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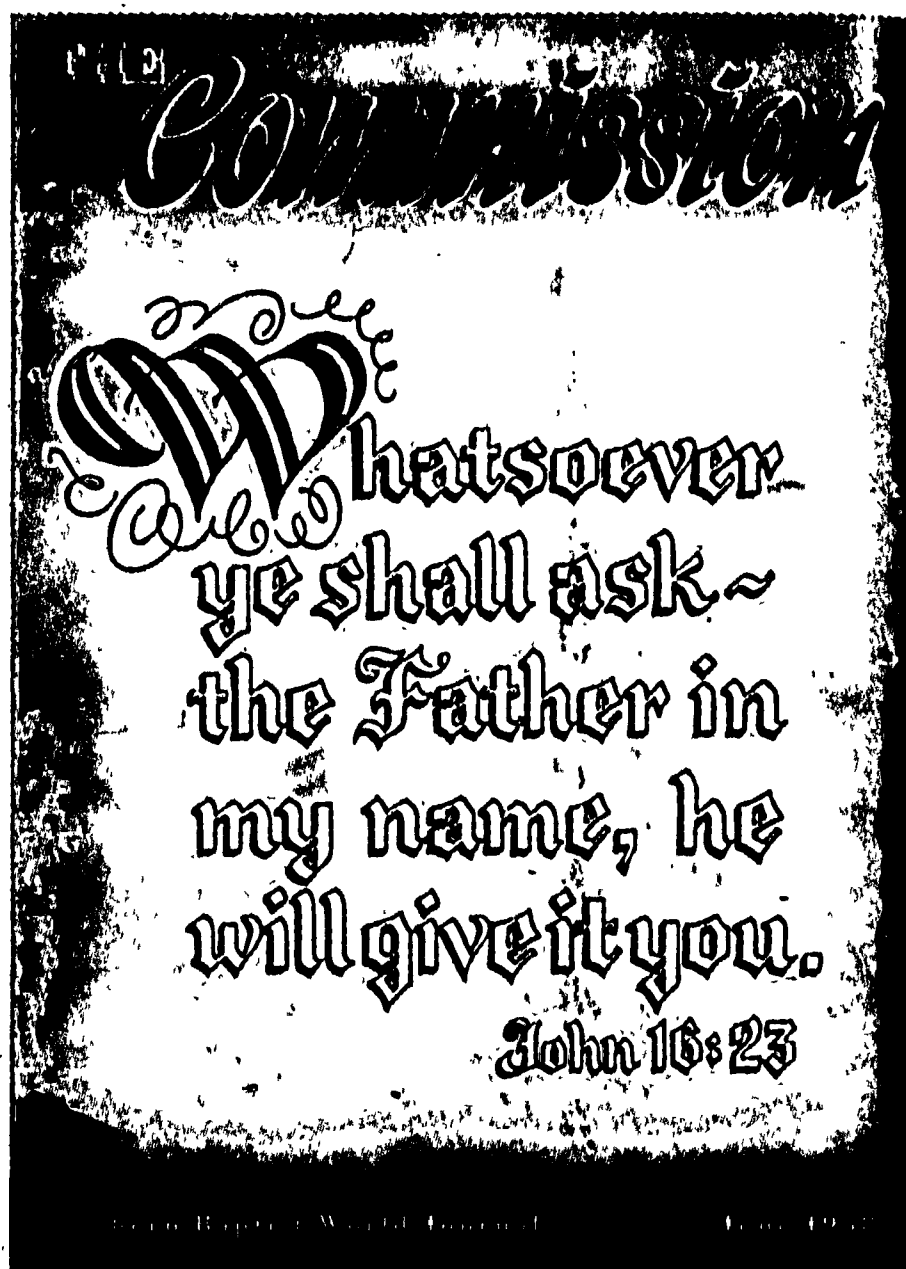
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Southern Baptists can do
nothing
of real power
until they have prayed

PRAYER IS POWER

By W. O. Vaught, Jr.



ONE DAY many years ago when I walked into the auditorium at Ridgecrest (North Carolina) Baptist Assembly, a quaint little man was on the platform ready to speak. He was S. D. Gordon, of Philadelphia and New York, the man of "Quiet Talks" fame. I was already fairly well acquainted with Mr. Gordon through his books and through some connections he had had with my father's family. I was eagerly anticipating the hour when I would hear this quaint man speak on "Prayer Is Power."

He stood, and a hush fell over the crowded auditorium as he lifted his hand and said: "Let us have a quiet moment of meditation. There will be no note taking, please. Think with your minds and tuck away in your hearts what God will say and you can write it down later on." Then there was a pause, and he led in a short prayer that went something like this: "Master, we want to thank thee for bed, and bread, and fireside, and friends, and most of all for Jesus. Come, Master, we pray, and speak to us in thine own way, for we make our prayer in Jesus' name."

During the next thirty minutes I heard S. D. Gordon speak; and now, after more than twenty-five years, I remember distinctly what he said. Here are some of the statements he made that day:

"You cannot do more than pray until you have prayed; you *can* do more than pray after you have prayed. Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance; prayer is taking hold of God's eager willingness. Prayer is winning the victory over the devil; service is gathering up the results of that victory after you've already won it."

I went from that auditorium to ponder late and long the things I had heard. With New Testament in hand I went aside in those mountains and talked earnestly with God, seeking to find out the inner secret and power of prayer.

