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When We All Get to London

By Louie D. Newton



*"Red and yellow, black and white"
Baptists will come to London by ship,
plane, train, motorcar, bicycle, and by
foot to attend the Jubilee Congress; and
in whatever tongue they speak, they will
all join in singing, "Blest be the tie that
binds our hearts in Christian love."*

BAPTISTS from everywhere will pour into London in July—"red and yellow, black and white," to quote the little song the Sunbeams love to sing. They will travel by ship and plane; and from the British Isles they will be on trains and in motorcars. Some might even walk. It would, I guess, be too much to hope that some grand old English squire might come dashing up in a surrey. And there is always the possibility of a bicycle in London.

Fifty years ago, when the Baptist World Alliance was organized in London—July, 1905—Dr. John Clifford entertained Dr. B. D. Gray; and Dr. Gray delighted to tell how he rode through Piccadilly in the smart horse-drawn carriages of that day. If there is an available carriage this summer, I fully expect to see Baptists riding in it. The Queen might honor us by driving past in a royal rig.

Our Folks

But however they travel, whenever they arrive, they'll be our folks—Baptists—and proud enough of it. A letter from Dr. Jacob Meister, president of the Baptist Union in Germany, tells of a large delegation now forming from West Germany; and he predicts that we may see a good many Baptists from East Germany. There are lots of them in East Germany.

And in whatever tongue they speak, they will all join heartily in the singing. I think I would have to say that the singing has been the unfailing feature of every Congress I have at-

tended, beginning with Stockholm, 1923. When our Baptist folk stand up and sing that song written by John Fawcett, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love," it does something to you.

I remember how they sang Fawcett's hymn in Stockholm, and in Toronto, and in Berlin, and in Atlanta, and in Copenhagen, and in Cleveland. They sing out of hearts of understanding, fellowship, and love. And such singing leaps all barriers of geography and race. Truly, it is like to that above. So, I look forward to the singing when we get to London this summer. The singing will set the tone of the meeting in the opening session, and it will be the singing that will send us away from the closing session with new hope.

The Roll Call

Next to the singing, I look forward to the roll call of the nations. I am happy to learn from Dr. Ernest A. Payne that the roll call will have right of way on the opening day—Saturday afternoon and evening, July 16.

Have you ever witnessed a roll call of the nations at the Baptist World Alliance? It is simply magnificent. The representatives of the nations usually appear in their distinctive mode of dress. I can see them now, the gay colors of the dresses and headgear, the intriguing banners, the singing of hymns they specially love in their respective countries.

And after there has been a procession of these colorful costumes, and

perhaps a song or two, then someone responds briefly on behalf of the Baptists of this and that land. The speeches are usually in native tongues or dialects, and the interpreters lift what they say over into English. It is always a thrilling scene, and I look forward to London this July in the hope that I may be present for every response to the roll call.

Informal Fellowship

One of the high lights in every Congress I have attended has been the delightful fellowship with the people from many, many lands. You may find yourself right square up against the barrier of language; but even then it will be very interesting, and even rewarding. You will remember someone who stood and spoke in the Congress, and then you are face to face with him in the Exhibit Hall. You try to speak, and he tries to answer. You throw up your hands. He throws up his hands. You shake your head. He shakes his head. And then you clasp hands, and all is well.

But beyond such incidents as this will be many informal gatherings, where language will not be so difficult. There will be enough people who can manage a little of this and that language to make connections for everyone. You might even pick up a few phrases of German or Italian or Slavic. And in these informal gatherings you will discover the real heart-beat of the folks—our folks. And when you get back home you will have something very precious: the name and address of a Baptist neighbor, thousands and thousands of miles away, to whom you will write now and then, and this correspondence will be a blessing.

The Congress Sermon

After the singing and the roll call, I guess I will look forward to the Congress sermon with about as much pleasure as anything that happens at London. Dr. John Soren of Brazil will be the preacher in the Jubilee Congress. That is very good. We have known about the Sorens through *The Commission*, and some of us back to

the days of *The Foreign Mission Journal*. He may preach in Portuguese, but I guess he will speak English much better than most of us Americans. I remember hearing the late Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., say that Dr. Soren is one of the great preachers of our generation.

Baptists do well when they have good preaching, and the Congress sermons have been excellent. It was not my privilege to attend the Congress in Philadelphia, 1911, when Dr. Thomas Phillips preached his great sermon on "Grace and Glory," but I have read it several times, just as I have read and reread the sermon at the first Congress by Dr. Augustus H. Strong. Don't miss the sermon by Dr. Soren this time.

The Impact of Missions

High in the list of my expectations at London this summer will be the missionaries from so many countries. As I go back over my experiences at the sessions of the Alliance, beginning with Stockholm in 1923, I find that the impact of missions has lingered more vividly in my mind and heart than any other major emphasis of the programs.

It is wonderful to see our own missionaries at sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention and in our state conventions; but when you get in a session of the Baptist World Alliance, you feel the sweep and scope of the world missionary enterprise to a degree nowhere else I have been or heard of. There they are: veteran missionaries, young missionaries.

And they bring into focus the words of the Master as they forgather from every section of the earth, telling their story of God's redeeming love through Jesus Christ. You will agree, if this is to be your first Congress, that missions was presented as you have never known it before. The program this summer gives very worthy consideration to the missionary enterprise; and the speakers from the various missionary boards are the top men and women of our generation.

The Pageant

When the editor asked me to do this sketch of what I was anticipating at London, I knew one thing I would write about—the pageant.

Remember the pageant in Atlanta in 1939? Well, the author of that script was Dr. Payne, and Dr. Payne is the generalissimo for the Jubilee

Congress. He told us, early in the planning of the program, that the London committee would like to have an evening for a pageant. Everybody agreed. Our British friends have a special gift in the matter of pageantry. They live in the midst of so much history, and they delight in making it real and vital. Don't miss the pageant in London.

Enduring Investments

The money you are putting into your trip to the Jubilee Congress will prove one of the best investments you have ever made, whether it is your money or the money your church provides for your trip. Time and again I have heard men and women say that the money they spent in attendance at previous Congresses had proved to be enduring investments.

Many people have asked me about additional travel in connection with the trip to London this summer—trips to the Holy Land and journeys through Europe and the Near East. Take as much as your exchequer will permit. Preachers will find the trip to Palestine very valuable, provided they do not attempt to see everything in a week. I spent weeks in the Holy Land with Dr. E. Y. Mullins, and we walked more than we rode. We were not in a large party, and he planned where we would go and how long we would stay. But get in all you can. It will pay rich dividends.

This leads me to say a word of appreciation to each church that has provided for its pastor and his wife to attend the Congress and to go on to see something of the historic places in Europe and Palestine. I believe it will pay off.

Friendly Faces

I look forward with joy to the hour in London when I hope to see again the friendly faces of Baptists

The Alliance ought to aid us in curing the abuses of individualism and teach us a deeper fellowship. . . . The best exercise of Baptist independence is the recognition of our interdependence.

—E. Y. Mullins

from many lands. I am hoping to see friends from Russia—Brethren Zhidkov, Karev, Orlov, and many others who were so gracious to me while I was in Russia in 1946. Dr. F. Townley Lord, president of the Baptist World Alliance, tells us that he has good reason to believe that there will be a delegation from Russia, and he bases this on what they told him when he was there last summer. I have just been reading the translation of a recent issue of the Baptist magazine from Russia, and there is good reason to hope they may attend.

And I am thinking of our friends in Poland and Czechoslovakia and Romania. It will be wonderful to see them again. Then there will be the always gracious group from Scandinavia. They have meant much to the Baptist World Alliance, as have the Baptists of Italy, France, Spain, and the Low Countries.

Then the friends from the Near and Far East. I am told that there will be a strong company of Baptists from Japan, India, and Africa. We have an invitation from Tokyo for 1960!

And from Australia will come a shipload of Baptists. I have letters from Dr. C. J. Tinsley in which he tells of far-reaching plans from our friends down under. Rev. W. L. Jarvis is already on his way, having spent the winter here in the States. I regret that Dr. Tinsley does not think his strength will permit his attendance.

From Canada will go a large and radiant band of Baptists, and from Central and South America there will be a goodly group. Friendly faces—God bless them.

And from the U. S.

There's just no telling how many there will be from the United States. I noticed that our registration cards were numbered in the four thousand category! It was estimated, at one time, that there might be as many as three thousand from the States, but it looks now as if it will run far above that estimate. Anyway, we're on our way, and full of hope and pep.

And the theme, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever," will be the watchword of all that transpires at London. Grateful for all the blessed memories of previous Congresses, I look forward to London with high expectation. Let us pray unceasingly that all that is done and said may be to God's glory.

The Fellowship of Kindred Minds

By Theodore F. Adams

Principles of religious liberty, freedom of conscience, believer's baptism, and the priesthood of all believers will be more precious to Baptists of America after they learn what some have suffered for faith and freedom. What a privilege to share such a comradeship!



WHEN the roll call of the nations opens the Ninth Baptist World Congress in London next July, those who are privileged to attend will share in a thrilling evidence of our Baptist world fellowship. As the roll is called, Baptists from more than forty countries and many more conventions will bring words of greeting from those who share in the fellowship of kindred minds and hearts that reaches to the ends of the earth and draws us together in the Baptist World Alliance. For many this is one of the most thrilling and inspiring features of a Baptist World Congress.

Personally, I am looking forward eagerly to this and other opportunities for fellowship with other believers from many lands. They will come from varied cultures and national backgrounds. They will represent all races and many varying political beliefs. They will come from democracies and totalitarian states, from lands where there is religious liberty, and from countries where there has been persecution and where Christian life and work are difficult. What a rich experience it will be to hear Baptist leaders from near and far, to meet men and women and young people from lands I may never have an opportunity to visit personally, and to share experiences with others who can enrich our lives by their faith and devotion.

I am looking forward eagerly to fellowship with such men as Henri Vincent, a pastor in Paris and long a leader in Baptist work in France; Manfredi Ronchi of Rome, con-

secrated leader of Baptist work in Italy; Erik Ruden, able secretary of the Baptists of Sweden; Tanimola Ayorinde of Nigeria; Jacob Meister of Germany; and with Baptists from India, Japan, China, Latin America, and many other lands and the islands of the sea. We hope that representatives of the Baptists in Russia can be present to bear their witness of what it means to be a Christian in a Communist land.

Some, of course, will be absent; and we shall regret the circumstances that keep them from sharing in our fellowship in London. Some who have blessed and inspired us at other World Congresses will be in prison for their faith or will be in lands where they are not free to leave or to share in any fellowship with other Baptists. We shall thank God for their faithful and courageous witness, remembering that as we share in the fellowship of kindred minds, we also share our mutual woes and our mutual burdens bear.

I AM looking forward eagerly to the program which promises to be one of the finest and most representative Baptists have ever heard. I am anxious to hear our president, Dr. F. Townley Lord, as he brings the presidential address in honor of the Golden Anniversary of the founding of the Alliance in London in 1905. With his wonderful experience of travel around the world these past five years and his talent as a preacher, I am confident that his message will be a high hour in all our lives.

What a joy it will be to hear the Congress sermon preached by John Soren, of Brazil. This will be the first time that a representative from South America has preached the sermon on a Congress program. Inspiring and thought-provoking messages will be brought by some of our own leaders, including Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, Dr. Louie D. Newton, Dr. Walter Pope Binns, Mrs. Ernest Brown, Mrs. Maurice Hodge, Mrs. Edgar Bates, and our own Mrs. George R. Martin and others who will be representing Baptist women around the world.

We shall be challenged by the keynote address by the Rev. Lawrence A. North of New Zealand and by messages from other national Baptist leaders. Negro Baptists in the United States will be represented on the program by Dr. J. H. Jackson, Dr. G. L. Prince, and, we hope, Miss Nannie Burroughs who attended the first World Congress in London in 1905.

I AM looking forward eagerly to the glimpses that will come of Baptist work in many lands as representative leaders bear their witness to their faith and tell of the trials and triumphs of the gospel. In such hours missions will come alive. I know that we shall have an unforgettable experience as we gather with Baptists from all over England in a great football stadium for the closing session to hear Billy Graham speak to us out of his heart.

With such a program and such a fellowship we shall all go home stronger in faith and better able to serve the Lord Christ and bear our own witness to our Baptist principles and convictions. Religious liberty, freedom of conscience, believer's baptism, and the priesthood of all believers will be all the more precious as we learn how much others have suffered for the faith and freedom we are so liable to take for granted.

We will have reaffirmed our faith and renewed our ties of world fellowship. We shall be committed anew to a world mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ as we feel we know personally some of those with whom we

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Glimpses of God in Malaya

By Martha Strother

In Answered Prayer



Martha Strother

I am teaching English conversation gratis in Han Chiang—one of Malaya's largest Chinese schools. It is a private institution with an enrolment of fifteen hundred students.

We use a textbook which is preparatory to England's Cambridge University entrance examination. I have three classes numbering nearly one hundred and fifty students of the senior group. They come from all over Central and North Ma-

laya, though most of them are from the Penang area. These students are attractive, alert, and intelligent.

What a picture they make all dressed in white, sitting row on row—until all their faces seem to run together as they sit in assembly! Once this year I was asked to take the assembly period and talk for thirty minutes on a subject of my choice. I tried to convince all my hearers that Jesus Christ is different from all other men in his birth, life, and death—that he is truly God's Son, the Saviour of all men everywhere!

Very, very few of the students are Christians; several of the teachers are professed Christians. Recently we had the joy of baptizing the dean into our church membership. He is a very earnest Christian.

Some weeks ago, on the eve of Red China's so-called "Independence Day," the boarding school boys, about one hundred in number, called a "strike" against Principal Hsiung, a Christian with a doctor of philosophy degree from Cornell University. These students spent the night singing Communistic songs and proclaiming to sleepy neighbors the many injustices of the principal to students and teachers. They waxed louder and stronger until the early hours of the morning when they gave way to physical exhaustion.

As a result of the demonstration, the principal resigned; and for a week I did not return. However, during those days discipline and apologies were demanded by the school board and the wealthy philanthropist who largely supports the school. The principal was prevailed upon to continue school, and I returned, also.

My heart was heavy as I faced my classes. A few with evil intent completely disrupted the entire school, while we Christians seemed to make no noticeable impression

for our Lord. We worked harder. We prayed much more!

After a week, three boys met me at the opening of "A" Class, saying: "We have only a few more pages in our text. Will you please rush us through and teach us the New Testament or the life of Jesus?" They were spokesmen for the class! My heart said, "Thank you, Lord"; and I promised that, if there was not one in opposition and if the principal gave his consent, we would certainly study the New Testament.

Dr. Hsiung was most pleased with this turn of events and gladly gave consent.

Then "C" Class came with their petition. And, lastly, "B" Class, with a definitely more anti-Christian attitude, melted into submission until every student signed the petition asking for Bible teaching! God had answered our prayer! Now the door is open; Jesus is going to be introduced!

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will bring conviction of sin, a revelation of Jesus as Creator and Saviour of man, and that many will be saved.

The definite interest, conversation, and intelligent questions show decided, earnest progress. Yes, God is able.

