee doors of this same Roman Catholic Church. Through these doors believers go to receive "forgiveness" for all past and future sins. Then see the recently unsealed doors of Baptist churches in Spain and hear the cardinal say defensively, "There must be no promission lest they sow confusion in the minds of the faithful. Spain is a Christian country and already has the gospel." Look at the statue of the Virgin Mary in every Cathedral town, and wayside stand in Latin America and see the sacrifices of those who come to worship—but in ignorance.

**The Westminster of Caesar's spiritus in replica of pagan temple!**

As Paul spoke, he could see the temple erected for the worship of Caesar, representing the might of earth conquering Rome. Think of those billions of people today whose faith and trust is in the Communist powers of the USSR and Red China. A visitor to the only Baptist church in Moscow reported, "The few bibles are hand-copied and Bibles are practically nonexistent. The pulpit is the one source of religious instruction. On New Year's Eve at a three-hour service, 2,000 packed the church to capacity." Recent reports confirm increasing persecution of evangelists in Russia.

A beautiful young woman in Uruguay was



do you depend? Have you really  
able to rely on God, knowing he is  
and blow your life? Many things  
sharred evil of themselves, but re-  
watchship that in which we give out  
time, our convert.

All deplore the increase of crime in our  
country, disrespect for law and order, divorce,  
child-beating, fear on city streets,  
robberies and murders. There is a feeling of  
and restlessness. We cry "out with  
and so they have. False  
and they will.

Paul's spirit was stirred in him when he  
saw the city wholly given to idolatry." He dis-  
puted in the synagogue with the Jews, and also  
with other "devout persons." He went to "the  
market place," to the intellectuals, and the gov-  
ernmental authorities. God never promised that  
Paul or that we would be successful. Our com-  
mand is to be faithful, in witness for His  
Christ as the example when he "left his throne  
and his princely crown" coming to earth "with  
the better word that should set his people free"  
from their superstitions and fears.

**Special Music:** "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"  
(No. 82 Baptist Hymnal) (Solo with congrega-  
tion or response)

**Presentation of Needs**  
Have you ever wondered how the list of allo-  
cations for our Lafele Mear Christmas Offering  
begins and is completed?

The request starts with a missionary or small  
group of missionaries out on the field. Often a  
missionary will not put down as large an  
amount as the needs demand. A list is made  
and is presented to the annual gathering of all  
the missionaries in his area. There is prayer and  
discussion about financial and personal needs.  
Many items are marked down and some are elimi-  
nated. A final list is sent to the Foreign Mis-  
sion Board where it is again discussed and  
evaluated in terms of the total world mission  
of Southern Baptists. These discussions are pre-  
sented to the W.M.F. Executive Board at the  
annual planning meeting in January. The goal  
for this year is \$12,500,000.

That missionary who gave the request months  
ago now is depending on us and so are the peo-  
ple among whom he works. Let's see what one  
asked for, Trinidad, an island off the coast of  
Venezuela. The requests: salaries for pastors  
and church workers; funds for evangelism,  
schools, and publications. The total amount,  
\$100,000.

(There may be placed on a poster and pointed  
to in the discussion continues.)

Missionary Emil Ray writes from the Port of

Spain, Trinidad. "I think I understand a little of  
the consideration the apostle Paul had when he  
stood on Mars' Hill. He could not imagine of  
addressing an irreligious group. Their problem  
was too much religion of the wrong kind.

Such is Trinidad. A third of the people are  
of Indian descent following some form of  
Hindu or Muslim worship. Two per cent are  
Chinese. There are also large strains of Portu-  
guese, Lebanese, Spanish, French, English,  
Cubans, Americans, and Africans.

One of the strangest cults is that called the  
Shooters. They sacrifice chickens, drink the  
warm blood of goats, hold all-night services,  
and go through various orgies in connection  
with their religious practices.

What makes this particularly relevant to  
our position is that the Shooters are also known  
as Spiritual Baptists. This is the only group  
among all the people of Trinidad associate with  
the name Baptist. If these are "Spiritual Bap-  
tists, what are we call ourselves?" Someone  
happily suggested that we be named "Un-  
spiritual Baptists."

You probably wonder what has been accom-  
plished under such adverse conditions. A chapel  
was started last spring with thirty-five enrolled  
in Sunday school. US navy personnel has assist-  
ed in the choir and in classes. Funds are now  
needed for expansion to other parts of the island  
and for materials to instruct new converts.

Here are situations for Equatorial Brazil.  
\$17,000. The items show well-established work:  
radio evangelism, national conventions, good  
will centers, clinics, and schools. Far down the  
river, however, there are tribes completely un-  
touched by civilization. These Indians make  
images of their enemies and stick pins in them  
to cause sickness and death. One old man told  
the mission that an enemy had cast a spell to  
make the river eat away his land. The mission-  
ary turned to his Christian helpers. "You don't  
believe this is possible, do you?" They vhe-  
mently shook their heads and answered, "No."  
In a few minutes, however, one of them said,  
"But if he did, he ought to be ashamed of him-  
self."

There is great reluctance in changing habits  
of thought and the old ways of living. Mission-  
ary Lafele Dutton tells of a Southern Rhodesian  
convert who testified, "I was born in a home of  
fate, superstition, fear, and unbelief. My family  
taught us there were gods everywhere, but they  
were too powerful and mighty to look upon  
poor creatures like us. We had to wear charms  
and try not to do anything that would make  
them angry. If the crops failed, it was because  
the land had been cursed by a witch's poison,  
and we would seek to find new land.

"One day the *afundisi* (missionary) came to my house (village). He told of a God who loved us. All I had to do was believe. There was a school at the mission station, but my family beat me severely and threatened to kill me because I asked permission to go.

"One night I slipped away and walked fifty miles to the missionary's home. Now I go to school and do not fear the evil spirits or wear the charms. I plan to return to teach in my land because my people need the light. I fall on my knees in gratitude to God for my great happiness."

The Little Moon Christmas Offering provided funds to buy property for a Baptist student center at Concepcion, Chile. The Communist influence is strong, and many are without faith. One stated, "The religion of my parents and of my youth does nothing for me. It is full of superstition and lies. Because of this I have no use for religion." A converted law student closes prayer with the phrase "a thousand thanks." An English-language student in Taiwan testifies, "At first I did not know Christ.

Now I know him very much." And a young, shouldered Filipino set fire to his front yard, inviting his neighbors to watch the display of his loss of fear in his new faith.

The need of the world is great. "We cannot afford to fiddle while the fires of hell threaten to engulf tomorrow's billions," a minister stated. "An evil faith in which people believe is too strong for the truth that people hold lightly."

The total picture, however, is not one of despair. There are more than a half million enrolled for Bible study in the Sunday schools of mission fields. More than 41,000 baptisms took place last year, and over half a million belong to Baptist churches in countries where our missionaries serve.