Several mornings later, the late Dr. Frank H. Leavell, who was then director of Southern Baptist student work, asked me if I would go by the next morning and bring Mr. Gordon down to breakfast. I quickly and happily accepted this assignment. The

next morning I went to the hall where Mr. Gordon was staying; and, to my surprise, I found his door ajar and heard someone talking. I thought someone was in the room for an early conference with Mr. Gordon. As I listened I became conscious that Someone else *was* in the room, and Mr. Gordon was talking with that Someone.

I peeped in to see him standing before the mirror shaving and at the same time praying. As I remember it, this is about the way his prayer went:

"Master, you know I've been away, out of the country now for several years, and I've lost touch with these Southern students. I don't know what they're thinking about and I don't know just what they need most. Master, what should I say to the students today?" There was a long silence as he continued his shaving. Then he broke out with this: "Why, Master, is that what you want me to say? I'll do my best to say that very thing today as best I can."

Soon we were off to breakfast, and when the time came for the morning meeting Mr. Gordon stood up to

Speak to the students. Power fell on that group that morning. Lives were changed, students received calls to special Christian work, lives were dedicated; and, to this day, hundreds point back to that hour as a time of life-changing decisions. It all became clear to me. Prayer is power, and I was seeing it lived out in a life that was proof of the statement.

From these experiences at Ridgecrest and with men like S. D. Gordon I came to have the conviction that prayer must be a vital part of our daily activities. For vigorous Christian vitality, prayer is an absolute necessity. Like eating and sleeping and working, praying must become a regular, scheduled part of our daily development.

In my student days I heard a great woman speaker, Mrs. J. M. Dawson, of Texas, make this remark, "Get just as close to great people as possible." Following this injunction, I began to shake hands with great Christian personalities and ask them this question: "What is it, above everything, that gives you your Christian power?" I began to realize that I was receiving the same reply from all these great Christians. They all said in substance, "I have a time for prayer every day."

I asked this question of Toyohiko Kagawa, the great Japanese Christian. He answered: "I have an hour of prayer from two to three in the morning. At this time the world is still and quiet and in this time I am able to push up closest into the presence of God."

I asked this question of Miss Helen Keller, whom many say is the greatest living American woman. At first Miss Keller avoided the question; then finally she said: "The most valuable time of my day is the first moments when I turn my face toward heaven and seek God's guidance for the day. Yes, daily prayer is the most vital force in my life."

I continued the question with pastors, teachers, and other religious leaders all over the world; and I received from all of them the same reply. Daily prayer was the secret of their power.

The most natural kind of prayer is that which we call "petition." This is the kind of prayer that comes first. It need not be selfish, because all we have and need comes directly from God. But petition is only the beginning. We must go beyond the kind of prayer that says, "God, give me!"

The next kind of prayer is "communion." This is the kind of prayer we utter without actually framing words. Walking along the road, chopping a typewriter, working in the kitchen, walking across the mission compound, doing anything that comes into the regular round of the day affords moments when we can commune with God and talk to him without speaking words. This is the type of prayer the Bible refers to when we are enjoined to "pray without ceasing." It is understanding God, enjoying his presence, sharing his love, feeling close to him, and being aware of his will.

But these prayers naturally lead us on to a third type of prayer which we call "intercession." This is the kind of prayer we offer when we pray for others. Space and distance and time have no effect on this prayer. Our friend may be across the state, or the nation, or the world, and we pray; and, because we pray, God hears and goes into action to answer our prayer.

The greatest promises we read from God's Book center around prayer and answered prayer. For instance, in Mark 11:22-23 we find these words: "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

And who can ever realize the far-reaching sweep of Matthew 18:18-20? "Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever

ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Possibly the book of John says more about these promises than any other:

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13-14).

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you" (John 15:16).

"And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:23-24).

Let us take these words all afresh, as they come directly from the heart of God, and let's not try to discount them or tone them down. They mean what they say, at 100 per cent face value. "Lord, teach us to pray."

Prayer opens a whole planet to a man's activities. I can as really be touching hearts for God in far away India or China through prayer, as though I were there. Not in as many ways as though there, but as truly. . . . A man may go aside today, and shut his door, and as really spend a half-hour in India for God as though he were there in person. . . . Without any doubt he may turn his key and be for a bit of time as potentially in China by the power of prayer, as though there in actual bodily form. . . . The great people of the earth today are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer; nor those who say they believe in prayer; nor yet those who can explain about prayer; but I mean these people who take time and pray. They have not time. It must be taken from something else. This something else is important. Very important, and pressing, but still less important and less pressing than prayer.—S. D. Gordon in "Quiet Talks on Prayer"

A Record of Answered PRAYER

Disease Defeated

Having had the privilege of being reared by a praying mother, I have always believed very strongly in prayer. That belief was greatly strengthened when in my fourth year on the mission field I was stricken with tuberculosis. My fellow missionaries came together on two occasions to pray specifically for my healing, and God answered their prayers. In the thirty-five years since that time I have had no trace of that dread disease. I know God answers prayer!

If our great missionary enterprise is to succeed it must be backed and promoted by prayer. How greatly we need more intercessors! I have been emeritus for five years, and I feel that my most important work now is intercessory prayer. I try to spend several hours in prayer early each morning before I see anyone. This is an important work which we retired missionaries can do for our Master, and I hope we all can realize this and be faithful.—*BLANCHE BRADLEY, emeritus missionary to China*

Habit Broken

A graduate of the Baptist theological seminary in Shanghai, the son of a pioneer Baptist preacher in the Central China Mission, became seriously ill while teaching Bible in one of the Baptist schools. A relative prescribed opium, and he soon became a helpless victim of this drug. He came to us with the request, "Will you pray for me?" And he asked for a book on prayer.