In Christian Courage



Chen Mou Lien

Late yesterday afternoon the dining room door of our apartment was pushed open abruptly; and without ceremony fifteen-year-old Chen Mou Lien, red eyed and shaking, said disconnectedly between sobs, "Mother is, forcing—me with terrible threats—to worship—her idols. Oh—how can I obey her—and thus offend Jesus?"

Mou Lien has heard the gospel only a few times, but she is very earnest in her determination to follow Jesus. Her parents are just as steadfast in their persecution if she reads the Bible or attends any church service—and they know it.

Sympathetically, I tried to comfort her by saying that since Jesus knows all things, he knows her motives and

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Glimpses of God in Malaya *Continued*

her trying predicament, that he accepts silent, honest worship of the heart rather than any forced outward ceremony.

"Believe, trust, pray. He will either give you a way out, or he will give you power to endure and exemplify the love and patience of a present Saviour."

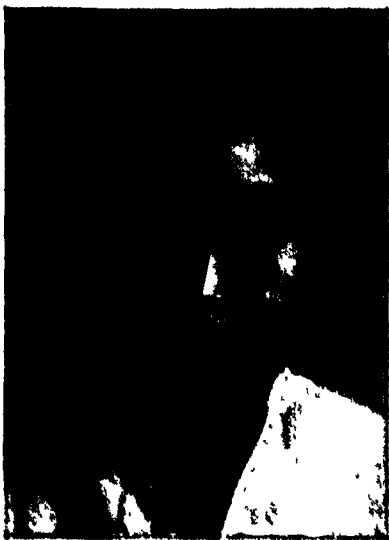
Brushing away the tears, straightening her spine with a new determination, she said, "I ran away early this morning to avoid the idol worship. I will return now and show them how much a Christian can endure for Jesus' sake!"

In a moment she was gone.

Some weeks ago Mou Lien gave us her picture that it might remind us daily to pray for her.

Please join us in prayer for Mou Lien and many other young believers who suffer like she does.

In Godly Lives



Mrs. Oh Hock Teck

Mrs. Oh Hock Teck was born in Hong Kong in 1892. She was baptized into the Caine Road Baptist Church when she was thirteen years old. When she was eighteen she left home and loved ones and went to Penang, Malaya, where she married Mr. Oh Hock Teck.

God blessed this union. The Ohs now have six sons and one daughter. (One daughter died.) They have forty-one grandchildren and nine great-grand-

children. This wonderful family claimed all of Mrs. Oh's attention until Dr. John Sung came from China to hold special revival meetings in Penang. Through his preaching, earnest love, and great zeal she realized that in spite of all God's love, mercy, and provisions for her, she had never done anything for the Lord Jesus.

She yearned to have a part in spreading the Good News; so she went to Alor Star, sixty miles to the north, rented a house for about ten dollars (U.S.) monthly; and with the help of several Christian families opened a chapel for preaching Jesus. Mr. Lim Puah Heng was secured as their evangelist. After one year, Mrs. Oh was so grateful to the Lord for his blessings both on their chapel work and in their successful personal business that she bought a piece of land on which stood a large house.

Mr. Tan Tong Chet followed Mr. Lim and the work grew quickly in the new chapel property.

Mrs. Oh was not satisfied. They had a large rubber estate at Bukit Junun, where she hoped many of the people might be turned to the Lord. She built a church building and Mr. Tan witnessed to the people.

Then came the war. Mr. Tan returned to China. The Lord sent Rev. Paul Lim who labored faithfully during

the war years; but when war was over he returned to Hong Kong.

Now with two chapels and many believers, Mrs. Oh desperately needed help. She wrote to Swatow asking their friend, Mr. Tan Choo Kang, to come and take charge of the chapels. He was ordained in Swatow and arrived to take up his work in 1947, having left a wife and ten children in China. God blessed his faith and his efforts were very fruitful.

In 1949 when Dr. Baker James Cauthen, then secretary for the Orient for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, came through Penang on a survey trip, Mrs. Oh entertained him and showed him over the Penang area in her car.

In March, 1953, the first Southern Baptist missionaries came to work in Penang. Who met us at the airport? Why, Mrs. Oh Hock Teck and her nephew, his wife, and other Christians.

During our first year in Penang, Mrs. Oh Hock Teck was most helpful in introducing her friends and giving assistance in every detail of our work. The Lord helped in finding a large residence which we purchased for a temporary church, seminary, and home for the missionaries. The Lord has blessed, encouraged, and multiplied. Five months after our arrival we organized the first Baptist church of Penang, with twenty-five members. Mrs. Oh wept for joy!

All through our first year we looked for a suitable place for a chapel across the bay in Butterworth. Nothing even hopeful turned up. Then one Sunday afternoon, coming back to Penang from Alor Star, Mrs. Oh stopped to introduce Dr. G. W. Strother to an old friend in Butterworth. During the visit her friend mentioned a



Baptist Mission House, Penang, Malaya, where the Malaya Baptist Seminary meets.

three-unit business shop house that he had just built.

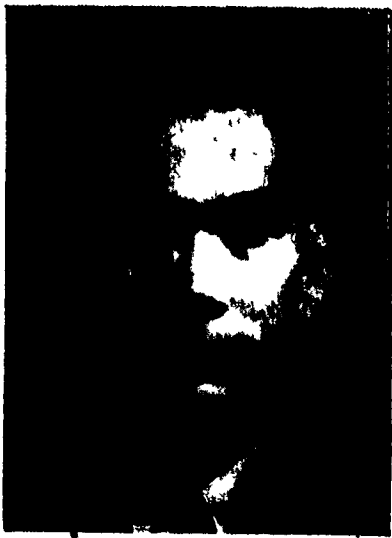
They saw it and found that two sections were sold; but the middle section which the owner had originally intended to use for himself was now to be sold. It was wonderfully planned for a chapel. Large downstairs hall for preaching, with roomy living quarters and Sunday school rooms upstairs!

We had no money. What was the result? Mr. and Mrs. Oh made it possible for us to obtain the building. A few days after the purchase they could have sold it making a clear profit of \$1,333; but they are holding it for us and for the Lord Jesus; and they want no gain!

At Gurun, a town forty miles north, we have been working for months without success to secure an opening. Suddenly, again, a suitable chapel was available, but we had no funds ready. Again, Mrs. Oh came forward with the money. It is not a matter of profit or glory to her, only a service to the Lord whom she loves, Baptists, and her people who need the gospel.

Please pray for Mrs. Oh. High blood pressure is greatly hampering her from doing much that she would like to be doing just now.

In Christian Stewardship



C. M. Lau

In our experience through many years on the mission field, we have found it very difficult, seemingly, for Chinese Christians to give back to God one-tenth of their earnings.

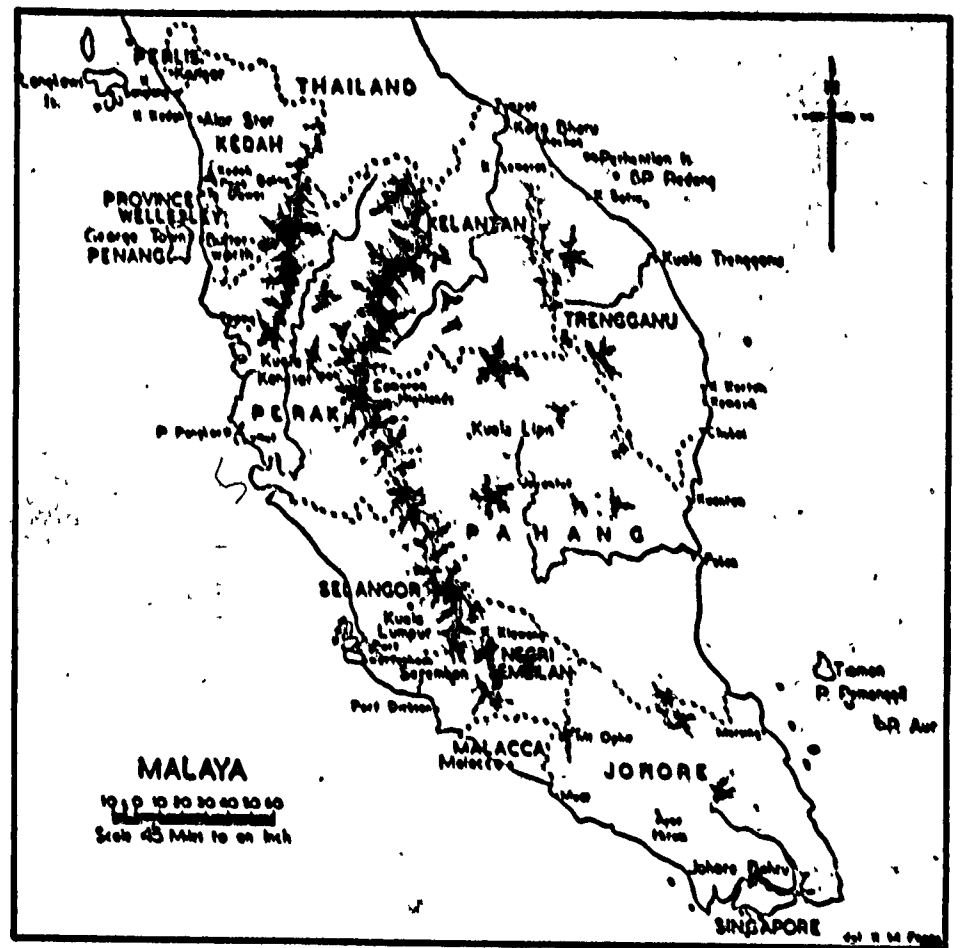
We have recently had the joy of adding Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lau from Hong Kong to our Christian family in Penang. He serves the Lord in the capacity of secretary and interpreter in the Malaya Baptist Seminary. He also keeps the

account books and uses his many talents freely in the school and the church.

Although Mr. Lau has been a Christian for only four years, he experiences a happiness that many Christians miss—that of consistently giving his tithes and offerings back to God, which he considers a gracious privilege. I share his testimony:

"Before I became a Christian I had a good income. During the first year of Christian life, I did not know if I should give God one-tenth of my income; so I asked the opinion of a friend, who had been a Christian for many years. He told me that we are now living under grace and that we are not obliged to give one-tenth to keep the law, but we can give any sum as we care to give. His reply suited my purpose because I had an income of about ten thousand dollars a year and I could not bear the pang of offering so much. So during that first year, I gave only about three hundred dollars to the church.

"Pastor John Chen of one of the Baptist churches in



Hong Kong told me that if we give more, the Lord will bless us with more gifts in addition to our reward in heaven. I believed only the last part of it, as I could not see how I could increase my income by giving more. However, I gradually increased my gift to the church and during the second year I gave about five hundred dollars. I gave more in the third year and at the end of the fourth year I reached the one-tenth mark. Now I give a little more than the tithe.

"I testify that during these four years the Lord has blessed the work of my hands and given me more income than I have needed. I have to support a family of more than ten persons; and, in spite of my contributions to the church, I have a savings of several thousand dollars.

"I have heard several good preachers emphasize the importance of giving one-tenth and I agree with them. I have also heard other people say that we are not under the law and we are not obliged to give any tithe. However, I find in the Book that Abram gave Melchizedek one-tenth of everything (Genesis 14:20) and this was about five hundred years before the law.

"Moreover, Jacob vowed to give God one-tenth of what he would give him (Genesis 28:22), and I have no doubt that he kept his vow. The tithe was marked for the use of the Levites for their service to God (Numbers 18:21). In our own time we have the servants of God to care for. If Christians will not give one-tenth, how can the work of the gospel be properly carried on? One-tenth is the minimum we should give, if we really do care for the salvation of our fellow creatures. The prophet Malachi tells us that we are robbing God by cheating him of tithes and offerings.

"In conclusion, I must say that I firmly believe that all Christians should give at least one-tenth of their income to the church for the work of the gospel. There is no reason for not trusting God."



Baptist Industrial Institute, Corrente, Brazil.



Horace W. Fite instructs national in use of tractor.

Missions Through Farming

By Salle Ann Fite

AT TIMES when we look at our agricultural missions program here at Corrente, Brazil, we feel like the little boy who couldn't see the forest for the trees. All we see are fence posts and corn tassels. As Horace W. Fite, Jr., often says, "It seems our main task here is to feed people."

The first two crop years we were here, we battled with the drought (last year we had plenty of rain, a new experience). It was a battle to grow enough food to feed the one hundred thirty boarding students and some forty families who work for the Baptist Industrial Institute, as well as the three missionary families.

There was a time when money was of no value to the people as there was no food to be bought in the town. One Saturday after we had paid the men in the carpenter shop, one of them returned a couple of hours later with the money in his hand, saying that he had been to every store in town and could buy nothing to eat.

With the small stock we found here at the Institute, we rationed food out among the workers until the crops began to come in. And one time we had no *farinha* (bread for a Brazilian) for the boarding students; but about eleven o'clock that day a man came by with some for sale.

At the beginning of this planting season, the Institute furnished seed

corn and beans for farmers within a radius of forty miles. We were able to make a fair corn crop last year in spite of the drought by using the tractor (which we received through the Lottie Moon Offering of 1952) for plowing the land and leaving the previous crop stubble to rot instead of burning it off and thus baking the land as is the custom here. Also we planted earlier than is customary. These people have a tendency to wait for "tomorrow."

Our evangelistic opportunities are those which any layman would have, primarily personal contacts. We also like to feel that we are partly responsible for helping to keep the Institute going with its three hundred fifty students, many of whom hear the gospel for the first time after they become students here at the Institute. (In January, 1954, thirty-six students made decisions for the Lord during our revival. Christian students hold services in near-by communities several times a month.)

This is especially true of the boarding students who come from distances up to two hundred fifty miles (and even one or two from as far away as five hundred miles).

NOT ONLY is the agricultural program responsible for feeding this group, it also provides work for thirty-five students to earn either board and room or tuition and books. Otherwise, these students would not have an opportunity to study.

Our plans for the future include improvement of the cattle, both beef and dairy. At present a dairy cow gives about two quarts of milk a day; therefore, you can imagine how much pasture and feed it takes for a herd to give forty to fifty quarts a day. (We almost measure milk to the last drop to make it go around for three missionary families, six other families, and the boarding students. We could use at least two hundred quarts per day.)

We also want to build up the pork production, start a chicken flock, and begin all other phases of farming that will provide more food. When we first heard of Corrente and the farm program here we often tried to figure out how to export the produce so as to make money for the Institute; but we have long since realized that if we ever reach the day when we have enough to meet the Institute needs, we will have reached a worthy goal.

After we reach this point there will always be more students asking for work so that they may study—and in so doing they will hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. The program has no limits other than those of space in the dormitories and classrooms and in our ability to produce food. All these students ask is half a chance to study.

Without losing sight of our main objective, which is the winning of the lost to Christ, we are also mindful of our obligation to encourage those we win, and others whose lives we touch, to aspire to higher standards of living.

Meditations of a Missionary Father

By Sydney L. Goldfinch

One of the questions Dr. R. S. Jones, then home secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, put to us in 1938 in our preliminary interview for appointment as foreign missionaries was this: "Will you be willing to be separated from your children in their adolescent years?" Our answer, in all the enthusiasm of youth, was "yes."

Now, after sixteen years, the time has come. The two older boys of our family of four boys and one girl have gone to the States to continue their high school education. We still answer "yes"; but now we add, "yes, by the great grace of God, we are willing."