May we now, like the wise men of the Christmas story, bow down to Christ in prayer.

#### Period of Directed Prayer

Pray with thanksgiving for those who have professed Christ as King. Pray that they may

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**TUESDAY,  
December 8**

## Heralds of the King

**Meditation and Prayer:** (Pianist plays quietly hymns which are familiar and devotional in meaning. Pray regarding the spiritual needs of your home.)

**Leader:** (Read Matt. 2:1-2.) The wise men did not seek King Herod. He had been made a king by the Roman Senate in 40 B.C. Instead they

sought, "Where is he that is born King?" Today let us also seek to "Worship Christ the King."

Today we think especially of our 1,800 students—evangelists, ambassadors, catechists, nurses, disciples—"Heralds of the King" are out in the far places of the world, opening the treasures of the Scriptures to those who have not heard (read Matt. 2:11).

Gold was the proper gift for a king. Frankin-  
gton was offered to God in temple services.  
They were used to prepare bodies for the grave.  
That was the gift of deep significance.

We are of today, heralds of the King, have  
waged their flight over all the earth" in pro-  
claiming Messiah's birth. May we heed the call  
to "sing and worship" as we sing our hymn  
to the King.

**Songs:** "Angels from the Realms of Glory,"  
No. 76 (Southern Hymnal) or see page 11.

**Leader:** Let us repeat together the message of  
this epistle (Luke 2:14).

#### Calendar of Prayer from Royal Service

##### Devotional Message

We have already noted that Herod was made  
a King, but Jesus was born a King. How can  
the people of the world be brought to worship  
Christ as King?

Remember that a King commands and his  
orders are obeyed. Jesus did not suggest that  
when it was convenient or if his disciples would  
do so they might show what they knew with  
the world. Mission was not something to be  
upheld or ignored according to personal in-  
clination.

Christ commanded with imperative state-  
ments: "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem  
and in all Judaea and Samaria and to the end  
of the earth" (Acts 1:8 RSV). Christ com-  
manded: "Go therefore and make disciples of all  
nations" (Matt. 28:19 RSV). Christ commanded  
"that repentance and forgiveness of sins should  
be preached in his name to all nations" (Luke  
24:47 RSV).

And those who believed obeyed. "They did  
not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the  
Christ" (Acts 5:42 RSV). A minister said, "Some  
people do not believe in missions. They have no  
right to believe in missions. They do not believe  
in Christ." To believe is to obey.

Our Foreign Mission Board has called for an  
expansion of its program to include 1,000  
"Herods of the King" to proclaim the glad tid-  
ings of great joy. "Southern Baptists will grow  
in fact to grow partly in terms of our concern  
for the world." Dr. Baker James Cauthen, execu-  
tive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board,  
said: "God has not given us our current re-  
sources that we may use them upon ourselves.  
God's purposes will go on regardless of South-  
ern Baptists, but the question for us is, 'Will we  
do where God wants us to go?'" (Read cover 1.)

The number of overseas missionaries and fi-  
nancial resources for the work have almost  
tripled since Southern Baptists launched the

advance program in 1948. Then there were 422  
foreign missionaries. Dr. Cauthen reported to  
the Convention last May a total of 1,843 serving  
in 58 countries. The Board's income was almost  
\$22,000,000.

Does the task seem great? "What in the world  
are we going to do?" is a question full of mean-  
ing. The question is not, "Shall I do anything in  
the world. Shall I take part in the missionary  
task of the church?" but "What part shall I  
take?" You are involved if you are a Christian.  
"Go ye . . . Ye shall be my witnesses."

Paul asked some very pointed questions.  
Read Romans 10:13-15. (The leader may give  
these out in advance for others to comment as  
she reads question or statement.)

1. First Paul made the statement that "who-  
ever shall call upon the name of the Lord  
shall be saved." Christianity had a unique mes-  
sage . . . for there is no other name under  
heaven given among men by which we must  
be saved" (Acts 4:12 RSV). Jesus said, "No one  
comes to the Father, but by me" (John 14:6  
RSV).

**Comment:** Rev. Earl Goucher tells about two  
fellow missionaries going to a remote area of  
Thailand where they regularly conducted a  
clinic for Hansen's disease (leprosy). The  
leader of the Christian group met them joy-  
fully. "I have good news for you. My father  
died yesterday."

To the amazement of the other villagers and  
the thrilling surprise of the missionaries, his  
family was rejoicing that their father had now  
been privileged to go on and be with the Lord.  
How biblical was their response and what a  
commentary for us.

2. "How then shall they call on him in whom  
they have not believed?"

**Comment:** Missionary Jasper McNeil reports  
from South India: "At one time we lived in an  
upstate apartment with an intriguing view.  
From our window we could simultaneously see  
a Muslim mosque, a Hindu temple, and a cross  
on a steeple. We could see a devotee bowing to  
a statue of a Hindu god and a little later to one  
of Mary, apparently without any feeling of am-  
biguity. We could observe the modern, well-  
educated family across the street periodically  
purifying the yard and floors with cow dung  
and making an artistic chalk design on the front  
walk in order to welcome Lakshmi, the goddess  
of wealth.

"The longer we stood at the window, the  
more the contrasts increased. The three-year-old  
boy across the street lived in luxury, with two  
full-time servants to look after him, but at the  
same time a ragged little boy was begging in

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have the courage to remain faithful. Pray that they may witness in spirit and in truth. Pray that they may know that we care and are willing to help (pray).

Pray for those who still worship false gods. Pray that we may realize the bondage and viciousness of paganism. Pray that false teaching may be exposed by the light of God's Word (pray).

Pray for a spiritual revival in our own country. Pray that we may know God's word straight. Pray that church members in America will have a renewed awareness of what it means to be Christian. Pray that we too will put away our false gods (pray).

the street for enough bread to feed his whole family. In spite of the contrasts, the scene looked peaceful until we glanced into the distant field and saw row after row of army tents and soldiers, preparing for the border defense against Red China."

3. "... and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?"

**Comment:** Missionary John Carpenter writes from Liberia. "We find many people in the interior who are tired of their traditional animistic religion. They are seeking a new way. Where we are able to present the gospel, we see many people turning to Christ."

"When one man came to me to give up his idols, he told me he had been talking to it for years, but one day he came to realize that the juju had never talked back to him. He had fed it rice every morning and cared for it with great reverence and fear, but it had never been of help to him. He was leaving this powerless and meaningless idol to become a child of the one true and living God."

"Practices of witchcraft and African magic have such a grip on the people that it is only by a miracle of God's grace that a person can be separated from it."