His family and friends prayed constantly for him. He went to Singapore, where he taught in a government school for six years. At the end

of that time he wrote that he had conquered the opium habit and that he wanted to come back and carry on the work his father had begun. He was invited to work at the Sing Ming Baptist Church, Soochow, where he served faithfully and acceptably. Several people most closely associated with him, however, began to doubt if he had fully broken with the opium habit; and it was soon revealed that he had not.

This was a time of deepest disappointment for all concerned, but prayer in his behalf continued. He took a laborer's job and as he pulled heavy loads of road-building supplies he "came to himself" and said, "I will arise and go to my father."

When we left Soochow in 1948 this man, ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, was teacher of Bible in the Baptist academy for boys, teacher of the men's Bible class in the church, and the pastor's assistant.

"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."—*LEILA (MRS. HENRY H.) McMILLAN, emeritus missionary to China and the Bahamas*

Requested, Received

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." We in Costa Rica have seen proof of this verse in a very vivid manner in recent days. For several weeks Costa Rican evangelicals prepared and prayed for the Billy Graham crusade in the city of San José. Then, two weeks before the campaign was scheduled to begin, government officials refused permission to use the baseball stadium and also recommended that the campaign be canceled because of the political unrest

through which the country was passing on the eve of a presidential election.

However, evangelicals in Costa Rica did not so easily surrender the possibility of having the greatest evangelical religious gathering in the history of the country. Instead they prayed. Individuals prayed, families and committees prayed, churches prayed. In addition to praying, the leaders made strategic contacts with various officials. Hundreds of telegrams were sent to the president of Costa Rica, asking that he intervene in the matter.

On the night the president's cabinet met, evangelicals were on their knees praying for what each felt to be God's will—the use of the stadium and the peace of the country. On the following day the announcement was made that the president had granted permission to use the stadium. The big surprise was that there would be no charge for its use!

A few days later a very controversial and potentially explosive election transpired with a tranquility that surprised everyone. The same week the revival began. On the closing night Billy Graham spoke to approximately 12,000 people, and 360 decisions for Christ were recorded. Once more we have been made to realize that through prayer our God "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."—*JAMES E. GILES, missionary appointee to Colombia now in language school in Costa Rica*

The Saviour Is Found

"If you are doubting God, are discouraged and dismayed, turn to him in faith," said Dr. Pizzicatti, an outstanding Christian layman, as he fin-

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ished a brief message at kindergarten commencement exercises in the South District Baptist Church of Rosario, Argentina.

Afterwards, as he drove several families home through flooded streets, one woman gave this testimony: "I almost gave up the idea of coming tonight because of the downpour, but I am glad that I did come; for I was distressed and didn't know to whom I could turn, and I found the Saviour tonight."

The preceding Monday there had been an earnest plea for God's blessing on that gathering. God answers prayer.—SARA FRANCES TAYLOR, *missionary to Argentina*

God Is Good

Some years ago in Brazil my daughter was very ill. Finally I decided to take her to my physician in Salvador. After examining her he said: "I do not understand how this child stood the trip. The Lord is good to you." The doctor was not a Christian, but he knew that I was.

Later I received a letter from a Woman's Missionary Society in the States dated the day that we began the journey to the doctor. It said members of the organization had met that day and had prayed for us. Yes, the Lord was good to me, for friends in the homeland were praying for me without knowing my special need.—LUIU SPARKMAN (MRS. A. J.) TERRY, *emeritus missionary to Brazil*

Drawl Conquered

When I started to language school in Tokyo the head of the school told me that my Southern accent would cause me trouble because the r, prac-

tically nonexistent in southern English, is a very important sound in Japanese. He proved to be right.

I had spoken for some weeks at the Sunday morning worship service at the Asaka church, just outside Tokyo. One night after the evening service Mr. Yojima, my interpreter, told me that he was sorry but he really could not interpret for me any longer because he could not understand me.

Realizing the loss of "face" which this young man would suffer if he stopped interpreting for me, I suggested that we not say anything to anyone about it, but pray.

The following Sunday I tried to speak distinctly without using any colloquialisms; but during the service I could tell no difference, as I was unable to understand any of the Japanese at this stage in my study.

After the service Mr. Yojima came to me with his face glowing. He too had prayed very earnestly and that day he had understood every word. I think I felt a little as Peter must have felt on the day of Pentecost.—MARTHA HAGOON, *missionary to Japan*

Fear Banished

A teacher in the language school, the wife of a Baptist pastor, discovered that she must undergo major surgery. She was filled with fear, for a few years earlier a friend of hers died during the same type of operation. I, along with others, talked with her and prayed with and for her. By the time the eve of her operation arrived, she was amazingly calm and relaxed. Her surgeon, who is not a Christian, said he could hardly believe that a person facing such serious surgery could be so calm.

His amazement was to increase as the days went by. The students and teachers in the language school, in addition to the patient's family and Christian friends, were praying. (I might add that some of my first prayers in Portuguese were uttered in her behalf.) The eighth day after the operation she went home, and on the tenth day she returned to the doctor for a checkup. The surgeon said: "I have truly seen a miracle performed by One who is much greater than I. Having performed that operation many times, I have never had a pa-

tient leave the hospital so soon and appear so healthy as you. I must recognize a Power in your life such as I have never witnessed before."