This is, no doubt, the hardest decision in a missionary parent's life; but even this one is so filled with the glory of God's grace that the pain turns to joy. Let me try to tell you about it.

We've had the boys with us these fifteen years. As a rule, members of a missionary family are wonderfully united in the early years. The very fact that we live in a land of great spiritual need tends to drive the members closer together and give them more dependence on God.

Home has meant more, perhaps, than it would have meant in the States. Outside attractions are not as powerful here as they seem to be in North America, and a depth of family unity is more easily achieved.

The lives of our children have been filled with valuable friendships. A missionary home is often the recipient of many blessings from the visitors who come. Our boys have friends all over the world whom they have come to know in the home.

Men and women of God have influenced their lives from early childhood. Many names could be mentioned: the family of the late Everett Gill, Jr., Baker James Cauthen, Frank K. Means, F. Townley Lord, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Herring, Judge and Mrs. John W. McCall, Dr. and Mrs. Duke K. McCall, Mrs. George R. Martin, Miss

Margaret Bruce, Mrs. L. W. Alexander, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Ivyloy Bishop, Glendon McCullough, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Howse, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Loessner, Andrew Q. Allen, Frank W. Patterson, Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Barnette, Carlyle Marney, Joe Carrington, R. Paul Caudill—to name only a few of the many distinguished visitors.

Through the years Lanny and Louis have come to know and appreciate people who are active in God's mission cause.

Then there is the fun we've had traveling together. Lanny doesn't remember it; but he crossed the equator the day he was six months old. Louis was born in Montevideo, Uruguay. They've known Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santiago, Asunción, and other South American cities as long as they can remember.

Louis was seasick crossing the River Plate before he was two, and again airsick crossing the Andes on our first plane ride. His first birthday was celebrated in Montevideo, Uruguay, the second in Salto, Uruguay, the third in Belén (Bethlehem, near Salto), Uruguay, the fourth in Conway, South Carolina, the fifth in Tampico, Mexico, and the sixth in Asunción, Paraguay.

Both boys remember the snow-covered mountains guarding the Strait of Magellan, and the twelve days on a Brazilian river boat loaded with salt, traveling from Montevideo to Asunción. A week in Rio de Janeiro during the fiesta of Saint Peter and Saint Paul is largely remembered for the firecrackers they were allowed to have for the first time. The marvels of a New York automat and the joy of a real milk shake can only be appreciated by those who have not seen such wonders for five years.

Cleveland and the Baptist World Alliance, after a journey over the West Virginia mountains, are a part of their experience, along with two nights in a beautiful guest apartment in Louisville, Ken-

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The Measure of Our Success

By Martha Hairston

AS I conferred the degree of bachelor of religious education upon the seven young ladies who were completing the three-year superior course at the Woman's Missionary Union Training School in Recife, Brazil, I did so with a prayer that their lives of service to the cause of Christ will be worthy of their high calling, of all that has gone into their years of preparation, and of the tremendous tasks which await them.

Four of the seven had spent seven years studying at the Training School, having completed our four-year preparatory course before entering the superior course; one had spent six years, having entered in the second year of the preparatory course; and the other two had come to us after having already completed the preparatory requirements in their own home states.

During seven years the Training School had directed in the spiritual and intellectual development of these young ladies; and now we were sending them forth—so few in view of so many requests for workers. But as God led them to us, we trust that now he is leading them to their fields of service. This is the first class to complete the three-year superior course and to receive the degree of bachelor of religious education.

Debora Xavier is from Sergipe, the smallest state in Brazil. A few days after her graduation, she was married to the young pastor of one of Recife's Baptist churches; and she plans to direct a primary-day school in connection with their church. Her husband also teaches at the North Brazil Baptist Seminary in Recife. At the graduation exercises Debora was presented the first Training School alumnae pin in recognition of her having the highest grade average in the class during the three-year course.



First class to receive bachelor of religious education degrees from the Training School in Recife, Brazil. Right to left: Martha Hairston, president of the school, (as they received their diplomas on November 29, 1954) Debora Xavier, Otávia Barbosa, Miriam Santos, Benzilda Leão, Rosa Galdino, Aldizia Souza, and Helena Almeida.

Otávia Barbosa, the class speaker at the graduation exercises, is from Paraíba, the state just north of Pernambuco, where the Training School is located. Otávia's musical talents, especially her clear soprano voice, are quite an asset to her in her work. She is returning to Paraíba to teach in our Baptist primary school in João Pessoa.

Miriam Santos, also from Paraíba, was the 1954 winner of the Ana Bagby Scholarship which is offered each year to the most outstanding student from the standpoint of dedication and service. Miriam has accepted a position as teacher in the Baptist Institute in the state of Rio Grande do Norte.

Benzilda Leão came to the Training School from Manaus, Amazonas, seven years ago and has not been able to go home for a visit during these long years because of the great distance. Her father is one of the few Baptist pastors in that vast state. Benzilda plans to teach in the Baptist primary school in Triunfo, Pernambuco.

Rosa Galdino graduated from the Baptist high school in Alagoas before

coming to Recife to study in the Training School. She has accepted an invitation to teach in the Baptist primary school in Manaus, Amazonas.

Aldizia Souza is from Paraíba, where her father is a Baptist pastor. She is engaged to a seminary student but is returning to teach in a Baptist school in her state while her boy friend finishes the Seminary. They hope to do mission work in the interior.

Helena Almeida graduated from the normal school and taught in the Baptist primary school in Santarém, Pará, on the Amazon River, before coming to the Training School three years ago. She is returning to work in the same school.

And so the Training School is returning to the Baptist churches and fields of North Brazil these seven who were entrusted to us, knowing that the degree of our success will be measured by the degree of their dedication to the cause of the One who called them out from among the many who walk in the darkness of spiritual blindness in the vast expanses of North Brazil.

Introducing Jesus at Friendship House

By Edith Vaughn

“WHAT is the *Casa de Amizade*? Is it a school?” How many times have these questions been asked by those who pass by the Good Will Center on their way to school or on their way to wash clothes near the water pump!

“No, it's not a school, but a place where you may hear stories, good interesting stories of God and his Son Jesus. There you can learn to sing and to play together; and we hope you will learn many things that will make your life better and happier. You will be making friendships with your neighbors, with your club leaders, and best of all with Jesus, the best friend of all.”

“Oh, that will be fine for my children,” replied one poor mother in a palm-thatched hut during our house-to-house visitation program. “My children haven't had a chance to learn any of the good things of life,” she continued. “They don't even know how to say their rosaries.”

“Oh,” replied a crippled widow, “if you could only help my youngest boy! The older ones used to be as good and helpful as he is, but as they grew older they became just vagabonds!” (Now this boy and one “vagabond” brother are two of the Center's most faithful members.)

“It's so good here, isn't it?” mused one four-year-old in conversation with another. And, really our house is good, beautiful, and just right for our work. After feeling that God had definitely led to just *the* location for Recife's first Good Will Center, we asked for a small bungalow in which to begin our work.

Choosing one, we asked to rent it but the owner refused. However, he took us to the only house for rent in the neighborhood, a wonderful pink and blue, two-story house.

The mothers have been most enthusiastic about the Center's activities: “Our children can hardly wait from



This is Friendship House (the Good Will Center building), Recife, Brazil.



A national leader tells the story of baby Moses to the Good Will Center children.



Missionary Edith Vaughn (at piano) and Senhorita Joanece sing with the children.

one meeting time to another.” “They come home showing us what they have made and telling us the stories they have heard.” “Now they sing at home as they work.”

“When are you going to take us boys with you to church?” a gang of Primary and Junior boys asked after hearing the girls' report of a service they attended at the near-by Baptist church. The girls had gone with the director to sing in a Training Union program.

Six happy weeks passed by; then plans were being made to invite the mothers for special club activities and to matriculate another hundred and fifty children. “No,” remarked some Junior girls, “surely you will not invite those awful children from Janeiro's Island!” (This is a near-by, densely populated island surrounded by tidewaters.) Later the girls added, “Yes, maybe the stories of Jesus will help them to be better.”

As we invite more children to Good Will Center until we have three hundred members, and also start four mothers' clubs, we shall certainly need the help of the other Training School girls and the North Brazil Baptist Seminary boys.

“May I use the stories and songs that I've been teaching here at the Center to take home during the July vacation? I hope to teach the many children of my neighbors the very same things we have been teaching here at Friendship House.” This seminary student had caught a vision.

Then missionaries came from their fields in North Brazil to Recife for their Mission meeting. “Come help us open a Good Will Center,” they invited. And some added, “We even have the lot all ready!”

“Just wait a year or two,” we advised, “and some of our students of the Training School and the Seminary will be ready to open centers in the various states.”

“Is this the only Good Will Center in Brazil?”

“No, about the same time that the Recife Friendship House was founded, plans were also being made for one in Rio de Janeiro and for Good Will Center activities along with a clinic in Teresina, Piauí.

More Than Lip Service

By L. August Lovegren

TODAY I went to El Husn. To begin at the beginning, it was while I was sick about six weeks ago that a man came to visit me. He was from this village, El Husn, which is north of Ajloun. There are more than five thousand people there; but there is no resident doctor nor nurse. He was coming to ask that we open a clinic there; and, thus, he was indirectly asking for the gospel.

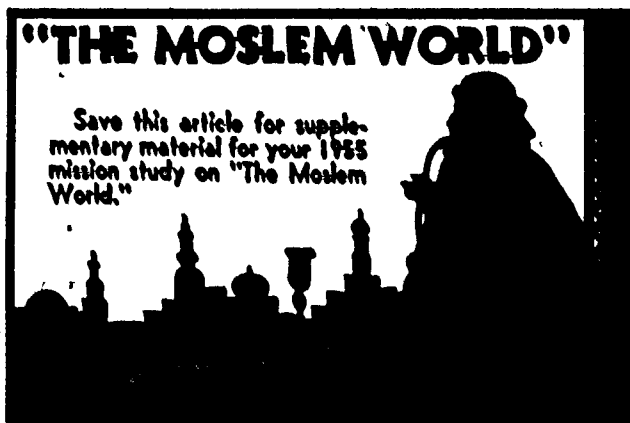
The village is in the midst of a farming community and the people are poor; therefore, no doctor has ever settled there for long. I asked the visitor to send us an official letter of request; so, about two weeks later he returned with the petition which was followed by about thirty names including representatives of the city government (Moslem), leaders of four out of five of the Christian groups, and many other well-known men of the town. Since I was still not well, I promised to visit the village after a month.

With the hospital business manager and a resident physician whose home is in that village, we visited El Husn today. I had seen it from a distance many times but had never actually been there.

The town is typically Arabic. Virtually all of the houses are made of stone and have flat roofs. Some of them appear to be very old as though several generations have lived in them.

El Husn is located on the side of a gentle slope with farms surrounding it on all sides. The land is good, but there is no reliable natural source of water. Winter rain water is collected in cisterns to be used during the dry summer. There is no electricity, but there are a few kerosene pressure lamps on some of the street corners. A paved road leads into the edge of the town from the near-by city of Irbid, about five miles away; but none of the town's streets are paved.

We visited several homes and every-



where received a warm reception. Our first stop was in the home of the Arab doctor. We discovered that the one missionary in the village, an elderly English lady, was also visiting there at that time. She expressed El Husn's need for medical help as she told how many people came to her

for medical attention and how she was unable to assist them except to send them to the city five miles away.

Next we visited the home of a Greek Orthodox priest; then the home of one of the town's elders, who says he is ninety-nine years old; and then the home of a town councilman. In each of these, after the usual hospitality, including the serving of a small cup of bitter Arabic coffee, we heard the voice of welcome to El Husn.

The last home visited was that of the Anglican pastor. He has been connected with missionary work all his life and is well acquainted with the work we would be bringing to his town. He expressed himself by saying that he would not only welcome

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This Arab of today is very much like a picture from New Testament times.

DEBBIN

By Virginia Cobb

THE first glimpse of these few nondescript mud houses might not arouse any thought of open doors or great possibility for a Christian witness. But a more thorough investigation reveals a unique opportunity and an altogether welcome one.

Debbin is a nominally Christian village surrounded by five or six Moslem villages within easy walking distance. Its people came from Syria a generation ago as refugees from religious persecution and found this deserted village high on a mountainside in a lovely forested spot of north Jordan.

Their church had been Greek Orthodox; but in Debbin there was no priest to minister to them or to be their spiritual leader. Then one day an elderly man walked into their midst from Ajloun, just over the mountain. He was Qacees (Pastor) Isbeer, an Arab brought up in an evangelical orphanage in Palestine.

Though he had a school and preaching point in Ajloun, he was touched by the need of the Debbin people and agreed to help them. He opened a tiny one-room school for them and visited frequently, walking like a legendary saint through rain and cold to reach them.

Qacees Isbeer passed away and his work was taken over by English missionaries who had started a hospital in Ajloun. A young Arab girl from Ajloun went to teach in the school. She made sure that the children learned cleanliness and the Bible along with their Arabic and arithmetic.

Sometimes she was able to ride a donkey from her home to Debbin when she went for supplies of olives and bread; but often she, too, had to walk. For nine years she alone was the Christian witness in the isolated place, holding services every Sunday and teaching the children under her care.

Two and one-half years ago the Ajloun hospital, and with it the Debbin school, was turned over to South-

ern Baptists. Baptist missionaries, looking over this rather dubious bit of their "inheritance," discovered with joy that children from several of the surrounding villages attended the school.

A Christian school might never be permitted in an all-Moslem town; but, safely nestled in Debbin, it can attract children from many of such villages where schools are too few and overcrowded. Pleased one villager from Debbin, "Over in Ajloun, you have lots of people, but we here are like the lost sheep on the mountainside. Didn't Jesus say you should help the lost sheep?"

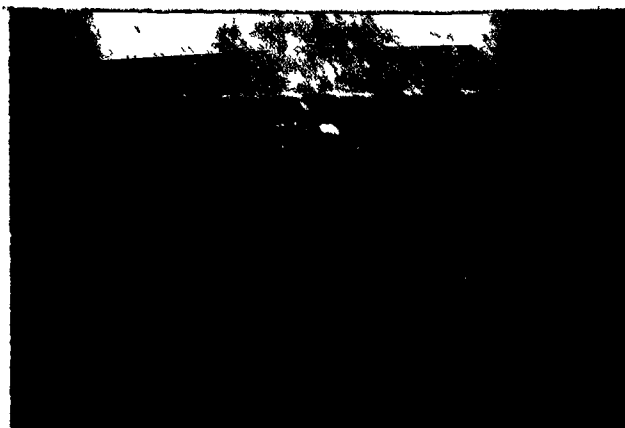
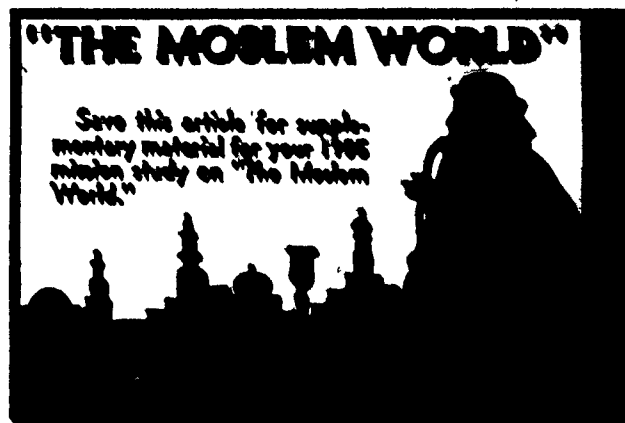
Last summer, through the generosity of you at home, two new rooms were added to the old one, the mud roof was replaced by cement, and other improvements were made. The old room became a teacher's home, and the school became two rooms instead of one—a 100 per cent improvement!