"In our last Bible institute, however, more than sixty people were present including pastors, church workers, and teachers in some of our small day schools. Our leaders are eager to learn and will gladly sit for eight hours a day while we carefully and slowly try to teach basic truths. They enjoy an expository study of

Pray for a surrender and rededication of our own time, talents, and money. Pray that they will realize that God does not need us, but we need him. Help us to speak when we need to speak, to be quiet when silence is needed, to act when action is required. Pray that we may know which is best (pray).

**Gathering of Offerings**

"And when they had offered their tithes, they presented unto him gifts." May we bring our gifts at this time.

**Benediction**

We have read that the king was looking for a man who had talked of the world's need for a Saviour. We have prayed and given. Now in a beautiful expression of your desire that the world may come to know Christ, then let us utter a benediction. Come, Thou Almighty King (stanza 1).

the Scripture—

4. "... and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

**Comment:** A doctoral student in physics at the University of Mexico told missionary James Hedges. "I thought that when I completed my university degree I would have the world at my feet. He was requested by the faculty to assist in scientific research, so he decided to stay until he earned his doctorate. He could not understand his feeling of dissatisfaction. In giving his testimony he stated: "Each afternoon I went to the library to read other students' dissertations—sociology, psychology, philosophy—hoping to find a way of life that would match the yearnings of my mind and heart."

"As I passed the Baptist Center one Sunday I heard the preaching and decided to go in. I had tried everything else. What would I find to last?" He is now an active Baptist in the campus of 60,000 students.

5. And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

**Comment:** Work by work, as I witness that at work in this part of the world, I am reminded of the sacrificial giving by faithful Christians in Southern Baptist churches in the States. I wrote a Southern Baptist missionary, "Member of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, we have a comfortable home in which each family has refreshes us for our work. This offering is also provided for us a strong car to use in traveling to the many places where we work."

"Because of the Cooperative Program we have given in the car, recent repairs and we traveled through rough roads. It also provides Bible literature which are the lifeline of our work. Had I ate tonight, the medicine I bought for the children, and the lights by which I am keeping this were made possible because of the salary paid me with Cooperative Program funds. Both the Lottie Moon Offering and the Cooperative Program are important to my work."

Continued advance in foreign missions work against continued increases in the number of missionaries and in money for their support.

Jesus in the example Jesus gave all. "Thou shalt love Thy throne and Thy kingly crown when Thou return to earth for me. It was for us that he came and that he gave. What in the world am I going to do for Him?"

**Leader:** Paul concludes his questions with a quotation from Isaiah: "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Paul commended the Macedonians for their desire to share in the Christian mission of compassion (Rom 15: 23-27).

**Special Note:** "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" (Sings with congregation in response)

**Presentation of Needs**

**PARAGRAPHS OF MEMORIAL FOR COUNTRY**

Our Lottie Moon offering will take care of missionary salaries, children's allowances, Margaret Fund provisions for education of those children, rent and travel expenses. Our thought turn to those some 1,000 Heralds of the King, and we are thrilled that we have a part in the world mission of Southern Baptists.

"Where did we get these missionaries?" A study by the Foreign Mission Board reveals that 30 per cent came from Christian homes. Thirty-eight per cent made their decisions in their own churches, 8 per cent at Ridgecrest and Oklawaha, and 4 per cent at RA and GA camps. The church greatly influenced 22 per cent who never made public decisions. Others made a decision at school, and some reported a vision of world's needs in military service.

As we first stated, "One arrow that will always be on my mind is that of a mother giving warm from under a blanket to a child and feeding them to four or five cents, happy children. I feel in retrospect that this was the beginning of my call to missions."

As a Navy man reported: "I think God used me two years in the Navy to prepare me for my call to foreign missions. Two things were particularly impressed upon me. First, the

world is much smaller than I had previously felt and second the needs of the world are much greater than most of us have in our own imagines."

Nearly 70 per cent of our missionaries graduated from one of our Baptist colleges. Basic requirements are a degree from an accredited senior college and at least one year of study in a Southern Baptist seminary. There must be two years experience in the chosen field as well as physical and emotional check-ups.

In speaking of the call for 5,000 missionaries, Dr. Coffey pointed out the need of greater spiritual reinforcement for the world task. "We must have a new experience of depth in prayer. Organization will not achieve what we are talking about. Promotion will not do it. We need to develop a spiritual longing. Who can foresee what God may do with Southern Baptists if we lay ourselves absolutely at the feet of Christ and commit ourselves to the implementation of the Great Commission in the closing decades of the Twentieth Century?"

**Two Sisters in a Mexican Haven**

The pioneer spirit is still very much alive in our land, and some missionaries have gone on to serve where they felt God had called them even after being turned down by the Board. Elizabeth Watkins was advised against going to Japan because of her health. In 1929, she paid her own way and supported both herself and her mother by teaching English. Twenty years later, the Board gave her a regular appointment "since they saw she wasn't planning on doing any time soon," a friend said.

In the meantime, she had taught at Seinan Gakuin, held Sunday school in a mining community and for a group ostracized by their Japanese neighbors. She directed the Good Will Center at Tohatsu and since 1956 has been doing pioneer evangelistic work on the island of Shikoku.

How does a lone American woman go about winning converts in an Oriental city? Miss Watkins "let led" to ask a Japanese businessman, Toshiro Odori, to come to be her helper. "How I am his helper," she says, "since he has been appointed an evangelist by the Japanese Convention."

Mr. Odori had a wife and three children. In five years, he could have retired with a lifetime pension. Instead, he felt led to go. They were especially interested in starting a mission in Yahotahama, a city of 25,000 with only a Catholic and a Methodist church. Renting a room for a weekly service, they passed out handbills on the streets and in the shops.

One of the few adults who attended was an



elderly gentleman who thought it a shame that more did not come. He offered to make a billboard and use his "connections" with the shrines atop the hills to announce the services over their loud-speakers.

"Every Tuesday we had an hour-long children's evangelistic meeting followed by Bible study for adults. We used filmstrips, slides, and flannelboard for the children and taught them Bible verses and hymns. At first, they were noisy and milled in and out, so that we were tempted to wonder what was the use of it all."

For a year about the only adults who attended the Bible study were two elderly men and a couple of women who lived in the building. The men also sat in during the children's meeting, but they closed their eyes and apparently went to sleep.

One evening Mr. Odori was telling the children the story of the good Samaritan. He explained that the Samaritan represented Jesus, and the man beaten by the robbers represented each person. The two elderly men were there as usual. Suddenly the paralyzed Mr. Sakata exclaimed, "I agree."

Mr. Odori asked, "What did you say?" The children all chimed in chorus. He said, "I agree."

"Do you mean that you believe in Jesus?" Mr. Odori queried. "Yes," answered Mr. Sakata. In after one year, there was one adult convert!

Last December, twenty-one boys and girls made professions of faith after a Christmas program.