Yes, prayer wrought this miracle. Perhaps the surgeon, along with others, will find Christ as his Saviour because of that operation.—MATTIE LOU BIBLE, *missionary to North Brazil*

God's Ability

Even bookkeeping problems can be worked out "through Christ which strengtheneth me." I have learned from experience that prayer works not only to heal the sick and feed the hungry and save the lost, but it works in an office as well.

Missionaries often, of necessity, find themselves with unexpected responsibilities. I majored in commerce and taught bookkeeping before coming to Africa, but I was surprised to find myself in charge of the accounts of a bookstore that had done a hundred thousand dollars' business its first year of existence (1955). The first test came on a Saturday morning when one of the bookkeepers came bringing his ledgers with problems to be solved. The ledgers stayed on my desk over the week end while I dug into my textbooks and prayed for understanding and a clear mind.

Monday morning I settled down to study the problems and in a very short time the solutions were all clear in my mind. I know there will be other times when I'll not know the answers, but I'll take them one at a time to the One who called me to Africa and put me in this place of responsibility. After all, responsibility is only responding to God's ability.—MARY FRANK KIRKPATRICK, *missionary to Nigeria*

Robbers Foiled

When the late Dr. J. G. Meadows was stationed at the mission hospital in Wuchow, China, he used to take a trip into the country several times a year, accompanied by a party of nurses, a doctor, and a preacher. Robbers were a constant danger in that section and, knowing this, Christian friends in Wuchow always prayed for their safety.

One night one such group stopped
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at an inn. They knew that the next morning they would have to go through a mountain pass which was a favorite ambush of the robbers. After discussing what they should do they decided to go through the pass after breakfast. They prayed together and went to bed.

During the night Dr. Meadows waked up and had an urge to get the group through the pass earlier than they had planned. He quietly roused the others and before daybreak they had gone through the pass, without seeing a single robber, and were on their way.

Later one of the robbers was converted and gave this explanation of the incident: The robbers had a spy at the inn. Receiving from him the information that the party would not be coming through until after breakfast, they had waited till then to take up their positions at the pass. There they waited in vain for the party that God had already seen safely through the danger area. God hears prayer and cares for his own.—MARY (Mrs. W. H.) TIERON, *emeritus missionary to China*.

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Early in this century my husband was surveying the field in southern Argentina, preparatory to establishing mission work there, when he met a family of Dutch Christians. When the wife found out who he was and what he had come for, her eyes filled with tears as she said, "We have been praying for thirteen years that the Lord would send a missionary who could speak Spanish to our children and lead them in the way of the spiritual life."

Their children, who went to Spanish schools, were growing up with no desire to attend the parents' Dutch meeting. This mother pleaded with my husband, saying that he was the answer to her prayers. He also believed that this surely was the place where God wanted him to work, and in 1902 we settled there.

The young people were soon interested in the Sunday school and preaching services. The first convert was the eldest son of those praying parents. He became a minister, and his son has been secretary of the Argentine Baptist Convention for a num-

ber of years. Another grandson of the original couple is pastor of one of the largest churches in Buenos Aires. Seemingly ineffectual prayer offered by those faithful believers for thirteen years is still being answered, to the glory of God.—EFFIE (Mrs. ROBERT F.) ELDER, *emeritus missionary to Argentina*.

A Present Power

While we were stationed at Kweilin, Kwangsi Province, China, my husband, Dr. Robert E. L. Mewshaw, cut the muscle in his right hand so badly that he could not close his thumb and, of course, a doctor must have the use of his hand. He sewed it up as best he could with his left hand, but we felt that we must reach a surgeon in case it didn't do well.

To reach medical care we had to travel by a little boat down the Fu River for several days. It is a beautiful river at times but it has two gorges and many rapids and when the spring rains come it is often dangerous. When we reached the big gorge the boatmen were uneasy, but we felt we must go through.

Near the entrance to the gorge our little boat was caught in a rapid and it began to whirl around. The Chinese dropped the oars and ran to the back of the boat, but it shot out of the rapid. When the boatmen saw it come out safely they came around us and wanted to bow down to us. They said there was a Power there that they did not know about and that no ordinary boat would have survived that rapid.

When we reached Wuchow we found that on the day we were going through the gorge our names were on the birthday prayer list and we knew someone had taken us to the Lord in prayer that day.—DELL (Mrs. ROBERT E. L.) MEWSHAW, *emeritus missionary to China*.

A Revival Came

The greatest thing that happened in the North China Mission during the years from 1932 until the Communists closed the doors to mission work was the Shantung Revival which began in 1932. It is doubtful that any missionary who was on the field at that time would oppose this statement.

The revival meant that all Christians—missionaries and Chinese alike—were stirred to their depths. They were awakened to more earnest effort; there was a new birth of religious faith and life in the Mission and in the churches. The revival was felt in all phases of the work.

Back of it was a real "hunger and thirst after righteousness" and earnest, persistent prayer "with one accord" in the various parts of the Mission. One cannot say just how long it was before the revival came, but it came.—DORIS KNIGHT, *formerly a missionary to China, now serving in Nigeria*.

Good out of Nazareth

As a new missionary I had spent a fruitless year in Nazareth and wondered if the time would ever come when I would see any response to my preaching of the gospel. That summer I took thirty-five Royal Ambassadors to camp and tried to witness to them in every way possible. At the campfire each night an evangelistic sermon was preached and an invitation extended. The last Sunday night came and still no one had made a decision for Christ. The invitation was given—no response. A second appeal was made, and I poured out my heart in prayer for those boys. One, two, three . . . eleven boys stepped forward asserting their desire to follow Christ as Saviour.