The Lord marvelously provided a fine Christian man, with many years of experience and an earnest desire to witness, to be head of the school and a young man, a former student of the school, to help him.

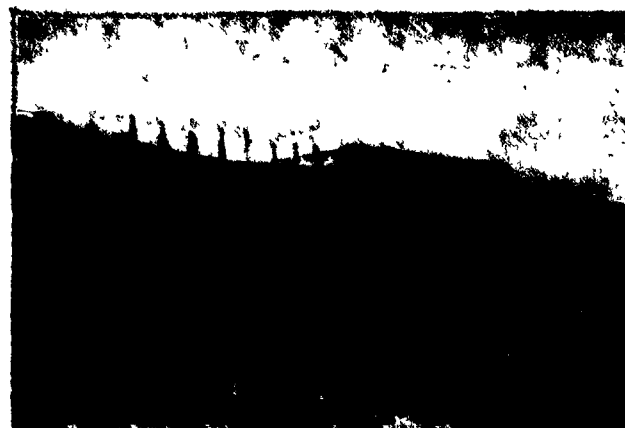
Now when you enter the village you immediately see the little stone school. Inside are new desks and blackboards, maps, and books; and the two teachers are busy with thirty-five children from five different villages, studying in classes from kindergarten through fifth grade.

There are Sunday school, preaching services, and a men's Bible class on Sunday and a Bible class for women during the week. Visits are being made regularly to neighboring towns and opportunities are opening to speak of Christ and his love for all.

"A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." Debbin is high on the hillside. God willing, its light shall not be hid but shall reach into many hearts and many homes, for it is the light of Christ.



The Debbin school, last year.



People inspect new rooms being added.



The new building on the left.



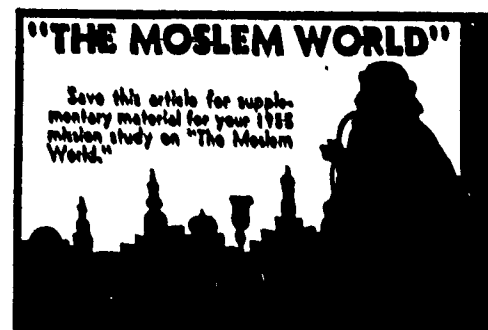
Two new men teachers with children.



An Arab of the hills drinking from an itrak.

BEYOND JORDAN

Ajloun, Jordan—where Southern Baptists have missionaries serving in a hospital, a school, and a church—is located in the heart of Gilead of the Old Testament. In the days of Christ the entire area was known as Decapolis, or the Ten Cities. We read from the New Testament: "There followed him great multitudes of people . . . from Decapolis . . . and from beyond Jordan." Through their missionaries and money Southern Baptists are witnessing of this same Christ through healing, teaching, and preaching in this part of "The Moslem World."



Panorama of the village of Ajloun, Jordan.



In front of the Ajloun Baptist Church after the morning worship.

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Nursery class in the Ajloun Baptist Church.



Pastor Julius Delleh (right), of the Ajloun Baptist Church, visits a home.



Morning worship at the Ajloun Baptist Church—Pastor Delleh presiding; Missionary Doctor L. August Levegren at the organ.

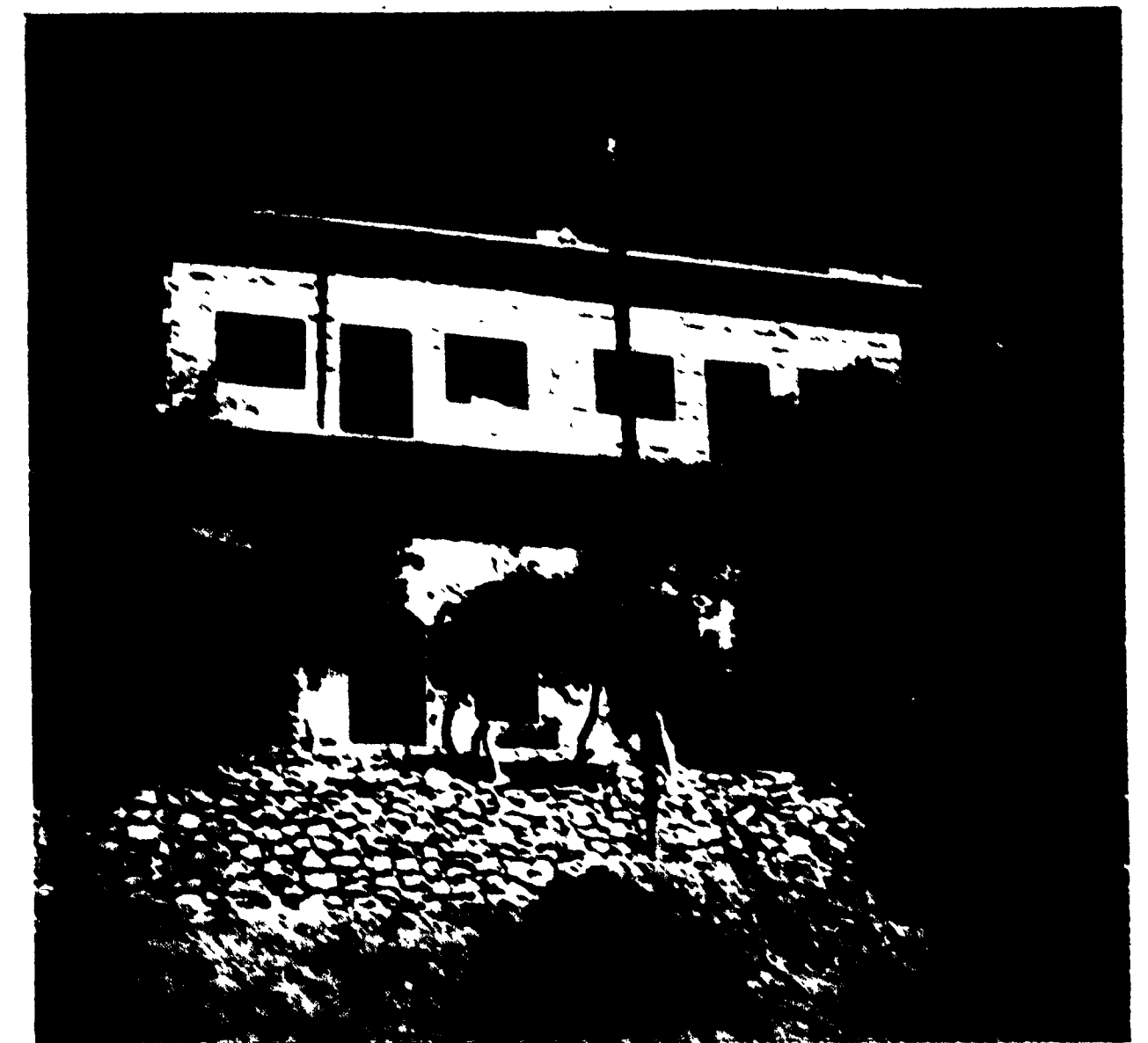




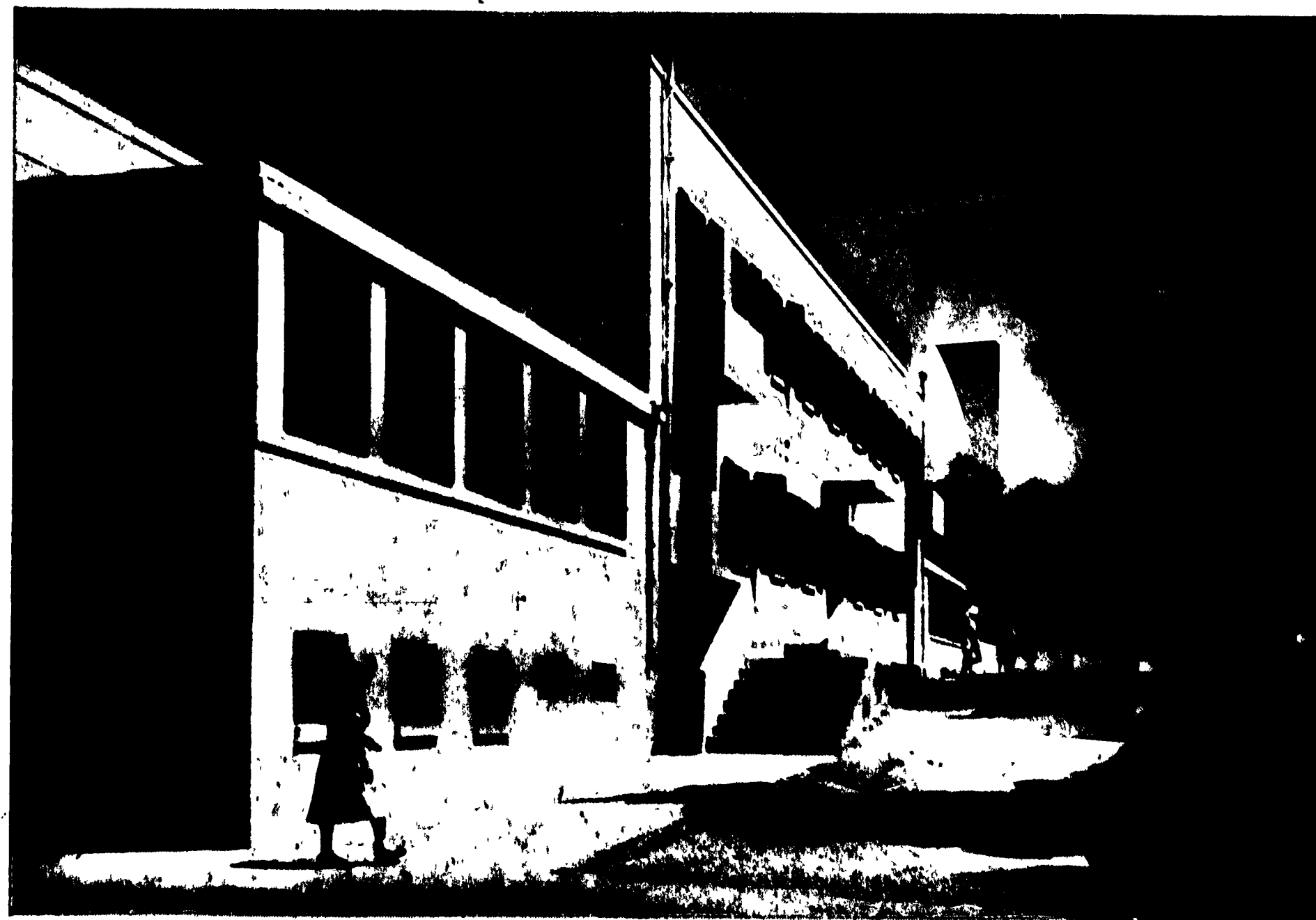
Dr. and Mrs. Lovegren with patients
at gate of Baptist Mission Compound.



Entrance to the Nurses' Home of Baptist Hospital, Ajloun, Jordan.



Building of the Baptist school, Ajloun, Jordan.



Baptist Hospital, Ajloun, Jordan.



Patients registering at the clinic of the Baptist Hospital, Jordan.

EDITORIALS

Business as Usual

The more one knows missionaries, the more he is inclined to pay them sincere tributes of respect. They face crisis after crisis without giving up in despair. The crises come rather close when they involve the well-being of one's own family.

Despite a series of political upheavals in several Latin American countries, the missionaries have maintained a "business as usual" attitude toward what was happening. In Guatemala, a curfew was imposed. Tanks patrolled the streets, and fighter planes roared through the skies. None of these developments kept the missionaries from going ahead with their work. As a matter of fact, they largely ignored the tanks and planes. So did the Guatemalans.

San José, Costa Rica, was strafed from the air during its brief war against rebel invaders. Mr. and Mrs. Van Earl Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Bryan, our permanent missionaries to Costa Rica, have nothing but praise for fourteen recent appointees who are enrolled in language school in San José. Not a single one of them missed language school on the day of the strafing.

Add to political upheavals the petty annoyances related to living and working in a strange land, and the result is far from ideal. Moreover, every family has its share of sicknesses and injuries. As a matter of fact, the contribution made by "missionary kids" to the work of their parents is often quite large.

The missionaries' cups of woe may be full to overflowing, but they accept the bitter with the sweet and go right on. They know why they are on the mission field—in answer to a clear call from God. In co-operating with God's eternal purpose, they have found that the ultimate objective must be kept constantly in view. So, it's "business as usual" with them.

The people in the churches have much to learn from their missionary representatives at this point. If the missionaries can keep at the task under discouraging conditions, those of us who live under much more desirable circumstances should do equally as well.

Back-yard Quarrel?

Some citizens of the United States were not convinced that Guatemala was being dominated by the Communist ideology before the government of Castillo Armas came to power. They looked upon what happened there as being a "back-yard quarrel" between neighbors who were not at all sure just what the squabble was all about.

The writer visited Guatemala recently. He was taken to the basement of the chief government building by one of our missionaries. There he saw a mammoth display of Communist propaganda. The government had seized vast quantities of such materials as it came to power.

Literally hundreds and thousands of books, magazines, and pamphlets were on display. Some had been published on the national presses, and some had been smuggled into the country in uncanny ways. Films, pictures, and Communist documents were exhibited with telling force. So also was correspondence between ex-government officials and Communist leaders. Perhaps the most unforgettable part of the exhibit was composed of photographs showing the aftermath of atrocities committed against those who had dared to oppose Communism. They were not pretty pictures.

What happened in Guatemala was more than just a "back-yard quarrel" between neighbors. Fortunately, one of the nearest Communist approaches to the United States was thwarted in time to avoid more serious consequences.

Ridgecrest and Glorieta

The Foreign Missions Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta will be held June 30-July 6 and July 28-August 3, respectively. Contrary to the usual procedure in former years, Ridgecrest will come first this time, to be followed three weeks later by Glorieta.

It has been seriously suggested that, since the Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance is meeting in London in mid-July, the two Foreign Missions Conferences should be postponed until next year. After careful consideration, however, the Board's staff believes these two important conferences should be held as usual.

Not nearly all of our people will be attending the London meeting. A good many regularly spend their vacations in attendance upon one of the Foreign Missions Conferences. Missionary interest and enthusiasm can hardly be maintained on an "off again, on again" basis.

The missionaries now at home on furlough are eager for the conferences to be held as scheduled. They look forward to the one conference they can attend during infrequent furloughs with eager anticipation. Moreover, the missionaries are chiefly responsible for the success of the conferences. Since they cannot go to London, except in very exceptional cases, it would be a mistake to deprive them and our people of unnumbered blessings.

Dr. Rogers M. Smith, associate secretary for promotion, is responsible for planning, promoting, and directing the two Foreign Missions Conferences. His plans are shaping up rapidly, and there is every prospect that this year's programs will measure up to previous outstanding programs in every respect.