#### HERALDS IN THE MISSIONARY HOME

Let us think about Christian homes not only at Christmas time but throughout the year. We have already heard that 99 per cent of our missionaries are from Christian homes. Dr. Caughen says, "The greatest school for missionary training is a devoted Christian home." Can our homes be considered a training school for Christian missions? There is abundant testimony for the powerful influence of missionary homes in non-Christian environments.

Mavis Shiver Hardy (Mrs. Robert) reports how disconcerting it was to find her Japanese neighbors peeping in the windows. One day they confessed, "We've been trying to find what makes your home so different from others." Marjorie Olive (Mrs. Howard) said that this looking through the windows was a fact of life in the crowded Philippines and one that her family found difficult to accept. But Mrs. Olive said that women who came in to watch her cook gave her the first opportunity to witness on the mission field. In addition to being some-

thing of a curiosity, the mission home is a school, hotel, hospital, social center, library, missionary and educational building.

The mission home furnishes an opportunity to show Christian love and concern. Mrs. Joyce (Mrs. John) told how a group of Southern Rhodesian women walked fifteen miles to see if she were really taking care of an African baby while his mother attended the Baptist World Alliance in Harare. She had put through a diaper when they arrived and had applied the powder generously. One of the women said, "See, he's only been here a few days and already he's turning white."

One convert of a missionary home in Harare, Zulu, a deeply converted Hebraic Christian. When the Pearl Harbor attack came, her father was interned, leaving the sixteen-year-old to care for herself and her younger brother. She took a job as a maid with an American family not realizing they were missionaries. One day she heard her name in their prayer as they had family devotions. No one had ever prayed for her before. It is no wonder that she accepted Christ as Saviour and testified, "You can't realize how much Christ means to someone raised in a heathen home."

In Mexico lands, the Christian home is a refuge for women who have been taught inferiority and servitude. In Egypt women do not even sit with men in our Baptist churches but gather in the back. When Miss Alma Hunt and Mrs. R. L. Mathis spoke to a congregation, they felt very strange with all the men crowded at the front and the women peeping with great curiosity from the rear. After the service, the women faded away. The two Americans ate with the men, while the women remained in the kitchen, passing the food out for the men to serve.

Missionary Lewis Watson writes, "Christian homes are one of the most pressing needs of the mission field. The stability and beautiful possibility of a Christian heritage is missing and its lack is something that must be vigorously tried to be fully comprehended."

#### Period of Directed Prayer

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WEDNESDAY,  
December 9

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#### Gathering of Interest

The beloved things John and I have gathered were those about protecting the missionary homes of Christ. We ought to be more "gathered" in the truth of John 4:19. We have gathered these things, they represent what we have gathered in the truth.

#### Be good to them

We have gathered, we have presented our gifts, and we have talked of their benefits of Christ who "girds us by night" as they take the people of the world with the "Spirit of Holiness." Let us sing stanza 2 of "Once There Alike King" as our benediction.

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**Hymn: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"**

**Leader:** The fear in the heart of the shepherds was calmed by the message of the angels. May we repeat these glad tidings together (Luke 2:10).

**Calendar of Prayer from Royal Service**

**Devotional Message**

The wise men from the East came to worship Christ the King. The King they bowed before was a baby, a helpless bit of humanity, but they had come to see "this thing which is come to pass." They followed what light they had, but they journeyed in partial darkness for they were led by a star.

There is nothing in the Scriptures to tell us whether they followed the Light of the World, "the Son of Man," "the Son of God." The adult Jesus aroused such violent opposition, that the religious leaders determined to kill him rather than change their way of life or their pattern of thought. "Shall I crucify your King?" asked Pilate. "We have no king," they answered.

Only once did Jesus refer to himself as a King. The reference is found in our Scripture passage for today (read Matt. 23:34-40).

Notice that the King identified himself with the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and imprisoned. Those who follow in his train have the pity and compassion of Christ. Their spirit of love makes them the "bleamed" of God. They are not aware that they have served the King. Mercy, self-denial, and sympathy are a part of their very nature. "God is love," and he recognizes those who love as belonging to him. They will "inherit the kingdom."

There is a similar passage in Matthew 10:27-30. Again Jesus speaks of that time "when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory." Since both passages use the title "Son of man," the King is revealed as one who has passed through our experiences and knows what an earthly existence is like. He himself was "despised and rejected." He understands.

Peter says to him in essence, "Lord, we have left all to follow you. What about our reward?" Jesus did not say, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself, Peter, for thinking about what's in it for you." Instead, he told him that he too would sit upon a throne: "And every one 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 hundred-fold, and shall inherit everlasting life" (Matt. 19:29).

What percentage of profit is a hundredfold? One-fold is one hundred per cent. A hundred-fold is ten thousand per cent profit. What an

investment! And that's not all. He will inherit eternal life.

Are our lives an investment in heaven? We walk in this day under the Sun of righteousness. Or are we among those who have refused our inheritance, who have not known Christ and to a hard-hearted Peter, "Lord, thou knowest all things, thou that I love thee" (John 21:17). And he answered, "Freed my sheep."

Is the unbelieving world saying to us, "You speak louder than your words." And our heartbroken cry, "Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love thee." And he shall say, "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these, ye did it unto me."

Jesus spoke of a time of judgment. "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, 'Come ye blessed, for ye were with me when I was hungry, and ye gave me meat.' Then shall he say unto them on his left hand, 'Depart from me, ye cursed, for I never knew you: depart from me, ye that do evil.'"

**Special Music: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" (No. 82 Hymn Hymnal) (Solo with Accompaniment on organ)**

**Presentation of Needs**

(The following material may be presented by a panel of three, alternating the air parts. The leader would ask, "How do you make signs come alive?" Here our people sit and they look to the confessor. They should wear identical robes and have a sign on the back of their chair with tape and amount of money. At the touch of the leader, the first one "comes alive," gives audience, and gives part. Then second, etc.)

Those who "Follow in His Train" witness for Christ through many different types of work. Here are figures before you copied from the list of allocations for our Latin Mass offering. These numbers are more than cold statistics. They are transformed into flesh and blood as people are won to Christ the King. How do we make them come alive?

**To the Hungry (Argentine Radio and TV Evangelism \$14,000; American Bible Society \$30,000; Mexican Radio Evangelism \$2,000; Colombia Book Store \$0,000)**

Our missionaries testify to the hunger of the world's people for the Bread of life as revealed in God's Word. Those of us in this country who have so many Bibles in our homes find it difficult to imagine the difficulty many people have in obtaining a copy. Southern Baptists have a mighty witness through their Book Store

program. Modern Comics, TV and radio

from the International Fellowship of Students. Argentina stand outside the country. "The Ten Commandments" was being shown and sold Bibles as "the best selling item" in the store. They requested the supply of the Book Store.