The next day when we had returned home I learned that on Sunday night, as the campfire service was taking place, the Nazareth church was also praying for the salvation of these boys. The same hour, yes, the same quarter of an hour, eleven R.A.'s found their release from indecision and doubt to the certainties of Christ. This powerful experience of answered prayer spread through the church and school with such impact that in the next four years more than three hundred young people accepted Christ. Good things are still coming out of Nazareth—through prayer!—DWIGHT L. BAKER, *missionary to Israel*.

Youth Called Out

Miss Josephine Jones, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union of Florida, asked me for a list of the

needs of the Indonesian Mission to be used during the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in 1954. The Lord has wonderfully answered those prayers. Our Djakarta church now has five students in the Baptist theological seminary at Semarang; two studying in other places, and seven more young people who plan to enter the seminary when they complete their general education.

No pressure has been brought to bear on them to make these decisions. We feel this has been the work of the Holy Spirit and we thank God for it. —KATE (MRS. W. BUREN) JOHNSON, *missionary to Indonesia*

Air Time Granted

During an evangelistic campaign in the Torreón area we were having difficulty finding a radio station that would broadcast the programs of our seminary choir; three stations turned us down. Feeling that these broadcasts were essential in publicizing the campaign, committee members held a special prayer meeting. Then they went to the last station in Torreón, where they were courteously received and their request was granted. We felt that it was a direct answer to our prayers.—ERVIN E. HASTEY, *missionary to Mexico*

Laborers Trained

When my wife and I had completed our language study, the Baptist Mission of Nigeria assigned us to a large area in the Northern Provinces, of which the capital is Kaduna. This is the heart of Moslem Nigeria.

When we arrived on the field, we were greeted with a prayerful sigh of relief by the only Baptist missionary couple working there. The African pastors told us: "You are the answer to our prayers. We have waited and prayed so long for someone to come help us."

We soon began work with the largest of the tribes in the area, the Hausa. I prayed that God would call forth African laborers for this great field of about four million people, and when I started the first Baptist church among the Hausas I again besought the Lord to call out of that little church evangelists for the harvest. In one year church attendance grew

from five to seventy-five and the Lord called five preachers, some of whom are already in training at the Hausa pastors' school.

Making a trip to a remote station about three hundred miles northwest of Kaduna, I found many people of the Fulani tribe. They are the cowboys and cowgirls of Nigeria. Having no permanent home, they travel from place to place with the cattle in search of grass and water. No denomination has worked with them.

I knew of no one to take the message of Christ to these people in their own language. When I sat down that night to write to my wife, the faces of these people kept passing through my mind; and I said, "Let us pray that the Lord will raise up someone from the Fulani tribe to work among his people."

The next night a Fulani man, whom I had never seen before, came asking me how to become a Christian. Since that experience I have made contact with several other Fulani men and I am praying that the Lord will lead them into his service. One of them is taking informal training under a Yoruba pastor, who is teaching him to read and write. Fulani people come to the village from time to time, and this young man often brings them to the pastor that they may hear the story of Jesus. Nigerian Baptists are preparing to send this man as their first evangelist to the Fulani tribe. The Lord of the harvest does answer the prayer that Jesus challenged us to pray.—THOMAS J. KENNEDY, *missionary to Nigeria*

Visas Arrive

Last August when my husband and I returned to the States from language school in Costa Rica we expected to be on a boat for Colombia before November 1, but due to disturbing factors in the Colombian government and to the influence of the State Church there our visas were not granted. At times we felt the doors of that country might be completely closed to us, but we continued to pray that God's will might be done.

We returned to Wink, Texas, on January 1 to reopen the medical practice which we had closed in July, 1956, to be appointed by our Foreign Mission Board. We saw many patients

and were very happy, but we wanted to be where we felt God had called us.

On my birthday, January 28, when my name was on the prayer calendar and Baptists all over the Convention territory were praying for me, our visas arrived! I am fully convinced that it was because people prayed for me on my birthday that our permits were granted. God does hear and answer your prayers and it does pay to pray for your missionaries.—ILA (MRS. L. GLYNN) BREEDEN, *missionary to Colombia*

Couple Respond

In obedience to Jesus' command, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest," I was continually praying that God would call more young people to foreign mission service. I prayed in particular for one young couple and then wrote and told them what I was doing. This was their reply: "You can start praying for someone else now. We are writing our life histories in preparation for appointment." Today they are in Kenya.—ALEX F. GARNER, *missionary to Argentina*

God Was Near

Only a week ago a fellow missionary, a doctor, spoke kindly as he told my husband and me that the new life that was to have entered our home could not be. An hour later as I lay on the operating table in the Frances Jones Nursing Home, Ogbo-mosho, Nigeria, I felt God's presence very real as I watched fellow missionaries prepare for surgery. As they gathered around the table for prayer before the operation was to begin, I knew there was another Physician present who would guide the hands of his servants.

During these days of recuperation I have known God was present and I have thanked him many times for you at home who are concerned enough to pray—maybe as you go about your work in the home or at your business—"Lord, be near to some missionary who has a special need for thy presence today." And some missionary has felt the answer to that prayer!—RUTH (MRS. ALBERT H., JR.) DYSON, *missionary to Nigeria*



Amidst Peril, Peace

"The miracles of the Bible do not bother me," says Fern Harrington. "I have seen too many with my own eyes to doubt them." Below she tells how God cared for her and gave her peace of heart

By Fern Harrington

THE STORY I am about to tell happened in China, in an interior town a few hundred miles north of Shanghai. The main characters are Bertha Smith, J. Alexander Herring, and myself—three Southern Baptist missionaries. The incident happened in the spring of 1948.