Requests for reservations should be addressed now to Mr. Willard K. Weeks, manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, or Mr. E. A. Herron, manager, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico.

Evangelistic Crusades

The Southern Baptist Convention is in the midst of another series of evangelistic crusades. If the present effort is as productive of spiritual results as former campaigns have been, we shall have much for which to thank God.

The fundamental purpose for which our churches exist is to make and baptize disciples. Once won, they must be nurtured in the faith of the New Testament and led along to the point at which they will be willing to assume personal responsibilities in kingdom service.

That is also the fundamental purpose for which churches exist on the mission fields. Missionary success must always be measured in terms of people saved by grace through faith in our risen Lord. The churches which are the products of mission endeavors do an excellent job at the task of winning others. Small in membership, in most instances, they nevertheless frequently outstrip the churches at home in the ratio of church members to baptisms.

Special circumstances arise, of course, in which churches both at home and abroad pass through lean seasons. Baptisms become fewer due to loss of spiritual power, lack of concern, open persecution, or preoccupation with other things.

The evangelistic crusades come along to shake us out of our lethargy and give us a new perspective. They remind us that seeking and winning the lost is the most important business to which any Christian can put his hand. Let us pray for a mighty outpouring of divine power during these weeks.

Secretarial Visit

As this is being written, the Board's Latin American secretary is seated in a hotel room in La Paz, Bolivia. He is looking back over the first four weeks of a projected ten weeks' tour and suffering from "altitude sickness" in a city whose airport, the highest commercial airport in the world, is located at 13,400 feet.

Behind are unforgettable days of fellowship and work with our missionaries in the Spanish Baptist Publishing House (El Paso), Mexico, Guatemala-

Honduras, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. Ahead are similar experiences with the missionaries in Chile, Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay, South Brazil, North Brazil, Equatorial Brazil, Jamaica, and the Bahamas.

The purpose of the trip is to confer with members of Mission executive committees and to receive orientation from them on four important matters: (1) the present status of the work, (2) the 1955 budget and financial needs, (3) personnel problems and needs, and (4) future plans. In the smaller Missions, all the missionaries have been present for the conferences.

It is imperative for any regional secretary to get the over-all prospective of his total area before coming to grips with situations in specific countries. Accordingly, the Mission executive committees were forewarned not to expect spur-of-the-moment, far-reaching decisions and commitments.

Current impressions are being weighed over against impressions formed on earlier journeys through Mexico and Guatemala in 1948 and around the South American continent in 1949. An amazing amount of progress has been made in six or seven years. Then, we had no missionaries in Honduras, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Jamaica, and the Bahamas. Property had not been acquired for the hospital in Guadalajara, Mexico; and the hospital building in Barranquilla, Colombia, had not yet been constructed. Significant strides forward in theological education have been taken in Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Argentina, South Brazil, North Brazil, and the Bahamas.

Two problems are very much in evidence in all these Missions: (1) too few missionaries, and (2) too little money. If the people in the churches could see the situation at first hand they would do something about these dire needs.

Since 1948, Latin America has been reinforced by 224 missionaries, the total staff now numbering 395. To see them at their work is to praise God continually for calling, leading, and preparing them. They are urgently in need, however, of further reinforcements. The Latin American staff should number not less than six hundred missionaries in the next six or seven years.

Dr. Everett Gill, Jr.'s share in all this recent progress is evident on every hand. He was so completely devoted to the missionaries and Latin America that the missionaries still occasionally address his successor with Dr. Gill's name. They miss him sorely but are facing the future with steadfast faith and hope.

Secretarial visits are hard work. They are taxing and demanding from early in the morning until late at night. Even after going to bed, sleep does not always come very readily. But these visits are tremendously worth while. They are worth all they cost in physical exertion and money. This is the Lord's business, and it deserves our best service and devotion.

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

At Headquarters

Ten Million in 1954

The Foreign Mission Board received a total of \$10,137,532.90 from all sources in 1954, an increase of \$936,472.07 over 1953 income. Executive Secretary Baker James Cauthen pointed out that this is still less than five cents of each dollar given through Southern Baptist churches.

"Total gifts through the churches amounted to \$305,573,654 in 1954," he said. "If only five cents of each dollar given in the churches had been made available for mission work beyond this country, there would have been a total of more than \$15,000,000. And if a tithe of all that is given in the churches were used to make Christ known among the millions outside our country it would bring increased blessings throughout the world and strengthen our work at home."

Buildings and Equipment

At its February meeting, the Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$57,000 for the erection of four church buildings in Japan; \$14,000 for the purchase of land and erection of chapels on Formosa; and \$10,000 for a building at the Baptist Assembly at Hong Kong.

Of \$45,500 appropriated for Nigeria and the Gold Coast, the following were included: additional on a missionary residence, Lagos, Nigeria; missionary residence, Kumasi, Gold Coast; missionary residence, Ogoja, Nigeria; Sunday school worker's residence, Ibadan, Nigeria; and a church building, Oshogbo, Nigeria.

For Southern Rhodesia, \$17,600 was made available for a classroom building at Rimuka; a hospital nurses' home, Sanyati; and church buildings at the Government Settlement, Gwelo, at Bulawayo, and at Selukwe.

Five thousand dollars will be applied on the erection of a church building, Ajloun, Jordan.

Relief Needs

Dr. George W. Sadler, chairman of the Southern Baptist relief committee, has re-emphasized the need for replenishing the relief fund. Almost all money on hand was appropriated at a January meeting of the committee; and many needs continue.

The relief program is financed by special gifts from individuals and churches. Money for this purpose should be addressed to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va., and should be clearly marked for relief.

Foreign Missions Conferences

"Expect-Attempt-Advance!" is the theme of the 1955 Foreign Missions Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta. The Ridgecrest Conference will be held simultaneously with the Brotherhood and Writers' Conferences, June 30 through July 6. The Glorieta Conference will be held simultaneously with the Brotherhood Conference, July 28-August 3.

For Ridgecrest reservations write to Manager Willard K. Weeks, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C. For Glorieta reservations write to Manager E. A. Herron, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M.

Recruitment Film

Fon H. Scofield, Jr., associate secretary for audio-visual aids, reports that a dramatic film presenting the idea of young people considering the dedica-

tion of life to foreign mission service will be produced by Family Films of Hollywood, Calif., and will be ready for release on September 1. The film will run 25 minutes and will be in black and white. Professional actors will be used throughout.

Colombia

Victor C. Martínez was elected president of the Colombian Baptist Convention for the third time at its fourth annual meeting held in Barranquilla in January.

Fifty-eight messengers from the 16 churches attended. In keeping with the theme, "Every Believer Winning at Least One Soul for Christ," evangelistic services were held every night in the four Baptist churches in Barranquilla.

Each church gives one-tenth of its income as the minimum contribution to the denominational program. Among this year's additions to the all-inclusive Cooperative Program are a promoter of evangelism, a promoter of stewardship, and a committee to promote religious education.

The Home Mission Board of the Colombian Convention, already helping two small churches, made plans to give some support to a newly developing work and considered another long-range project. The Foreign Mission Board is allowing its funds to accumulate in order to be ready to send the first volunteer to another country.

Korea

The Eighth United States Army in Korea terminated all logistical help to U. S. civilians on March 31. This includes Army post office privileges and means that Southern Baptist missionaries can no longer use A.P.O. addresses.

Address mail as follows:

Rev. and Mrs. John A. Abernathy: Baptist Mission Headquarters, 55 5-Ka Choong Moo Ro, Seoul, Korea.

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel B. Ray: Baptist Mission, 190-31 Shin Hung Dong, Taejon, Korea.

Rev. and Mrs. Theodore H. Dowell: Baptist Mission, 357 Sun Hwa Dong, Taejon, Korea.

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Parker, Rev.



Memorial Baptist Church, Seoul, Korea: "In memory of Baptist chaplains and men who served and laid down their lives in Korea." The building was erected largely with gifts from Southern Baptist chaplains and servicemen in Korea.

and Mrs. Rex Ray, and Dr. A. W. Yocum: Baptist Mission, P. O. Box 35, Pusan, Korea.

Miss Irene Brnum, Miss Ruby Wheat, and Miss Lucy Wright: Baptist Mission, P. O. Box 76, Pusan, Korea.

All relief packages should be sent to Rev. Rex Ray, Baptist Mission, P. O. Box 35, Pusan, Korea. All money for relief in Korea should be sent to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va.

Latin America

Rio Publishing House

Dr. Edgar F. Hallock, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary, has been made director of the Baptist Publishing House, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, by the unanimous vote of the Brazilian Baptist Sunday School Board. He succeeds Missionary T. B. Stover, who died May 11, 1954.

Statistics on the Publishing House for 1953 show that in the book section 28 titles were published with 229,008 editions; 19 pamphlets with 75,214 editions; 97 tracts with 595,200 editions; 48 quarterlies with 646,150 editions; 53 issues of the weekly Baptist journal, *O Jornal Batista*, with a total of 466,075 copies; and a number of other magazines, papers, and miscellaneous publications.

Spanish Publishing House

New records were made in every department of the Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex., during 1954. Book production went beyond 100,000 copies as compared with 71,200 copies in 1953. Periodicals have increased to 15 in number with a total circulation of 490,900 pieces as compared to 431,600 in 1953. Almost 3,000,000 tracts were printed.

Record books and cards, offering envelopes, maps, choral music, vacation Bible school materials, Standards of Excellence, study course diplomas and seals, certificates, and other church supplies are provided through the Publishing House.

The Spanish Publishing House now serves 35 countries throughout the world.

Philippines

Twice the people of Mati, town on the eastern shore of the island of Mindanao, in the Philippines, where the small Baptist hospital is located,

have petitioned the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to send evangelistic as well as medical personnel.

The first petition, signed by 52 leading citizens of Mati, came to the Board several months before the hospital was dedicated and opened in March, 1954. Rev. and Mrs. Ted O. Badger, appointed by the Board in December, 1953, went to Mati, helped in the organization of the small Baptist church, and served until last fall when the Philippine Baptist Mission transferred them to Manila to do publication work.

The second petition, signed by members of the Mati Baptist Church, expresses appreciation and love for Mr. and Mrs. Badger and stresses the fact that there is now "a void in this part of the Philippines."

Southern Baptists still do not have a doctor at Mati. The work is directed by three nurses, Miss Virginia Miles, Miss Thelma Williams (recently arrived), and Miss Victoria Parsons (now in the States on furlough).

Dr. Baker James Cauthen expressed hope that soon there will be a medical couple and an evangelistic couple volunteering from the ranks of Southern Baptists to serve in Mati.

Switzerland

The following paragraph on "The

Significance of Ruschlikon" appeared in the editorial columns of *The Baptist Times*, of London:

"It requires little imagination to picture the effect on Baptist work in Europe of the educational work carried on in the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon/Zurich, Switzerland. The students number 46 and come from Finland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Italy, Russia, Portugal, Germany, Spain, Greece, Lebanon, Indonesia, Sweden, Yugoslavia. I doubt whether any other Baptist institution contains students of so many different nationalities. Twelve married couples occupy the new married students' apartment house.

"With typically American enterprise, President Josef Nordenhaug has arranged for a translation apparatus, which permits simultaneous translation into four languages, to be available for conferences; and this has already proved most effective. Last November some twenty of the students visited the University of Basel and heard lectures by Professors Barth, Cullman, Reicke, and Jaspers.

"Enquiring where the Ruschlikon students settle I found that they are at work in Zurich, Hamburg, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Holland, Finland, Algeria, and Congo Belge. This is not a complete list, but it is enough to

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The new Baptist headquarters building, Ibadan, Nigeria.

"My Most Happiest Day"

By Fay Taylor

ONE of the young men from the Baptist Church in Bandung, Java, Indonesia, said of our recent Baptist Youth Conference, "It was the most wonderful time I ever had. On one of the hills close to Semarang we came together with the presence of God, with his blessings, his care, and his love."

These remarks were taken from a report given after he had returned from the first annual Baptist Youth Conference held in Semarang, November 29 to December 3, 1954.

Yes, it was wonderful that God permitted us to have such a conference with representatives from five mission stations after less than three years of Baptist witness in Indonesia. And it is a miracle that this first conference was held on the campus of one of the newest Baptist seminaries. It opened on October 11, 1954, with twelve students.

In his own English composition another conferee wrote: "But that most happiest day to me was to see all students who have been studying in that seminary since last few months. I heard from them that they have begun to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ publicly."

"Yes, they have been showing themselves as the servants of Lord Jesus Christ. They serve the people in Semarang. And they serve us during the conference, too. We must be thankful to them and we must be proud of them because they have been surrendering their lives to be used in the kingdom of God."

The theme for the week was "Open My Eyes." It was a thrill and a cause for thanksgiving to hear the presidents of the various local youth organizations lead in the morning watch services, speaking, praying, and singing so capably and joyfully. We were especially happy to have Dr. J. Winston Crawley lead in the campfire services each evening.

Rev. Ais Pormes, national pastor in Djakarta, led each day in special messages on soul-winning. Our seminary faculty members, consisting of Dr.



... at morning watch



... in conference



... with prayer partner

and Mrs. Buford L. Nichols and Miss Catherine Walker, were our gracious hosts. Miss Evelyn Schwartz, Dr. Kathleen Jones, and Mrs. S. B. Sears, who serve on the Baptist Youth Committee, prepared for and led this pioneer conference. Miss Wilma Weeks, Rev. Charles P. Cowherd, and Mr. Sears led the discussion periods.

James Liem brought the following impression: He said that for Dr. Crawley it was the first time he'd ever eaten Indonesian food. For Mr. Cowherd it was the first time he'd ever eaten with a fork and spoon together as the Indonesians do. For Dr. Jones it was the first time to eat fried rice with peppery condiments for breakfast.

For me it was the first time to have rice for breakfast, lunch, and supper. All of these are everyday things for him, he said; but it was the first time for him to feed on such spiritual things. May it be just the beginning of many such spiritual feasts.

Miss Oemi Abdurrachman reported that she liked the prayer partner idea especially. Pastor Pormes reported concerning his young people: "They seem to have caught the vision of a wide fellowship amongst the Baptist friends in Indonesia and a desire for service in the Lord's work."

We sang the round, "Make new friends but keep the old; one is silver, the other gold." Mr. Pormes said again, "I, too, found a real blessing there and was able to make many more silver ones and still keep the gold ones."

At the testimonial service several young men and women stood before the group to tell the stories of their conversions and other great experiences with the Lord. One young man from Bali told how difficult it was to decide fully for Christ because he was the first from among his family and relatives to become a Christian. Four young men consecrated their lives to Christ at the closing campfire service.

As we boarded the train early in the morning after the closing of the conference the young people were singing joyously, "I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back."

INDONESIA

By
J. Winston Crawley



INDONESIA offers an outstanding opportunity for Southern Baptist missions. It is one of the new countries of the world, having gained fully recognized independence in 1949. It is dedicated to freedom and presents an open door to Christian missions as never before in its history. God has miraculously brought Southern Baptists formal recognition by the Government which makes possible a full-scale mission program in Indonesia.