The missionaries were permitted for the first time to participate in an annual book fair in the Roman Catholic city of Medellin, Colombia. A hundred Bibles and two thousand foreign tracts were sold the first evening. Ten packages arrived the next afternoon to help in the work but other critics protested. The first newspaper articles occupied the whole page and declared the Bible an anti-Catholic book. There were 25,000 persons in the crowd and that week.

In East Pakistan, the first Muslim to accept Christ as Saviour under the witness of our missionaries made a profession of faith in the reading room at Dacca.

Last November, 1962 responded to a TV program in Buenos Aires put on by the Argentine television in celebration of Bible week. The response was for Bibles and for folders on how to read it. "The Answer" television series is making great not only here but in Costa Rica, Trinidad, Chile and Paraguay. Bible correspondence courses over the radio have had a wonderful response in Northern Rhodesia, the Philippines, and Chile.

The support of the Christian response to those who are hungry for the Bread of Life "ye give us bread."

**To the Thirsty (Chilean LEP, Students \$70,000)**

Those who thirst after knowledge and skills are being trained in our Baptist schools. One of the most challenging aspects of foreign mission work is that of leadership training. Missions and national Christian workers organizations are the gospel of Christ and lead others to living knowledge through faith. It is highly important that those who believe in Christ be trained in order to carry him effectively.

The ministry of Christian education on mission fields is ever extensive. More than 150,000 students are enrolled in the 1,876 overseas Baptist schools all the way from kindergarten through university level. They are valuable from the standpoint of educational contribution, development of Christian leadership, and evangelistic opportunities. Some of the finest opportunities for leading people to Christ are found in education on mission fields.

John Ingham wrote from Indonesia, "Our people had the privilege of visiting the home of

a girl who attended my English Bible school. Together we went through the Gospel of John reading and marking verses about Jesus and his claims on our lives. After reading John 8:12, the girl exclaimed, "This is very beautiful. I had heard it for the first time."

In Normating one of our missionaries who worked in the newspapers a correspondence course on John. The response was amazing. One woman wrote, "Please lead me to the Lord if you can. How urgent, how real, is the hunger and thirst for the living Rockout."

A third of adult baptisms in Japan last year resulted from contacts made through kindergartens. There are 4,301 children enrolled in 40 church-related kindergartens overseas.

**To the Stranded (1963 Report, Churches: 2,943; Chapels: 6,999; Members: 123,000; Baptisms: 41,147)**

"I was a stranger and ye took me in." There are 1,043 churches in our mission fields and 6,999 chapels. They received 41,147 last year by baptism and have a membership of 123,000.

Many problems faced by these churches are similar to ours. Missionary Jean Haugh - Miss of Franklin - tells from a new spirit was result from a church's upheaval. Pakistan is in a transition period. The ancient and honored tradition of a family trade, undisturbed rule by the eldest male of the family, arranged marriages, obedience of women and remnants of the caste system are tightly clung to by the older generation and bitterly fought by many of the more educated young people. The customs are being to change a thousand years in the progression to the twentieth century.

This is being reflected within our Christian community in Pakistan with much enthusiasm, caused by pride and satisfaction. Pakistan has a group of more than a hundred Christians and their families live in the north and settled on a corner of a compound here that one of them owned. They are very poor and mostly illiterate. The other Christians have not accepted them into the church or in the social life and they have not helped the children attend the church primary school. Even at the traditional Christmas "Love Feast" they are not welcome as two feasts were held last year.

"I have started a meeting in twenty of them in my home each Thursday, and they are so thankful grateful it is embarrassing. The programs are difficult with my limited Bengali and their inability to read, so the responsibility falls heavily on a few young women who have come to understand their responsibility to help."

In Pakistan, Southern Baptists have a trade school and an agricultural ministry. The Indian government has the deepest gratitude of all as





THURSDAY,  
December 10

## Children of the King

**Meditation and Prayer:** (Pianist plays quietly hymns which are familiar and devotional in meaning. Pray today regarding new converts overseas as they live in homes and communities where often there are those who would discourage them in their new-found faith.)

**Leader:** (Read Matt. 2:1-3) The wise men came first to Jerusalem to inquire: "Where is he that is born King?" Here was the great Temple with its thousands of specially trained priests. Here were musicians and singers. Here were daily services of worship. Here was great wealth displayed in golden gates and doors, in silver and brass ornaments, in embroidered curtains and tapestries.

Herod had doubled the size of the temple. The chief priest was his man, and Herod had good connections in the capital city. He had scribes who could quote all the Old Testament Scriptures, the law and the prophets.

Was there any hesitation in the answer to the wise men's question? None whatsoever. How many left Jerusalem with these men from the East to "Worship Christ the King?" None whatsoever. What good did their knowledge, training, wealth, political connections, daily worship—what good did it all do them? None whatsoever.

Wise men seek until they find the Saviour (read Matt. 2:11). Wise men fall down and worship and open their treasures. Today we think of "Children of the King," those national Christians who give testimony to the fact that "God with man is now residing." Pay careful attention to these words as we sing *our hymn for the week.*

**Hymn:** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (see page 11).

**Leader:** As we worship, may we be teachable, as teachable, and as obedient as the disciples who heard the message of the angels. Let us repeat their message together at the table. (Luke 3:14)

### Calendar of Prayer from Royal Lessons

**Devotional Message:** The wise men had come straight to the Hebrew capital expecting to find great joy over the birth of a new king. They must have felt like men from the desert who see a great lake and beautiful houses only to find that they have vanished when they reach the spot. Or perhaps they are like one of our mission converts who visit our country only to see how little our people care for the Christ whom they have come to love and adore.

The vision that was so clear in the East was all confusion in Jerusalem. Their political situation troubled Herod and "all Jerusalem with him." The Scriptures had been studied for the instruction of the heathen, but political law had enslaved them. The Scriptures should have been a substitute for law, but they had not been so. Many, however, had not learned that lesson; and others had only memorized. They could be compared to children who repeat the Declaration of Independence and the Preamble to the Constitution thinking this will save their life in a democracy. Or they were like those who memorize the swimming rules, thinking this will make them swimmers.

They knew the answer. Messiah was in Bethlehem, and they quoted the prophets to prove it. They didn't go, however. They had a lot of things going in Jerusalem. The Temple was busy, business, successful, popular. They preferred to stay in prison where they knew the law rather than being freed by faith in Jesus Christ.

story by H. G. Wells called "The Blind." The people in a town were all lost their sight. One day a star appeared in their midst. He tells them about the wonderful stars at night, the colors of the moon and the moon wonders of the night. They think he is crazy. The only light in their world of darkness. They don't listen and drive him away.