At that time the Communist invasion seemed imminent. Bertha and I were getting ready to leave Tsining. We had been advised by the American Consulate to leave the area; and our Chinese friends urged us to follow this advice, for they felt that our presence would endanger their lives. Our possessions had been crated and reservations had been made for us to leave on the train two days later.

Then we received a telegram: "Arriving Saturday to hold the revival. Alex Herring." Some months earlier the church had invited Alex to hold a meeting, but no answer had been received and the matter had been for-

gotten. Obviously Alex was not aware of the situation. It seemed only reasonable to wire him an explanation. But Bertha said: "Let's not be too hasty; the Lord's hand may be in this. Let's pray about it before we send the telegram."

As we prayed, I saw the faces of the people in Tsining—faces filled with terror at the thought of living under the Communists again. Having had six months under the Communists at a previous time, they knew what they were facing. The church was going through a period of confusion, with petty bickerings within and without. If the church and community ever needed a revival, they needed it at that time. Christ was the only answer to their need.

Consequently, Alex came and held the revival and hundreds of lives were transformed. At no other time have I witnessed such a mighty working of the Holy Spirit. During each service puddles were formed from the tears of the penitent who came forward confessing their sins. Church members got right with the Lord and with each other. Many souls were saved. Faces of despair were changed to faces of hope and courage—ready to meet anything in God's strength.

Throughout the week of the meeting we asked God to hold back the Communists that nothing might hinder

the revival. And he did. But on the night the meeting closed the Communists moved in and destroyed every line of communication with the outside world. Highway bridges were blown up, telephone and telegraph wires were cut, and railroad tracks were twisted like pretzels. There seemed to be absolutely no way of escape.

Finally Alex thought of a friend in Shanghai who piloted a plane for the Lutheran mission. We were able to radio a request that he come and get us. There was no airport at Tsining; therefore, we packed our things and went to a near-by village, which had an airport. Days stretched into a week, then two weeks, and no plane. By this time it seemed apparent that the first object of the Communist offensive was the city of Yenchow, where we had gone to wait for the plane.

Since there were no evangelical missionaries in the city, we accepted the invitation of the Roman Catholic mission to move into their compound. Soon word got around that a plane was coming for us, and our passenger list quickly grew from three to more than ten. It included nuns, a German missionary family, and the wife of an army officer. With each added passenger some of our personal belongings had to be subtracted.

The Catholic compound was a self-

sustaining unit, somewhat like a farm; and our things were stored in a shed in the barnyard. One afternoon I went out to the shed to reduce still further the number of things to be taken with me. About four o'clock a shell fell in front of the shed. I didn't think too much about it because there had been sporadic shelling for three weeks. Since I had been told that two shells never fall in the same spot, I went ahead with my packing.

But in a few minutes another shell did fall in that very same spot. I decided to leave my packing and seek refuge in the barn where the hay gave fairly good protection. Soon the entire city was being peppered with exploding shells. This continued until seven o'clock. It was suppertime, and I knew that Alex and Bertha would be worried about me. Somehow or other I had to get back to the building where they were.

I shall never forget the feeling I had as I stood in that barn door and looked across the space, about two blocks long, between the barn and the hospital building where we were staying. Shells were falling like hail. Looking up to the heavens, I breathed a very simple prayer: "Dear Lord, you know where I am and you know where I want to go. Now, just keep those shells from falling until I get there." I hesitated a moment and then I started. The moment I put my foot forward, the shells stopped falling; and I walked that entire stretch without a single shell exploding. The minute I stepped inside the door, they started again. That was the only lull in the battle that night.

To protect ourselves from flying pieces of shrapnel and glass, we slept under our beds instead of on them. About four o'clock in the morning we heard the savage yells of the Communists as they came into the city. It was the yell of men wild with the taste of victory. We just couldn't believe that the Lord would permit us to fall into the hands of the Reds—but he did. How limited is our understanding of God's ways!

We could hear the soldiers coming closer and closer. Soon they were just outside our door, asking who was inside. How thankful we were to be able to understand Chinese and to know what was going on. The door opened and there stood a Communist soldier. He was quite young. He smiled a bashful smile and said,

"Good morning." We smiled back and crawled out from under the bed.

In a way we felt relieved that the Communists had come into the city, for we supposed there would be no more shelling. So we sat on the floor, leaning against the wall, singing hymns. Suddenly a shell fell just outside our window, filling the room with bits of glass, shrapnel, and dust. Following our normal instinct, we dived under the beds again.

After the dust had settled, we crawled out to examine ourselves for injuries. One side of the room had received the full impact of the exploding shell. The wall, except for the portion against which Alex had been sitting, was pitted all over by pieces of shrapnel. These holes outlined his silhouette in the wall, and there were no holes within that space. Yet Alex himself had not one scratch. What we saw there that day I would challenge anyone to explain scientifically.

By this time a small group of Nationalist soldiers had come back to fight against the Communists. When they started fighting right in the building where we were, we decided to go to the basement where the other occupants had sought refuge.

By the end of the day, when the Nationalists finally withdrew, the floors of the building were covered with the dead and dying. Over and over we were in great danger and yet none of us got even one scratch. I did not know whether I would live or die, but somehow it didn't make any difference. Never before had I experienced such a feeling of peace and strength as I did that day. It was a feeling that comes when one has done the thing he feels God wants him to do.