The nation is strategically located, and its large population and wealth of resources guarantee a place of importance in the future of Asia. Of all the present mission fields of Southern Baptists, Indonesia is exceeded in population only by Japan, and that very slightly.

Whereas we have under appointment for Japan one hundred missionaries, we have only twenty-two for Indonesia. When we reach our immediate goal of seventy-five, there will still be considerably less than one for each million people (population is 82,000,000 at latest official estimates).

Indonesia has a special challenge also as being the greatest open Moslem field in the world today. The population is nominally 93 per cent Moslem, giving a total Moslem population greater than in any other country except Pakistan. And there is a far more ready response to the gospel than in any other Moslem area. Evangelistic work can be carried on in a way that is impossible in most Moslem lands.

There are in Indonesia perhaps

1,000,000 full communicant members of evangelical churches, most of them resulting from the work of the Dutch state church and similar European missions for several centuries. The greatest number are converts from the pagan tribes of Sumatra and the eastern Indonesian islands.

But the island of Java, with 53,000,000 people, has only about 150,000 communicant evangelical Christians (less than one half of 1 per cent). It is on Java that Southern Baptist work is concentrated.

Indonesia is our newest mission field in the Orient. Our work was begun only three years ago by missionaries transferred from China. At present we have sixteen missionaries located in five stations. An additional six have been appointed, and will soon be on the field for language study.

Djakarta, with a population of about 3,000,000 (more than the ten largest cities of Texas all put together), has only four Southern Baptist missionaries to handle the work of our Mission headquarters office as well as the evangelistic work there. And one of them is in charge of literature production for our entire Indonesian Mission.

THE missionaries are ably assisted in the evangelistic program by the Rev. Ais Pormes, an Indonesian who became a Baptist while in America for Bible school training and returned to his homeland about the time our missionaries began work there.

Surabaya, the second largest city of Indonesia, with nearly a million

people, has three missionaries carrying on an evangelistic program in three languages—Indonesian, Chinese, and English.

Bandung, a city of 750,000 people and our first center of work in Indonesia, has three missionaries. Two of them are responsible for our evangelistic program there, and the third is director of our youth work for all Indonesia in addition to helping in the local church. Also in Bandung is our language school, where students can have an opportunity to witness while they are studying.

Semarang, a city of over 300,000 population, is the location of our seminary, with three missionary teachers and twelve students at present. This is the youngest of all Southern Baptist seminaries, having opened formally in December, 1954. The missionaries and students are engaged in evangelistic work already in two locations in Semarang.

Kediri, with a population of 185,000, is the location of our medical work. A doctor and two nurses are already on the field. A building is being readied for the opening of a clinic in a month or two. And negotiations are in progress for land for a permanent hospital site. By the time the clinic is ready to open, evangelistic work will be begun also by the three women of the medical staff.

After three years in Indonesia, we have two organized churches with approximately 140 members, three other regular chapel programs which should

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EPISTLES

FROM TODAY'S APOSTLES ALL OVER THE WORLD



**Missionary Finds Happiness Which
A World of Money Could Not Buy**

Anna Mae Wollerman
Campo Grande, Mato Grosso, Brazil

I WANT to tell you about Estrela D'Alva (Morning Star), a place where we have a Baptist church and where once a year all the members come horseback and in oxcarts to spend ten days in an encampment.

The church is not built in a town, but right out "in the middle of nowhere" on a huge farm, nestling between hills, in a very pretty, but almost inaccessible (for cars) location. The members all live great distances from the church, so they have built for each family a little rough-poled, thatched-roof hut in which to stay.

We sleep in hammocks, bathe in the creek, eat what the people bring along to cook, and have a wonderful time. This year we had three study courses, a vacation Bible school for the children (around forty of them), preaching services, and hymn singing in the mornings. In the afternoons we had another message and at night my religious filmstrips were shown and evangelistic services held.

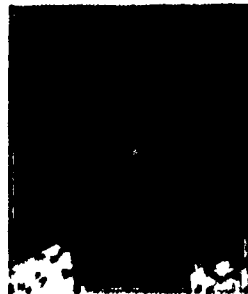
People were saved, six were baptized, and the church greatly revived.

Then I went to Dourados, a town where the Federal Government is establishing a big agricultural colony. Two Baptist churches were organized there during my visit and we are rejoicing over this victory.

From there, I went to Amambai, my home before I came to Campo Grande to substitute for the Glenn M. Bridges who are in the States on furlough. My! how thrilled I was to get back there, and the people seemed as happy as I. The school is going fine with five young women teachers, in spite of the fact that recently a Catholic priest has been sent to Amambai to live and work—his main work being to try and get the people to return to their Catholic faith and take their children out of the Baptist school.

In Amambai one of the newer Christians clasped my hand and said, "I thank God for you and your work, and I want you to know that I am ready and willing to help you in any way that I can to win others. Since I accepted Christ as my Saviour my life has been transformed—not only my spiritual transformation, but my everyday living, my business, my family life, my social life.

This is the reward a missionary receives time and time again, and it is a happiness that all the money in the world cannot buy.



**God Has Provided for Emergencies
In New Hospital, Says Missionary**

Virginia Miles
Mati, Philippines

I WISH you could have heard the prayer of praise and thanksgiving given by Mrs. Pada when she returned to Mati after an absence of several years and found that a Baptist hospital had opened and that worship services were being held every Sunday.

Years ago she had come to Mati to teach in one of the rural schools. Her constant prayer had been that the real Christ—full of love and mercy for his children—might be presented to the seven thousand people of this town.

She gathered together a few interested adults; and together they studied the Bible and prayed that a missionary might come. Finally, years later, Southern Baptists answered that prayer.

I feel that the choice made in coming to Mati was a direct answer to my prayer as well as Mrs. Pada's. I was a member of the medical committee that investigated the island of Mindanao to make recommendations for placement of a hospital. In answer to my prayer for leadership the Lord stilled the rough winds of the ocean so that on the last day of my visit I might be permitted to cross over to the east coast, and, thus, feel that this area was where he would have us come with his power to heal souls and bodies.

It was after much prayer and further travel by other members of the committee that Mati was actually selected. It is the crossroads of the people of the southern section of the east coast of Mindanao.

It is remarkable how God has answered the prayers of those of you back home and the missionaries of the Philippines who have known my own inadequacy and lack of preparation to meet the responsibilities of being director of a newly opened hospital in a community where 99.5 per cent of the people are either Catholic, Moro, or pagan.

God has provided for every emergency. The day before our most serious abdominal stab-wound case arrived, our order for blood-typing sera arrived. A transfusion, along with oxygen, saved this man's life. Blood could be obtained from other parts of the island; but it would have taken at least three days, and the man could not have waited.

I was in Davao City on Thanksgiving Day when I received a telegram from the doctor at the hospital saying that plaster of Paris was needed for an emergency. Al-

though all drug houses were closed and the two hospitals there had such a meager supply they would not lend or sell any, the Lord led me on until I was able to locate one of the salesmen with whom I had earlier placed an order for this plaster.

He left his holiday outing and went to their *bodega* (storeroom) where a new shipment of supplies had arrived from Manila. There he found my order for twelve rolls, which I received just in time to get it on the boat to Mati that night. The rolls arrived the next morning; and the patient's leg was placed in a cast. There had been six rolls on hand at the hospital, and I had sent twelve. The cast took exactly eighteen. The Lord doth provide.

May I lay upon your hearts some of our problems that you might take them to our Lord in prayer. We know that we have managed thus far only through prayer and that through prayer and faith in God every need will be provided.

Pray that a medical missionary couple may soon be found for this work.

Our Baptist church in Mati is beginning to reach the laborers on the large coconut plantations. Pray that we may also reach the rich landowners as well. The church has just lost its missionary pastor, who is transferring to Manila. Pray for a couple to be willing to come and serve in a rural situation.

Pray for our children's work. This is the only Sunday school I know which has more adults than children.

There is much Catholic opposition to both our medical and evangelical work. Please pray that each of us involved will have the love of Christ in our hearts and tongues as we reply to the many inquiries and slanders that come.



**Proud, Religious City Needs
Life-Changing Power of Gospel**

Crea Ridenour
Cali, Colombia

NOW THAT I am living in Cali, Colombia, a city only three degrees and two hundred and fifty miles from the equator, I suppose I should feel far away from you. However, in the words of the apostle Paul, "I have you in my heart," and feel across the miles the impact of your interest and prayers.

Cali, a city of approximately one hundred and sixty thousand people, is situated in a productive valley between two ranges of the Andes. Because of its three-thousand-foot altitude, the climate is temperate. Everywhere there are flowering tulip trees, bougainvillea, cup of gold, towering palms, graceful bamboos, and ornamental plants of all kinds.

Cali is a coffee-marketing center, has rubber and cement industries, is close to rice, sugar, and cattle plantations, and is consequently fast growing and wealthy.

The city was founded in 1536, and its citizens are

proud of their Spanish traditions and culture. Many of them are interested in literature and poetry (every Colombian is a poet, goes the saying), music, sports, politics, and world events and are accustomed to privilege and power.

However, others live under primitive conditions in bamboo and clay huts and wash their clothes on the banks of fast-flowing mountain streams. It is quite common to see Indians down from the Andes, dressed in their tribal costumes, selling herbs and beautiful shawls on the streets.

Cali is a very religious city. On a high hill stands a tremendous statue of *Christo Rey* (Christ the King) with arms outstretched in blessing. To it winds a pilgrim path, marked with little white crosses, which the faithful travel seeking peace with God.

On another hill stand three crosses, spotlighted at night against the dark mountain. Everywhere there are churches, crosses lifted to the sky, bells ringing. Women attend, wearing lovely mantillas, devoutly praying to the virgin Mary and the saints, but leaving with empty hearts. Men give outward allegiance to the traditional religion but do not know the life-changing power of the gospel.

After eight years of Baptist work in Cali there are two organized Baptist churches. First Baptist Church—led by Hugo Ruiz Roca, Colombian graduate of the Cuban Baptist Seminary—meets on a strategic downtown site. It will soon have a new auditorium which will accommodate its growing congregation.

Belalcázar Baptist Church—served by Dr. Hoke Smith, Jr., acting president of the International Baptist Seminary—meets in a little house in a worker's residential section. How I wish you could see the eighty to one hundred who attend Sunday school and other services crammed into that small space! This young congregation will make rapid progress when it is able to have a larger and more suitable building.

The Seminary meets on one floor of the educational building of the First Baptist Church. In addition to Dr. and Mrs. Smith, the faculty is made up of Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Orr, music specialists, Pastor Ruiz, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Welmaker, now on furlough.

At present there are seven students in first- and second-year courses, and also special students in music. These capable, consecrated workers are a source of future strength in the Colombian Baptist work.



**Missionary Doctor Seeks To Reach
Souls of Moslems Through Healing**

Alta Lee (Mrs. L. August) Levegren
Ajloun, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

TODAY (November 9, 1954) is a holiday! It is Mohammed's birthday; therefore, stores are closed and schools are out. There was a program in the village with

numerous speakers extolling the greatness of the Prophet. And there were colored lights around the minaret.

The Baptist women had their usual Monday afternoon meeting with about thirty present. It was a blessed time. We thank God for the increasing interest in his Word in the villages.

The Baptist hospital now operates weekly clinics in four outlying towns which we can reach in thirty minutes to two hours. Dr. Lovegren and I were invited to have dinner in Soof, so I went with the team. A group was awaiting us when we arrived and others came after hearing the car horn.

Soof is divided into two quarters, Moslem and Christian, and the clinic consists of two rented rooms on the main street of the Moslem quarter. The reception room has a curtain across the middle, and the women grouped behind it. The men stood in another corner, and the pharmacist set up medicines in another. The student nurse arranged the examination room.

Water was brought from a fountain more than a kilometer away because there is none in the village. About fifteen people gathered to hear the pharmacist's message about One who loves them and can heal their soul sickness.

After about twenty-five patients had been seen we went to the Moslem home for dinner. The man we visited had two wives—the first is living in a tent caring for the harvesting of the olives; the second prepared the meal. The second wife is nineteen years old, has been married four years, and has no children. She does not know if her husband will (1) bring her to the doctor for treatment, (2) divorce her, or (3) keep her and take a third wife.

We sat on the floor around a large tray of rice topped with chicken and lamb and ate with our fingers, or bread, or spoon. Then followed a serving of pomegranates and bitter coffee. The man is one of the wealthiest in the area, but his soul is impoverished.



Spanish Christian Would Gladly Be Imprisoned For His Saviour

Joseph W. Mefford, Jr.
Valencia, Spain

THE LORD continues to move in a wonderful way in Spain. The churches are growing and souls are being saved. The rejoicing over a newborn church is a marvelous thing to witness.

Last fall we participated in the organization of the first Baptist church at Castellón de la Plana. Under the work and leadership of one of our Spanish Baptist Seminary students, the group there has grown and flourished until the church auditorium was too small even before the church was organized.

I preached there some time ago and, upon the invita-

tion, eight adults, including the owner of the building where we hold services, made professions of faith. The owner had not been very thrilled at the prospect of renting her property to a bunch of evangelicals!

However, through the witness and Christian testimony of the people who regularly gathered there for worship, she came to realize that she was hearing the truth as she had never heard it before, and she began to attend the services. Now she is one of us. This is repeated over and over again here in Spain—only the details differ; the story is the same.

Where Baptist churches are closed in Spain, the story will be this: A great revival will come to each city because the people there and many other Baptists in Spain and elsewhere will be praying harder than ever. The immediate effect of these Catholic persecutions is one of sorrow for the closing of the church; but the long-range effect is that it produces more Christians who are stronger than if they had not had to undergo the persecution.

The work is growing everywhere—that's why Baptist chapels are being closed. But when you close a Baptist church building you only close the building. The church goes on and on and on.

In one of our larger churches, where twenty-two people were fined, an old man—humble and sweetly Christian—told the mayor, who had advised him to renounce his faith if he wanted to keep out of prison: "I am an old man, with not many years left to serve my Lord. But he died for me—I'll just be glad to go to prison for his sake."



Wayside Witness of Missionaries Takes Influence Beyond Churches

Van Earl Hughes
San José, Costa Rica

BAPTIST churches of Costa Rica made progress last year—in attendance, in evangelism, in baptisms, and in education. Also, we have two new churches, organized out of good strong mission points. It is a joy to see these small groups of believers grow and become well-developed Baptist churches.

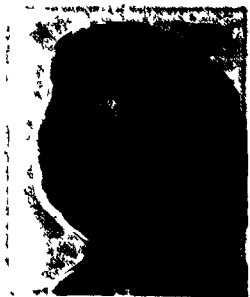
We feel that our influence is reaching further and further each day in various ways. Here are a few examples:

A fine young couple here consulted a leading pediatrician about leaving their two-month-old daughter with someone while the mother was to go to New York for a delicate operation. The doctor quickly replied, "There is only one person with whom I'd leave my little daughter—Waurayne Hughes." Needless to say, my wife and I were soon called upon and now we have had another little "daughter" for three months.

In a private conversation the past-president of Costa Rica mentioned the open opposition to our Baptist work,

both from Catholics and evangelicals. Then he quickly smiled and added, "Yes, they oppose you; but I know personally that they have a deep respect and admiration for you and your work."