Paul perceived the unbelieving world as a vast darkness where mankind is confined in a cage. Under the heavy weight of sin. In Roman Empire times, wealthy prisoners were punished by having dead bodies strapped to their backs. The smell and weight became unbearable in the heat of summer. This is a picture picture of the bondage of sin. Men seek to escape live this way for he has "put on Christ" and become an heir to the promise. For we are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. (Read Gal. 3:22-29)

A minister performed a funeral wedding till he is outside the church, looking out to the crowd as they left. Suddenly he became aware of a strange child watching in every move. The little fellow said, "Mister, I've just been wondering. Are you anybody in particular?" The minister's first reaction was to say no but then he checked himself. "Yes," he replied, "I'm a child of the King."

All who bear the name of Christ are somewhat in particular, "children of God by faith in Christ Jesus."

**Special Music:** "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" (Solo with congregation on response.)

**Children of the King: Baptist Women Alliance in Hawaii**

The testimony of Baptists from other lands can be given by different individuals and their stories in that part of the globe to show how the light shines in the darkness in all parts of the world.

The Baptist family has members on every continent of the world. We call ourselves a Baptist family because we are all "children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" and we all pray to the Father, which art in heaven.

Even this family has over twenty-five million members, it is to be expected that some are older and younger in the faith. There are not many poor men, doctors, lawyers, mechanics, and chiefs. There is a millionaire business man in Hong Kong and a president of the Baptist World Alliance in Rio de Janeiro. There is the owner of a national newspaper in London, and in Kyoto there is a Japanese doctor who serves at the Baptist hospital.

There is the cultured and highly educated

Miss Molly Rao of India. Something wonderful happened to me," she testified. "When I gave my heart to Jesus." She talks her Bible with her at all times for "when I cannot speak for my Lord, my Bible speaks for me."

There is the woman in a Malay language colony who tried to sing a song in English for the missionary. The words were a little different, but the message was clear. Instead of "Where he LEADS me I will follow," she sang, "Where he NEEDS me I will follow."

There is Mrs. J. T. Vailor in the Philippines who is concerned "for the need of the women of the world whom Christ has not yet found." She was born in a Christian home, baptized at twelve, and has never missed a day for family devotions even during the four hard years of World War II. On the first World Day of Prayer after the peace treaty was signed, a suggestion was made that clothes be sent to Japan as a gesture of Christian love. In her package she placed his name and a Christian testimony. Before long a letter came from a Japanese woman asking her to consider exchanging the money for her son who was killed in the Philippines in return for Mrs. Vailor's mother and a sister who was killed in the Japanese.

Rev. Shinichi Otsuki, a professor at the Baptist Seminary in Fukuoka, Japan, said, "I was born in a Christian home. My father was a Baptist minister for forty years. I learned the Bible in our home and in Baptist school as I knew who Christ was. At sixteen, I was saved by confessing my sins and having faith in Him. But real power came through the risen Lord when I completely surrendered myself to him, having taken off my iron helmet and having signed the deed of the castle of my heart before him definitely."

We belong to God's family and a great fellowship of Baptists. Mrs. Ruth Propper, president of the European Baptist Women, tells of a World Day of Prayer in Norway. Some of the European women observe this with around-the-clock vigil as they prayed with Baptist women as the light went around the world. One year in Norway, the weather was terrible—windy, rainy, and cold. One woman thought, "I bet I must get to the church to pray." She borrowed a fisherman's raincoat, hat, and boots. There were more present than they had ever had before. In the north of Norway, women have a sense of belonging to the whole world. Prayer does this for us.

Miss Sue Haino, W.M.U. executive secretary for Hawaii, prayed for twenty years that her parents would become Christians. They had come to the islands from Yokohama to power



Miss Sue Sells, WMAJ executive secretary for the state of Hawaii

in the pineapple industry. The children were reared in Shintoism and Buddhism, but attended a Baptist Sunday school and were educated in the States. At her father's funeral, hundreds of Buddhist friends heard the Christian message for the first time. Both her father and mother had accepted Christ.

Mrs. Akiko Matsumura was told, "It is a shame to dishonor our family tradition" when she became a Christian at nineteen. Her brother told her to give up the new faith or leave home. "I was just out of high school and not framed to do anything. Many sleepless nights followed. I didn't know what would happen, but I knew one thing. I could not live without Christ. The decision was made, and I left home. My missionary friend said, 'You are my child. I will take care of you.' But the war came, and the missionary friend went home. I was separated from my family and friends, but God protected me from bombs, fire, and the secret police. After the war, I went to the United States for training. Since then, I have served as youth director for the Japanese Baptist Convention, have helped with publications, and worked with Woman's Missionary Union.

"Ten years ago, I was married to a minister, the director of evangelism for our convention. There were three children by his first wife, and I dreaded becoming a step-mother. That first week, a neighbor said to my five-year-old girl, 'You have a new mother. How do you like her?'

"She replied, 'Jesus called my mother to heaven and now he has given me a new mother. Isn't that wonderful?'

"My own mother now is a Christian," Mrs. Matsumura says. "God uses those who will follow him."

Rev. A. J. L. Haynes of Malaysia testifies, "Even to a lad of sixteen raised in a Buddhist home, it was very clear to me that if I took that crucial step of accepting Christ as Lord and Saviour, it meant my having to be a minister or a missionary, for this is what the Bible teaches."

Rev. Fayis Sakhnini of Lebanon states, "Many have suffered loss of property and social, political, and family status for their faith in Christ." One said, "They may take all my pos-

sessions, my house, my land, my money, my children, my wife, even my own life, but there is one thing they cannot take from me, the love of my Saviour who will keep me to the end and one day receive me into glory."

Pastor E. O. Akingshain of Kadena, Okinawa, has a Master's Degree from Oberlin College in Ohio, and now lives in a mud parsonage built in his native land. He spends many hours each week visiting members and advising the less-experienced pastors of the scattered churches, and he does it uncomplainingly, traveling by bicycle.

Stewardship of financial possessions is not so private a matter as many mission fields in it is in the States. A business meeting was announced after a Sunday morning service in the Gethsemane Church of Guatemala City. The pastor announced, "Very well brethren, we are now ready for the roll call." Each came forward with a bag, the amount of money therein was counted, and the total recorded on a chart. Bulletin boards in the vestibule are sometimes used for this purpose, a pastor said, "Why should it make anyone mad? If they give what they ought to, who could take offense? And if they do not give as they should, they ought to be ashamed of themselves!"

Rev. David Gaines is secretary-treasurer of the Brazilian Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board. He tells of a trip that taught his mind and heart. "Last October, we traveled into the far interior of Northwestern Brazil to the city of Currais Novos with its 10,000 people but no more than fifty Baptists. We had with us some five hundred copies of the Gospel and some tracts. Announcing the service was the loud speaker on the car, we passed out tracts but saved the Gospel for the night service. The church was full, and not only the auditorium but the surrounding area outside. At the end of the service, we offered a copy of the Gospel to each person who had never possessed a Bible, New Testament, or Gospel.