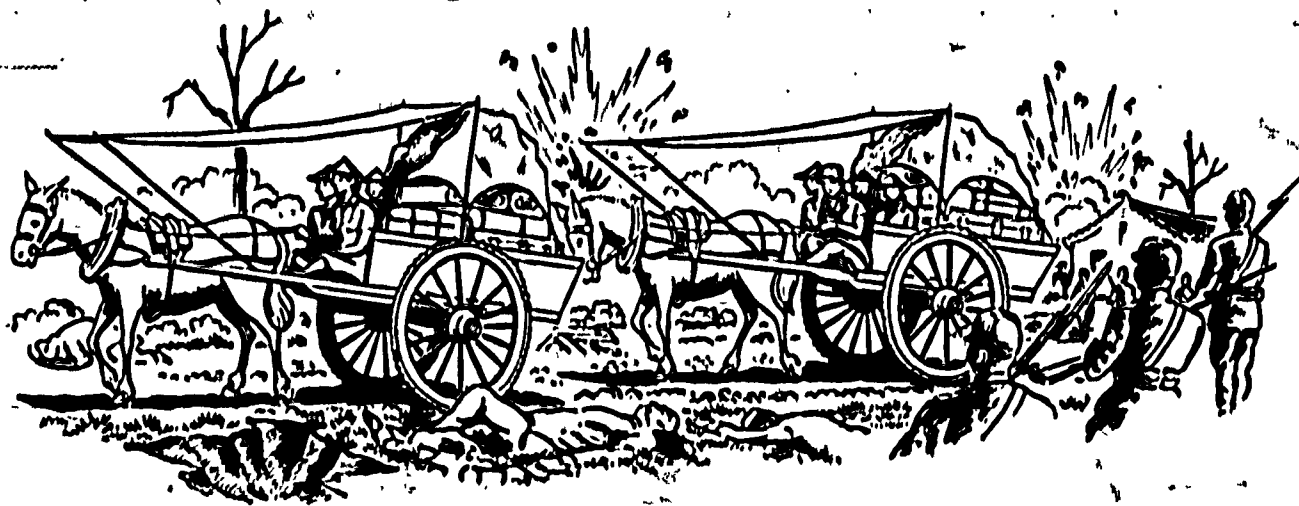
Our escape from Yenchow is another story, but I feel I must relate it briefly to satisfy your curiosity. When

the Communists came in, the people of the city fled by the thousands, mostly on foot. Alex and I were inclined to do the same, but Bertha remained firm in her belief that God would provide some sort of vehicle for his servants. I prayed that, if it were mule carts, the Lord would give us two carts so that the German family with three little children might go with us. Bertha prayed that the carts might have rubber tires!

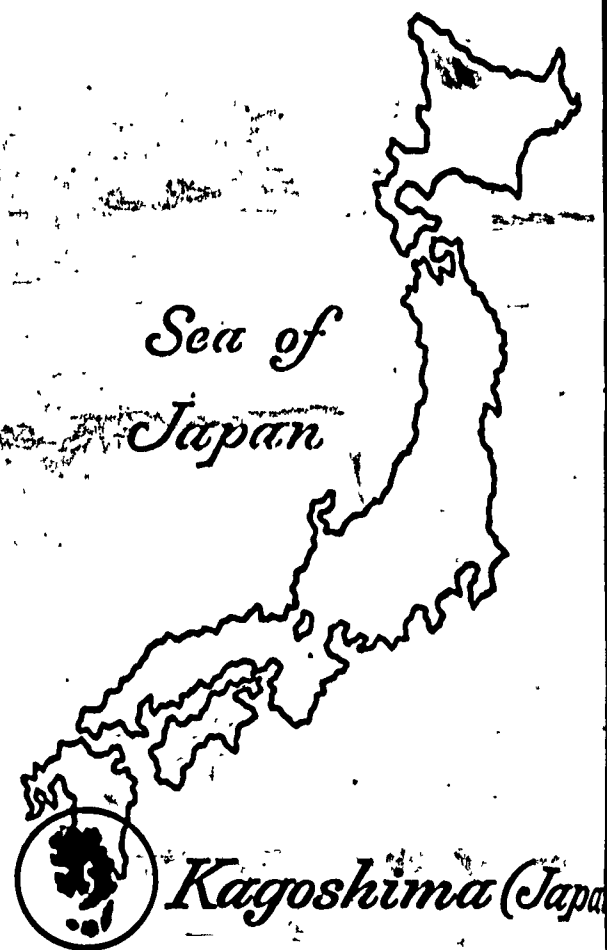
In the meantime Alex helped bring the wounded to the hospital, while Bertha and I kept busy cutting bandages. As soon as possible, Alex contacted the top-ranking general in the area to ask for a permit to travel safely through Communist territory. The morning we received the permit one of the priests asked if we would be interested in two mule carts. He said the Communists had commandeered all vehicles in the city but so far he had been able to save these two carts which were hidden in the hay at the barn. Just that morning it had occurred to him that if we rode out on the carts we might not be questioned. When we got into free territory we could leave the carts at a Catholic compound and go the rest of the way by train. Yes, there they were—two mule carts, and they both had rubber tires!

Our trip to freedom was not an easy one. There were trenches across the roads. The stench of battlefield was terrible. Battered bodies were still scattered here and there. Finally, after three days' travel in the hot July sun, crossing rivers without bridges, we reached Nationalist territory.

The miracles of the Bible do not bother me. I have seen too many with my own eyes to ever doubt them. The greatest miracle of all in those days was the peace of heart that I felt in the midst of great danger.



