

## DECEMBER

*Prepare three baskets:*

**(1) Fill one basket with candy canes or Lottie Moon cookies. See recipe below.\***

**(2) For the second basket, write the names of countries on strips of colored paper. Punch a hole at the end of each strip, thread a ribbon through the hole, and tie a knot. Put the strips and extra ribbons in the basket.\*\***

**(3) In the third basket, put new Christian Christmas cards and loose ribbons.\*\*\***

### **\*LOTTIE MOON TEA CAKES**

**½ cup of butter**

**1 very full cup of sugar**

**1 egg, well beaten**

**2 cups of flour**

**1 tablespoon cream**

**Blend butter and sugar together until smooth. Add egg and mix well. Add flour and cream. Cover a board lightly with flour. Roll out the dough very thin. Cut cookies with a round cookie cutter. Put cookies on a buttered cookie sheet or a nonstick cookie sheet. Bake at 475° F. for about 5 minutes.**

### **\*\*PRAY FOR THE WORLD**

**Ask each person to take one or more country names and a loose ribbon from the basket. They will take the card home to put on a Christmas tree, to help them remember to pray this month for that country and the missionaries who serve there. Ask them to tie the loose ribbon to the small tree in your room.**

**Pray together that people will remember to pray for international missions. Pray that Southern Baptists will give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® so that missionaries can go and tell.**

### **\*\*\*CHRISTMAS CARD ACTIVITY**

**Ask participants to take one or more Christmas cards to take home. Encourage them to think about family members, friends, or other people they know who need to know the true meaning of Christmas. Ask them to pray for those people and to choose one or more of them to send a card to. They can include a note and mail or deliver the card(s). Ask them to tie a loose ribbon on the small tree in your room.**

**Pray together for the people that members are thinking of. (You do not have to say their names.) Pray that you will be faithful witnesses.**