Just recently the secretary to the American Ambassador in Costa Rica asked if I'd have the funeral services for a North American friend of ours who passed away quite suddenly. It was a challenging opportunity to witness as I spoke to approximately one hundred and eighty North Americans gathered in our First Baptist Church of San José.



Couple Took Problem To The Lord; Now Praise Him For His Goodness

Ruth Porter
Asunción, Paraguay

"I JUST don't know why the Lord is so good to us," says Mrs. Mesa, "just why he gives us so much."

In looking around the little house you wonder just what she means by "so much." Yet she will tell you right away that the little house is one of the big things included in the "so much."

The house is a rent-free gift from a couple who are not believers. The wife was a pupil of Mrs. Mesa fifteen years ago.

Yesterday morning Mrs. William Skinner, Southern Baptist missionary, was getting ready to go to market when Mrs. Mesa's youngest daughter came with lettuce her mother had sent. In talking with the child, Mrs. Skinner gathered that the family was in need of food and invited the girl to go to market with her.

When Mrs. Mesa met them at the door and saw the basket of food, she choked up, and said, with tears streaming down her face, "An answer to prayer."

Then she went on to explain: "For three months I had been working on three dresses for a lady, accepting no other work until they were finished. Bills continued to pile up at the grocery store; but I didn't worry because I knew the money for this work would take care of them."

"At last the dresses were finished and I delivered them to the lady. The money she gave me for the three dresses was the price of one."

"The only thing I could do was cry. My family was in need of food and I couldn't go back to the grocery store to ask for more."

"I came home and cried and cried until my husband said, 'Don't cry. Let's tell the Lord about it. He has always helped us.'"

"So we prayed about it—and here you are this morning! I just don't know why the Lord gives us so much."

Mrs. Mesa supports a semi-invalid husband and three children on the salary of a retired schoolteacher, fifty *guaranies* (about ninety cents U.S.) a month, plus the little she can get for machine embroidery work.



Doctor Proves God's Promises When Lives Hang Between Life and Death

Milton G. Fort, Jr.
Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia

I SUPPOSE that regardless of how well equipped one might be or how much training he might have, occasions will arise on the mission field in which he has the feeling of being completely inadequate.

Someone has said that "man's limitations are God's opportunities." How true we have found this to be in our medical work in Southern Rhodesia! In every situation our Lord is more than adequate, and how thankful we are that he hears and that he answers all those who call upon him.

Not long ago one of those "ordinary" days began much as usual—a man from one of the *lines* (villages) came to tell us that a woman was very sick, that after being in labor for several days she was not able to have her baby.

We went for her in the power wagon and brought her to the hospital. There we learned the sad details: she had been in labor four days; the membranes had been ruptured more than a day (a sure indication that infection was present; also she had a fever); she was a woman in her thirties who had not been to the clinic for any prenatal care; her father was blind; her mother was an invalid; she had no husband.

This was a case in which the technical details made any sort of decision one that would be contrary to good medical practice. Where can one go? The books are inadequate here—there are no specialists to be consulted. "Lord, give me wisdom; and if it is thy will, spare the life of this mother and her child."

After all was made ready, the entire missionary staff of the hospital prepared to help. As the procedure progressed all were praying silently and working with quiet efficiency. Two lives were hanging in delicate balance between life and death.

Soon it was all over, and the baby was born. But both mother and baby were in critical condition, the mother in shock. We continued to work with all the facilities of modern medicine—out in this place where a few years before there was nothing but the bush and the wild animals and the power of the medicine man.

By morning we knew the mother would live, but her baby could not. And if it had lived it would in all likelihood have been defective. Again we knew that God had helped. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

The mother tells us that she does believe in Jesus. We pray that she will be able to turn from her ways of sin and follow in His steps.

Almost daily we encounter difficult cases with which God helps us. We have found him sufficient.

Missionary Family Album

Arrival from the Field

KNIGHT, Doris L. (Nigeria), Quitman, Ga.

Births

BRADSHAW, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. (Japan), son, Kenneth Allen.

CULPEPPER, Dr. and Mrs. C. L., Jr. (Formosa), daughter, Cathryn.

HEADRICK, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey O. (South Brazil), son, Fred Wayne.

LEE, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt W. (Mexico), son, Nathan Wayne.

LOGAN, Dr. and Mrs. W. Wayne (Nigeria), son, Stephen Wayne.

TENNISON, Mr. and Mrs. Grayson C. (North Brazil), son, James Edward.

Deaths

BRITTON, Mrs. Thomas C., emeritus (China), Feb. 1, Durham, N. C.

PIERSON, P. H., father of A. P. Pierson (Mexico), Feb. 6, Oklahoma City, Okla.

QUARLES, Mrs. L. C., emeritus (Argentina), Feb. 11, Richmond, Va.

Departures to the Field

BITNER, Mr. and Mrs. James H., Casilla 3388, Santiago, Chile.

BRIDGES, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn M., Caixa Postal 78, Campo Grande, Mato Grosso, Brazil.

CAMPBELL, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W., Cipolletti, F.G.N.R., Argentina.

CARROLL, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M., Jr., Ramon Falcon 4080, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

CRANTREE, Mildred, Baptist Girls' School, Agbor, Nigeria, West Africa.

DAVIS, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C., Jr., 211 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii.

HART, Lois, Casilla 1235, Antofagasta, Chile.

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SCANLON, Mr. and Mrs. A. Clark, Apartado 322, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

New Addresses

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BOWDLER, Mr. and Mrs. George A., Sr. (Argentina), Box 30, Liberty, Mo.

BOWLIN, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. (Southern Rhodesia), 4729 Stanley Ave., Ft. Worth, Tex.

BRANUM, Irene, Baptist Hospital, P. O. Box 76, Pusan, Korea.

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In Memoriam

Nannie Sessoms Britton

Born March 6, 1867
Bertie County, North Carolina

Died February 1, 1955
Durham, North Carolina



MRS. THOMAS C. BRITTON served Southern Baptists as a missionary to China for almost forty-six years. She received her education at Chowan Baptist Female Institute, and then served as a schoolteacher for some time before her appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1888.

In China she was stationed in Soochow and Wusih, and was engaged in evangelistic, church development, Bible school, and day school work. She retired from active service January 1, 1934.

She was married to Thomas C. Britton, a native of Northampton County, North Carolina, who died in 1936. They had three children.

Mrs. Britton made her permanent American home in Durham.

Jennie Saunders Quarles

Born January 25, 1887
Caroline County, Virginia

Died February 11, 1955
Richmond, Virginia



MRS. LEMUEL CLEVELAND QUARLES served Southern Baptists in Uruguay and Argentina for forty years before her retirement from active missionary service in 1950. A native of Virginia, she attended Rawlings Institute and the Richmond Conservatory of Music.

She and Mr. Quarles were married September 14, 1910, the same day they were appointed missionaries. They served from 1913 to 1929 as pioneer evangelistic workers in Uruguay, and from then until 1949 were stationed in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where Mrs. Quarles taught piano in the Baptist seminary and other Baptist institutions.

Mr. and Mrs. Quarles had lived since their retirement in a suburb of Richmond, Virginia.



THE WORLD IN BOOKS

Genevieve Glee

Any book mentioned may be had from the Baptist Book Store serving your state.

World Understanding

The Meeting of East and West, by F. S. C. Northrop (Macmillan, \$7.50), is a study in the philosophy of culture. Its subtitle, *An Inquiry Concerning World Understanding*, suggests what it really is—an analysis of the ideological conflicts of the contemporary world. The main thesis of the book is that the traditionally alien cultures of the Orient and the Occident are meeting; and that the working out of this meeting so that the values of each civilization complement and reinforce rather than combat and destroy those of the other is the chief task of the epoch just ahead.

Professor Northrop's extraordinary gift of intellectual imagination and his wide range of information recommend the book to social scientists, artists, philosophers, and to all who are interested in the basic issues of national and international policy; but it is difficult reading for the layman and is recommended only for those who want to stretch the mind.

The book will help those concerned with the foreign mission undertaking to a deeper understanding and appreciation of other cultures.

India

Next to an actual trip to India is an interesting report of an extended tour by a keen observer. Dorothy Clarke Wilson's book, *Fly With Me to India* (Abingdon Press, \$2.00), is such a report. She has the knack of making her reader feel that he has made a visit to India, too. She made her trip for the Methodist Board of Missions and the Woman's Division of Christian Service on Missions and has an appreciation for missionaries and their work and for the nationals who work with them. Her reader feels the urgency of making India a Christian nation. Vivid descriptions reveal the smell as well as the scenes of the country, and her loving descriptions of the people make one feel a kinship with them.

Brother Africa

"Looking for blood ties between the American Negro and his African brother," Era Bell Thompson, an American Negro woman, went to Africa in 1953. She relates her experiences in *Africa, Land of My Fathers* (Doubleday and Company, \$3.75). Experienced in journalistic writing, she knows how to make a travel story informing, interesting, and

easy to read. Beginning in Liberia and ending in Egypt, her trip covered the western, southern, and eastern sections of the continent. Southern Baptists will be particularly interested in her chapters on Nigeria, the Gold Coast, and Southern Rhodesia, countries in which their missionaries are located, and in her encounters with race prejudice—even among a few missionaries.

Little Hero of Mexico

Pablo, the "hero" in *Hat for a Hero* (Albert Whitman and Company, \$2.75), is an engaging little Tarascan Indian boy whose home is in a fishing village on an island in Lake Pátzcuaro, Mexico. Pablo wanted a man-style hat very much, but first he had to prove himself worthy of wearing one.

Pictures painted by the author on the scene appear on each page, alternating brightly colored pages with black and white pictures. It is a book to please both the ear and the eye of the small child.

Crusaders in Jerusalem

Jerusalem during the second Crusade is the background for *Sing, Morning Star* (E. P. Dutton and Company, \$2.50), by Elizabeth Bleecker Meigs. Its setting is the court of young Baldwin IV, king of Jerusalem. Writing for the Intermediate age group, the author has wisely played up the king's romance. But the characters never really come to life, and the story lacks fire and enthusiasm. It does give the reader some idea of the good and the bad motivations behind the Crusades.

Japanese At Work

A colorful picture book for small children, *Plenty to Watch* (Viking Press, \$2.50), by Mitsu and Taro Yashima, presents the working people of Japan—in village shops and on the farms. The brief text explaining the pictures follows a Japanese boy and his schoolmates as they walk home from school, watching life about them with observant eyes.

This is another book that tells the authors' little girl what her father did when he was little and lived in Japan. The first book, *The Village Tree* published in 1953, told about Japanese children at play. The Yashimas now live in the United States.

A Baptist "Greatheart"

James Henry Rushbrooke (Carey Kingsgate Press, London, 5/d), one of the lead-

ers in creating the Baptist World Alliance, is the subject of a biography by E. A. Payne. The brief life story of the great Baptist "Greatheart," as the author calls him, will be welcomed by friends of missions around the world.

Children's India

Augsburg Publishing House (Minneapolis) has an attractive trio of books about India for small children.

India Missionary Color Book (25 cents), by Dorothy Divers, is a story-book with accompanying pictures to be colored. The story is about a little boy of India, his village, his family, their activities, and their meeting with a missionary.

Kamla's Good Day (25 cents), by Gertrude Dolderlein, is a picture book in three colors. The pictures are cartoon-like drawings. The story relates the adventures of a little girl of India when she set out to deliver a bracelet her father had cleaned. Through her adventures, children may see something of what India is like and what missionaries do there. The text and ideas are simple and uncomplicated enough to be easily grasped.

Bamu (15 cents), by Constance and Andrew Burgess, is a small booklet with fourteen pictures in two colors, each with a facing page of text. The story tells of a little boy of India whose parents, when he became sick, tried unsuccessfully to get all their gods to make him well. They found a mission hospital where the doctors helped him get well and told the family of the Saviour. A page at the back has suggestions for things to do.

Games

Mission study leaders will certainly want on the reference shelf *Games of Many Nations* (Abingdon Press, \$1.95), by E. O. Harbin, author of the well-known *Fun Encyclopedia*.

The one hundred and forty-nine games from twenty-eight nations include games from sixteen nations in which Southern Baptist missionaries are working. They include active and quiet games, for few and many players, for everybody and every occasion. Alphabetical arrangement of games by nations and an index make this an especially handy book. However, the games are not graded by age groups.

Books in Brief

Congo Background, by G. J. M. Pearce (Carey Kingsgate Press, London, 4/6d), is an English missionary's account of the English Baptist Missionary Society's mission fields in the Congo; he divides his discussion into three parts—the country, the people, and the mission.

Three new religious plays (Walter H. (Please turn to page 30))



NOW—Low Cost Visual Aids

We can now make a most significant announcement concerning visual aids. Effective May 1, a new price schedule goes into effect which should enable every organization of every church, and every associational program, to make wide use of all Foreign Mission Board film releases.

The response of the churches to this new schedule will determine future policy. Foreign Board materials are prepared for use in the churches and every effort has been made to provide materials at a minimum cost. Now, additional subsidies are being made to determine how the lowest possible costs will affect utilization. If utilization increases materially we can expect additional releases to be made on the service charge basis.

Motion Pictures

Rental fees are being removed from twelve kodachrome motion pictures. These will be released as usual through the Baptist Book Stores. A service charge of \$2.00 for a single use will be made by the store to cover booking and handling expenses. The service charge will be increased to \$3.00 for a week's use and to \$5.00 for a month's use.

The following films are involved in this new arrangement: *Advance in Africa*, *Advance in Aloha Land*, *Advance in South Brazil*, *Ambassadors of the King*, *Day of March*, *Gateway to Europe*, *Handmaidens of the King*, *Hawaii Today*, *In the Circle of His Will*, *New Day for Paulo*, *Of Such Is the Kingdom*, and *They That Were Scattered Abroad*.

Three films now in release remain under the present pattern of prices: *Corrente*, *Yet Shall They Live*, and *Empty Shoes*.

Films to be released in 1955 will also remain under the present schedule. *Empty Shoes* rents for \$10.00; the others listed above rent for \$5.00 for single uses. Weekly rates are two and one-half times the daily rate.

Kodachrome Filmstrips

All kodachrome filmstrips, including 1955 releases, will be reduced to \$3.50 with manuals. Recordings are reduced to \$2.50. Filmstrips are released through the Baptist Book Stores and on a sale basis only.

Kodachrome Slides

A completely new library of slides is being released through the Baptist Book Stores. The first section will cover background and mission activities in the Near East and will be in the stores by midsummer. Other areas will follow as rapidly as they can be prepared.

Each slide will be in a cardboard mount with information as to country, photographer, and subject printed on the mount. Slides may be purchased individually or in groups at the following prices: one to nine, 50 cents each; ten or more, 40 cents each.

Mailing List

For the first time a mailing list is being compiled. Regular items of information concerning Foreign Mission Board releases in the visual field will go out to everyone listed. Send us your name and address if you would like to be included.

More Than Lip Service

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the medical work of our Baptist Mission there, but would go on to say that it is very much needed and that he is willing to help us particularly if there should be any opposition to our coming.

He said that too many missions come to his land with just "talk," telling the people what is wrong with them but that this will not win the people for they have developed their logic through the centuries. They will say that their religion is just as good as yours. But when hospitals and

schools are brought, the people see the lives of the missionary and his followers and they realize that there is more to Christianity than just lip service.

