

## The Borden Decision

In 1904, William Borden, heir to the Borden Dairy Estate, graduated from a Chicago high school. His parents gave him a trip around the world. Traveling through Asia, the Middle East and Europe gave Borden a burden for the world's hurting people. Writing home, he said, "I'm going to give my life to prepare for the mission field."

When he made this decision, he wrote in the back of his Bible two words: *No reserves*.

Turning down high-paying job offers after graduating from Yale University, where he gave birth to a spiritual movement that swept the campus, he entered two more words in his Bible: *No retreats*.

Completing studies at Princeton Seminary, Borden sailed for China to work with Muslims, stopping first in Egypt for some preparation. While there, he was stricken with cerebral meningitis and died within a month.

A waste, you say? Not in God's plan. In his Bible underneath the words *no reserves* and *no retreats*, he had written the words *no regrets*.

Associates in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home have chosen careers because of compassion for hurting people, too. Their conversation reveals *no regrets* in lifetimes of service.

--Beecher Hunter