"A vastible multitude waved their hands. They reminded me of the starving hordes of the concentration camps. We announced that we could give them only to adults. The crowd did not change. Our stock was exhausted in fifteen minutes.

"They were hungry hands, hungry for the Word of God."

The Japanese Baptist Convention has appointed a missionary couple as witnesses in Brazil to their fellow-countrymen who have stayed in this great land. When asked where they would make their home and what kind of work they would do, they simply replied, "God will help us."



Baptist Theological Seminary student and his family, Penang, Malaysia.

right. Outlines of streets and houses could hardly be seen by hung from trees, and the blanket of snow covered the earth. The sun was just in the sky, only one small dot, yet what a difference it made. Christ's birth is a light to a cold dark world. "What a difference it made!" All the darkness in the world cannot put out His light.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16

**Period of Directed Prayer**

1. Pray for a feeling of kinship with all those who are "children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Pray for those who lead national conventions and district boards and workers in their homelands. Pray that there will be a spirit of love between them and the missionaries who serve with them. Pray for the Baptists in Red China and in other Communist lands. (pray)

2. Pray for women who live in lands where social traditions make them virtual slaves. Pray for women in our land who have such great freedom but who often spend it on frivolous pursuits and who lack depth of purpose. Pray for us that we may reach these women "whom Christ has not yet known." (pray)

3. Pray for "people on earth, good will to men." Pray for the leaders of our country and of the world. Pray that they will have wisdom to know what is the right thing to do and the courage to do it. Pray that more Christians will run for public office and accept it as a public trust. (pray)

4. Pray for more faithful stewardship of our possessions, time, talents, and witness for Christ. Pray that all those with whom we come in contact as we go out into our world of grocery stores, city halls, book yards, school, office—will be Jews that we bear the name of Christ. Help us not to have a spirit of condemnation but of love and compassion. (pray)

5. Pray for our Little Men offering. Pray that we will make our gifts a real love offering. Help us to give sacrificially. (pray)

**Memorizing of Offerings**

"And when they had spread their treasures, they presented unto him gifts." May we bring our gifts of love at this time.

**Benediction**

"We have thought today of our family of Baptists who have come to 'love and adore' Christ our King. May we sing as our benediction the fourth stanza of 'Come, Thou Almighty King'."

Mr. Fred Galloway went with his husband to Mexico to witness for the Spirit-empowering in Toronto, Canada. His testimony:

"If you love God, you will never be a slave in any land."

A Japanese Baptist woman who remained here until after the American invasion of Manila, Toronto and returning were all that built the building together," a pastor said. The woman actually told of the work the little church was doing. When the pastor thanked her for the statement, she said, "We must all speak a word for Christ, you know."

"Think back over some of these statements: 'I will follow him who will follow him.'"

"I served for twenty years that my family could become Christians."

"Prayer gives us a sense of belonging to the whole world."

"I took off my iron helmet and opened the door to the castle of my heart before His Majesty."

"One of the words of the women of the world whose Christ has not yet found."

"Where do NEEDS are, I will follow."

"Something wonderful happened to me when I gave my heart to Jesus."

"Are we ashamed of our stewardship? Would we stand it posted on a bulletin board?"

"Do these emaciated, hungry, empty hands reaching for God's Word heart you?"

"God will help us."

"If you love God, you will never be a slave."

"We must all speak a word for Christ, you know."

"There are some of the voices representing the Baptist witness in their own lands. And their witness shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

A artist painted a picture of a dark road



FRIDAY,  
December 11

## We Have Come to Worship Him

**Suggestion:** If you decide to use folders, make them for use by everyone. (As they enter give to everyone a folder "O Let Us Worship Him," which you have made; see page 41. Each person opens a Bible, reading, praying, and meditating. Be sure to tell women how to use the leaflet, suggesting that they proceed as it indicates. Do this only once. If there are late comers, hand out the leaflet without comment.

If the folder is to be provided for all who come during the entire day, they will use it personally, stay as long as they wish, then leave. You will need to provide Bibles for those who come intermittently during the day.

As a part of your WMS Friday observance the leaflet may be used as women enter if you decide to use it. Be sure every woman brings her Bible, but have a few extra on hand for those who do not bring them.

Allow five or six minutes or whatever time seems appropriate. Then continue with the following.

**Meditation and Prayer:** (Read Matt. 21-211) Matthew tells us that Jesus was born in Bethlehem according to Jewish prophecy. He belonged to the human family of the great King David who had saved his people from the hostile armies of their pagan neighbors. He was to be called "Jesus," for he would save his people from their sins. He was to be "God with us," Immanuel.

Jesus is God. Jesus is Saviour. Jesus is King. And "We Have Come to Worship Him" in the manner as did the wise men of old.

Note the actions of the wise men. They "fell down" Jesus then they "fell down" and then they "worshipped." They had a vision, then submission, then conversation. By our very presence today we testify that we have caught a vision. Have we really seen Christ the King? Don't the angels have us look at others?

Let us think about submission to our King. It was not the custom for men from the East to bend their knees only. When they "fell down" before their king, they prostrated the whole body. It was complete abandonment of self. How submissive are we to Christ our King?

And then they worshipped him.

**Hymn:** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (Read chorals, then have it sung.)

**Leads:** The angels brought glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. May we put their message together—Luke 2:14.

**Calendar of Prayer from Royal Avenue:** (Your Junior choir or others may sing "Let Us Your Heads O Ye Gates.")

**Bible Study Psalm 24 (read it.)**  
The message of the twenty-fourth Psalm has been summarized in a few words. God dwells

God dwells here. God calls men to open their hearts for him to come in.

The first half was probably composed at the time of the bringing of the ark into the city of Jerusalem. It is mainly an answer to the question, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?" and it is the kind of men that dwell with God.

The second half was probably written when the psalmist had reached the summit of the hill and stood before the barred gates of the heavenly city. It is mainly an answer to the question, "Who is the King of glory?" and it is the description of God who dwells with men.

The first lesson of Christianity is that the world and all that dwell in it belong to God. (Read Gen. 1:1 and then Psalm 24:1 and 2.) As the first of creation, this is God's world. All the people of the world are his. It is his will that they might all come to know him "who to know him is life eternal."

All the marvelous beauty and richness of the earth belong to God. He made them for the use of man, but man is only a steward, a caretaker, a manager, a pilgrim, in the world. His very existence depends upon the Creator, the Creator, the Lord. He must give an account of his stewardship. He is free to rebel, to destroy, to keep his realm only for himself, but there will be a day of reckoning.

The question asked in verse three concerns man's desire to be in the presence of God (read it). Man has not always been willing to "ascend into the hill" or climb the mountains. Man erected barriers between himself and God.