We left this town of El Husn impressed with the need, yet knowing that it will be several months before we can consider beginning work there, and that even then our help will be little compared with the need of the people, and that their need is duplicated by hundreds of other villages all over Jordan. Our parting words could only be, "If God wills, we shall return."

Books

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Baker Co., Boston) that church groups should find useful are: *The Divine Miracle*, an Easter play in one act, by Ormal B. Trick (50 cents), in which an artist blinded in the last war sees a vision of the resurrection; *The Willing Spirit*, a play of stewardship in one act, by Nellie A. Holt (50 cents), so written that church groups may use local names for the church and its organizations; and *He Knew the Master*, a religious play in three acts, by Avon Knox (75 cents), which uses the story of Stephen between the time of the crucifixion and his death by stoning.

The Treasury of the Kingdom (Oxford University Press, \$3.50), compiled by E. A. Blackburn, excellent for inspirational reading or for reference in inspirational messages, contains poems, essays, and excerpts from longer writings by or about "servants of the kingdom."

Teaching Juniors, by Faye DeBeek Flynt (Judson Press), American Baptists' new study book for teachers in the Junior Department of the Sunday school, has six chapters that discuss the Junior, how he learns, how to teach him, the lesson materials, the home and community, how to be a better teacher.

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Meditations of a Missionary Father

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tucky, with the first wonders of television. During that furlough year, Lanny carried a paper route in Greenville, South Carolina, and Louis made his first long trip alone. The S.S. *Uruguay* from New York to Buenos Aires with its swimming pool and other delights added its influence to their lives.

We've driven over Argentina, attended the Baptist Convention in Rosario, spent days in the Córdoba hills and learned something of the interior of that beautiful country. Just recently, the two boys and their Daddy made an unforgettable trip by car following the Paraguay River down to Corrientes, then the Paraná River up to the famous Iguazú Falls, where Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay meet. To top off the whole list, the boys flew the long pass of the Andes, crossing Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Panama, and Cuba, to Miami. They've learned a lot about geography firsthand.

Then they've been missionaries, too. Even as little fellows in the early years in Montevideo and Salto they helped open the doors to hearts. The Uruguayans love children and little blond ones are so rare as to attract much attention.

In the Sunday school, Royal Ambassador chapters, and Young People's work they've had their share. Lanny made his first long trip alone to attend the World Baptist Youth Conference in Rio de Janeiro. They have both been active church members in the First Baptist Church, Asunción, these last three years.

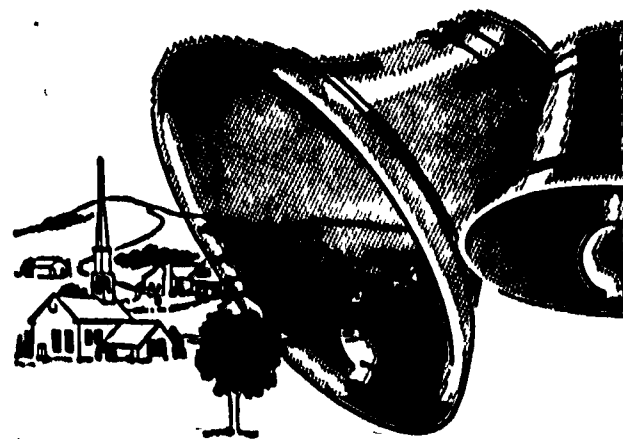
The education they have received has been enhanced by an interesting array of international friendships. They have brought home Italian, Spanish, Swiss, Russian, Polish, Argentine, French, English, Brazilian, and Jewish, as well as North American, friends.

Their Paraguayan friends are many, among both the church and school groups. One year Louis' best friend was the Ambassador's son, the next year, the son of missionaries of another denomination. All their school work has been done in Spanish so that the beautiful "tongue of Cervantes" is a permanent possession.

Through the generous help of the Margaret Fund of Woman's Missionary Union and the Foreign Mission Board, we are enabled to send them on to the States for a good grounding in English high school work before they enter college. Next year we will be united again for a year before we return to continue our work in Paraguay and they remain in the States to continue their preparation for the service the Lord has in store for them.

Our answer is still "yes." God is no man's debtor, and he fills the place we empty for him. These last few weeks, as we prepared the boys for their trip, our hearts were saddened by the thought of the separation. But into the vacancy they left, God in his goodness has poured of his Spirit and joy.

We thank God for his provision in past years and look ahead with confidence and joy to the future. Who knows? He may give them back to us as ambassadors for Christ or send them to even more needy lands. That is our prayer.



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Kindred Minds

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labor around the globe. Each one of us will be better able to bear our witness wherever we may serve because we shall feel in a very personal way that we are workers together with each other and with God, bound by a common faith in one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

When we part it will be with the knowledge that some of us will never see each other again in this world. But just as we were one in the opening roll call as the Congress began, we know we shall meet again "when the roll is called up yonder."

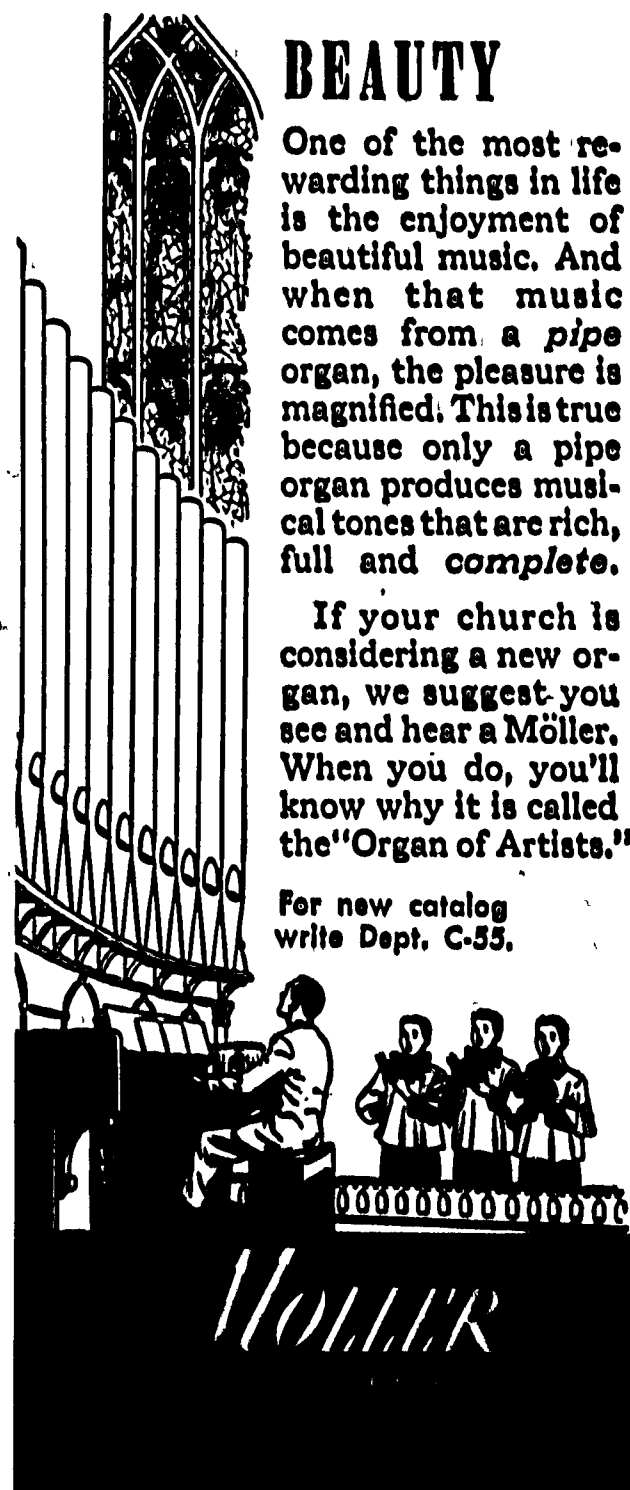
Short of that eternal fellowship in heaven, what a privilege it is on earth to share in such a comradeship as we shall enjoy in London! There we shall learn anew how good it is to be a Christian, how blessed it is to be at one with the Baptists of the world.

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Indonesia

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develop into churches soon, two more mission Sunday schools, and the prospect of a new evangelistic work in Kediri in the near future.

In addition, beginnings have been made in literature production, seminary training, and medical work. When the missionaries recently appointed have completed language study, we will have a staff of five for the seminary, five for medical work, and an additional couple for the evangelistic program in Djakarta (where Mr. W. B. Johnson must give his major time to the Mission office, the responsibilities of Mission treasurer, and negotiations with various Government agencies for approval of visas and permits for land, buildings, and institutions of our Mission).

Obviously the present staff can be only the beginning. There are critical needs for a couple for literature work, a woman for office work, additional personnel for seminary and medical work, a couple for student work, and at least two couples for direct evangelism. These are needed during 1955 if at all possible.

And even this will not enable us to reach out to any new stations on Java—much less enter Sumatra, where a warm welcome has been extended to us; or Bali, with the appeal of its strong Hinduism.

When we consider how God has prepared the way for us in Indonesia and the great open door before us there today, Southern Baptists must feel an inescapable urgency to press through this open door in force and without delay!

Missionary Family Album

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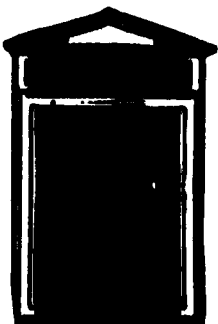
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Foreign Mission News

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indicate the valuable service Ruschlikon is rendering to Baptist work on the continent of Europe and beyond. Dr. Nordenhaug was thinking prophetically when he gave to the new bulletin issued by the seminary the title, 'The Ruschlikon Link.' Already the seminary has begun to link together in the common service many nationalities and traditions."

Lottie Moon Offerings

Spain: The Woman's Missionary Union of Spain voted to send its 1954 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to Korea to be applied on the erection of the new Baptist hospital in Pusan.

Korea: The Foreign Mission Board received a Lottie Moon Offering of \$150 from the Baptist churches of Korea.

Formosa: The women of Grace Baptist Church, Taipei, Formosa, sent a check for \$100 to the Foreign Mission Board. This money, given in a special Christmas offering for foreign missions, amounted to one-third more than the 1953 offering.

Briefly

Brazil: Ninety-five Baptist churches of the state of Pernambuco, Brazil, were represented by 471 messengers at the meeting of the state Baptist convention.

Chile: Five new churches were reported at the meeting of the Chilean Baptist Convention in Santiago in January, bringing the total to 61 and the membership to 6,406.

Thailand: Immanuel Baptist Church, Bangkok, which was one year old in November, has a membership of 57—43 Thai members, 12 Americans, and two Indians.

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If You Ask

By Georgia Mac Ogburn

A WEEK or so ago, as I stood before a large group of women of the Woman's Missionary Union of Chile, giving a report on the progress in the accumulation of funds and the making of plans for the opening of our Baptist Children's Home, I tried to tell them of the greatest need at present—the proper person or persons to direct the Home. I asked them to pray especially for this need, for God has his chosen one and will direct us to that one and that one to us if we pray earnestly and with sufficient faith.

Afterwards I kept thinking about the power of prayer; and, as I have done many times, began thinking of the effect of prayer on my own life.

After I finished high school, I found it impossible to continue my studies; therefore, I went to work in an office while actively participating in the work of my church. In that church was a group of faithful women who wanted God to call out some of the young people for special service.

Thus, they began to pray. Then they began to pray for specific young people. I, though I did not know it, was one of the specific ones.

When I was sent to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly to represent my business girls' Y.W.A., I came to grips with that powerful force, and tried to disregard the definite feeling of a call from God. All through the last night I fought, making one excuse after another; but finally I had to yield.

The next morning I left that mountaintop with a calmness and peace I had not know before; and, yet, I did not understand how I could possibly finance further education.

I returned to my church and gave a report on the conference, telling of my own experience and decision. Then the overjoyed women told me that for two years they had been praying that God would call me into his service; and so sure were they that he would answer their prayers, they had already secured a working scholarship for me in a Baptist college so that I could enter school that fall.

Through all the years since, I have continued to feel the power of prayer in my life—God does answer prayer.

Missionary Quote

Just as completely as I rest a tired body on the bed at night, so I feel in the hands of the God who has prepared and led me to this place.—ANNE DWYER, new missionary to the Near East, in language school in Beirut, Lebanon

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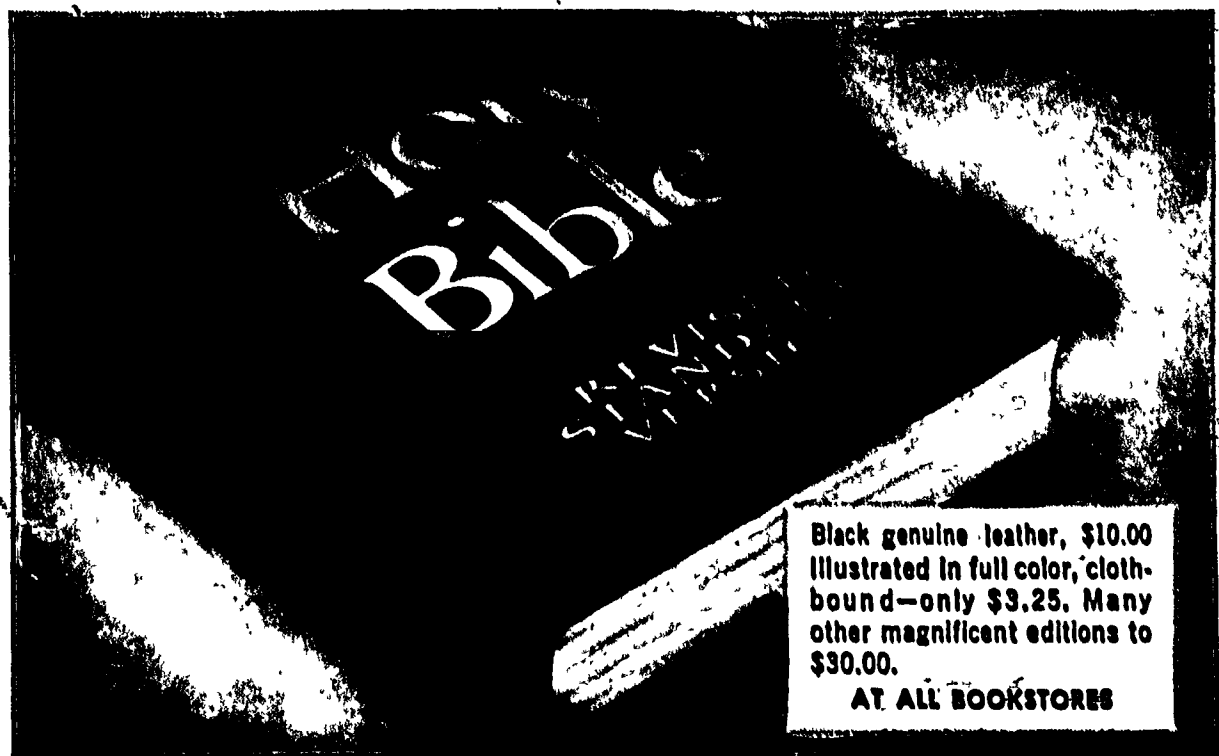
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