In former days, religion was a dull, staid, dogmatic thing in the faces of the multitudes. These religions were dead if they kept the law of God, they could be saved. They not only could not keep all the numerous laws, they could not even save them except in a general way. There was no communion, joy, and degradation. God was a heartless father, seeking the lost man, the lost sheep. Men were the objects of God's love. God wanted to welcome men into the kingdom.

For anyone share God's attitude toward men and we become both messengers and evangelists. Let him have the "right" that was in Christ Jesus, and he will no longer count his life as unto himself. "Thou shalt love" summarizes all the law and the prophets. It was God's desire that all "shall stand in his holy presence."

Men who choose to abide with him have a character that is common (read it, 2:4).

It would be difficult to condense into a few words a more beautiful and comprehensive description of blameless conduct and right motives.

Hands are a symbol of earning, paying, getting, and giving. Clean hands are those free from the guilt of sin. Lady Macbeth's guilt-ridden conscience caused her to exclaim, "Will these hands never be clean?" All the sins of Arabia will not sweeten this one hand.

The heart is the center of life. "Keep the heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23). From the heart come our motives. Worldly morality concerns itself with conduct and outward appearance rather than motivation, but Bible morality insists that the worth of actions is dependent on their motives. The holiest action with impure motives is hateful to God (Prov. 21:27).

Vanity means whatever is false, whatever the human heart puts in place of God. The Scriptures allude to false gods as vanity, "looking after vain and worthless things. Religious vanity is the most intolerable and intolerant thing in the world. Christ could not penetrate a heart hardened by it. Right attitude and motive is a prerequisite to worship."

"Blessed devoutly" refers to one of the tongues (Psalm 15:2-3).

God's blessing is sure to rest on those who are pure in thought, word, and act. There would be additional grace for "righteousness from the God of his salvation." The returns for a life lived with God would be great. "Prove me now herewith, O Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).

Men with this character are the "generation" the land of men "who will be recognized as belonging to God. Those who seek God are the true Jews of Israel. If any man had ever set his soul on vanity, it was Jacob. In God's providence, however, he learned the true nature of the Creator and became a prince among men. A God that can work a miracle in a Jacob can save this generation too.

The final verse (7-16) picture God's desire to dwell with men, a desire so great that he even begs entrance. The repetition of the summons to take down the barriers and open the gates and the doors shows God's mighty longing for fellowship with man.

How similar this also is to John 3:16. (Repeat together "For God so loved...") The initiative began with God. Pagan religions began with man. "For man so eagerly desired God that man."

The Hindu scriptures are filled with the accounts of men who stole the very citadel of

gods and disturb his calm abode. Their gods respond only because the gods want to get rid of man and in the hope they will not be disturbed any more. With Christianity, it is the opposite. (Read Rev. 3:20.)

"Lift up . . . ye everlasting doors. The doors must be opened from within. Just think who is standing outside! 'The King of glory shall come in.' Dare we say, 'Go away. We have no King.' Or do we open wide the portals and say 'Come . . . [we] worship Christ the new born King.'"

**Directed Prayer** (These prayer-thoughts may help you as you direct this period.)

1. **For ourselves:** "Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus. We need thee and want thee. We cannot live alone. We are weak but thou art strong and mighty. We will clean the rooms of our hearts and our lives. We will sweep away impatience, pride, vanity, our desire to have so many things."

"Help us keep our tongues from deceit and gossip. Help us be aware of thy presence, to walk daily with thee, to know that we belong to thee. Our lives are thine, our possessions, our time, our personality, our talents."

"Lord, thou knowest all things. Thou knowest that we love thee. Use our hands, our feet, our lips, our lives. 'O Jesus, we have promised to serve thee to the end. Be Thou forever near us, our Master and our Friend.' - Amen."

2. **For young people in our churches:** "We pray for the young people in our churches. O Lord, Help them to be honest, pure, faithful, clean. Help them to know thee as King of Glory, more to be desired than gold, than fame, than popularity. Forgive us if we have caused them to have a wrong sense of values. Help them to have a vision of fields 'white unto harvest.' We earnestly pray that Thou wilt call our sons and daughters for the foreign mission field, if it be thy will. May they know the joy of dedicated lives and the leadership of thy Holy Spirit." - Amen.

3. **For parents of young people:** "We pray for the parents of young people. We pray that they will have wisdom, patience, understanding. We pray that they will realize that children are a stewardship too, that they do not really possess them, that they will be willing to let them go to the foreign mission field, that they will not be a burden or a hindrance to their children's dedication and purpose. Help us all to realize that Thou dost have a purpose for each life, that we must all be seekers after the truth and after Thy will." - Amen.

4. **For response of Southern Baptists:** "We pray now for the moving of the Holy Spirit in the minds and hearts of Southern Baptists. We feel unworthy when we think how thou didst put

into human hands and human hearts the tasks of thy kingdom. We pray for a sense of generosity, a sense of stewardship, a sense of laboring together with Thee to bring about a saving faith in the Lord Jesus. We pray that the Lottie Moon offering will manifest itself on the part of each Southern Baptist, that it will be a love offering in grateful thanksgiving that Thou didst leave Thy Throne on high to earth to save sinners, to deliver us from the dungeon of unbelief to save us from the ownership of unknown gods to make us children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. We lift the latch on the doors of our hearts and say, 'Come, Lord Jesus, there is room in our hearts for Thee.' - Amen."

**Special Music:** "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" (response sung by everyone)

**Gathering of Offering:** The way that our Jesus, they had a vision. The more they fell down, they were submissive. The more they worshiped, they were converted. Thus the way men "opened their treasures and presented unto him gifts." Now is the time for us to open our treasures and present unto him our gifts. Are they, too, gifts worthy of a King?

**Benediction:** "Come, Thou Almighty King" (all four stanzas)

## SATURDAY, December 12

1. Pray for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering today.
2. At Family Worship today will you talk together about following the Lord's leading. Do your children need guidance in seeking God's will?
3. Have your children ever heard you and your husband pray for each of them by name?
4. Pray for the work of the Lord in places you know about.
5. Thank God for his blessings.

## SUNDAY, December 13

See suggestions for last Sunday on page 41. This is Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday school.

Have you and your family decided on your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gift? Have you given it yet? Will you do so today?

Have you dedicated your children to the Lord this week? Are you willing for them to be our new missionaries? Have you told them so and that you are praying to this end? Will you let them hear you pray regarding this—

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Saying, Where is he that is born  
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his star in the east, and are come to  
worship him.

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AND when they  
were come into the  
house, they saw the young child with  
Mary his mother, and fell down, and  
worshipped him: and when they had  
opened their treasures, they presented  
unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense,  
and myrrh.

*Matthew 2 1-2, 11*