EDITORS' NOTE: Southern Baptists are talking and writing much about prayer in this Year of Prayer for World Evangelization. It might be well to stop at midyear and ask ourselves how much intelligent, definite praying we are actually doing for the people of the world and those who represent us in our effort to win others to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Praying is more difficult than talking and writing about prayer; real prayer requires that we be informed. We present the article on these pages as typical of situations faced by missionaries everywhere in which your praying might make the difference between victory and failure. In no two localities are the problems and needs exactly the same; but they are definite, as this article indicates. These requests for prayer should help you to visualize detailed needs around the world. Find a way to remember such requests—a notebook, a card file, a bookmark for your Bible.



NEEDED: *Definite Prayer*

By Edward L. Oliver

EXPERIENCES confirm over and over again the conviction that far and above everything else the missionaries' main need for getting the job done, whether in Japan or elsewhere, is more spiritual power. God gives this power in answer to regular, earnest, importuning, intercessory prayer.

Therefore, I have sketched briefly the history and circumstances of each Baptist mission point in Kagoshima Prefecture, Japan, where I work and I have listed what I feel are the most urgent prayer needs of each. Please add as many of these needs as possible to your personal prayer list and to the prayer lists of the organizations in your church so that we will receive power from your regular and earnest prayers. The maps locate these points for you.

Ijuin is a rural town with a population of nineteen thousand. The Baptist church there, the only Christian witness in town, was organized in 1930. After twenty-eight years (it remained active during the war) it has about forty-five resident, active mem-

bers, including twelve families. Shortly after the war your mission gifts provided a prefabricated building, which is still in use. The church is not yet self-supporting financially, but it sponsors six mission points.

Pastor Shichiemon Mugino, who started the work, is still serving there; but as senior pastor in southern Kyushu he has been very busy with denominational responsibilities and the local work has suffered. Please pray for this dedicated man of God, that he may be used more effectively to lead the *Ijuin* church to do what it is capable of doing in stewardship and evangelism.

Kagoshima, the capital of Kagoshima Prefecture, has a population of 280,000, escalators in one department store, and television; but it has only three Christian churches. The Baptist church, originally organized in 1902, disbanded during the war. It was reorganized in 1949 with six members. Since 1952 it has been pastored by a very capable young man, Rev. Toshio Mahana, and today there are eighty-five active members. However, each one of these members is the only Christian in his or her family.

A church building was erected in 1954 with funds from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. A large housing area close by presents a terrific opportunity for perennial evangelism. We will never win this city or any part of it by depending on one or two brief meetings each year. We need to have poured out upon us from on high enough compassion for souls and enough grace for dedication to God. Please ask the Lord to make us evangelistic the year round and to help us reach whole families for him.

Taniyama, a city of forty thousand and a suburb of Kagoshima City, is the site of an outstanding Catholic high school and orphanage. Besides these and the small Baptist mission point, there is no other Christian work in the city. The Kagoshima church opened its mission point there four years ago, and since that time fourteen have been baptized; but ten have moved away or have become inactive. Buddhist influence is very strong there.

Until recently, our main prayer for *Taniyama* was for an adequate meeting place. Graciously, the Lord has answered our prayers by making

available to us a nice building in a very advantageous location.

Please pray now for the spiritual growth of the remaining four members, that as they are faithful in tithing and in praying they may also be faithful in witnessing. Please pray that God's Holy Spirit may brood over the hearts of the people of this city,

Pastor Mugino began holding Friday evening preaching services in Kawanabe eleven years ago. About a year ago the first two converts were baptized, but Satan has led these two astray.

Last June we started a house-to-house visitation program in a block of 150 homes immediately surrounding our meeting place. Over a period of three months each of these homes was visited six times. A personal introduction was made during the first visit and tracts and invitations were left all other times. This visitation did not produce even one regular attender!

Then last October we had the opportunity to rent a small building for use on Sundays. We changed our meeting time to Sunday morning, and now we have Sunday school for the children, with an average attendance of thirty-five, followed by preaching service and Sunday school for young people and adults, with an attendance of six, if you include the preacher and four teachers.

Please pray earnestly for the power of God's Spirit upon this unresponsive town. Pray for the two converts, both of them teachers, who have

fallen away. They could be such a blessing to their students if they would only give themselves completely to the Lord. Pray for the conversion of Mr. Minemoto. He is an earnest seeker. Pray for Mr. Kikuno, a local government official, who is also an earnest seeker.

Kodon is a rural settlement of about one hundred homes. Although the Kawanabe work seems to have borne practically no fruit, the Kodon mission point is an indirect product of it. Mr. Kadota, who lives in Kodon, attended the Kawanabe mission point in the fall of 1955, bringing with him several of his neighbors. He then asked us if we could start services in his home, as he was very concerned about the salvation of his community. After only a year of services, twelve people have been baptized and others are waiting.

Please pray that God may use these Christians to turn Kodon to Christ,

and then the next village, and the next, until all of Kagoshima and even all of Japan becomes Christian.

Kaseda is a city of thirty-five thousand with one Catholic church, only recently begun, and a group of four Baptists, who meet in a believer's home. The Baptist work, begun eleven years ago, is not dead; but it is barely living. Please pray for God's quickening power upon this city and upon these few Baptists.

Makurazaki, a city of thirty-five thousand, has fishing as its main industry. It has one Catholic church and one Holiness church in addition to the Baptist work which was begun eleven years ago by Pastor Mugino. Today there are seventeen active Baptists.

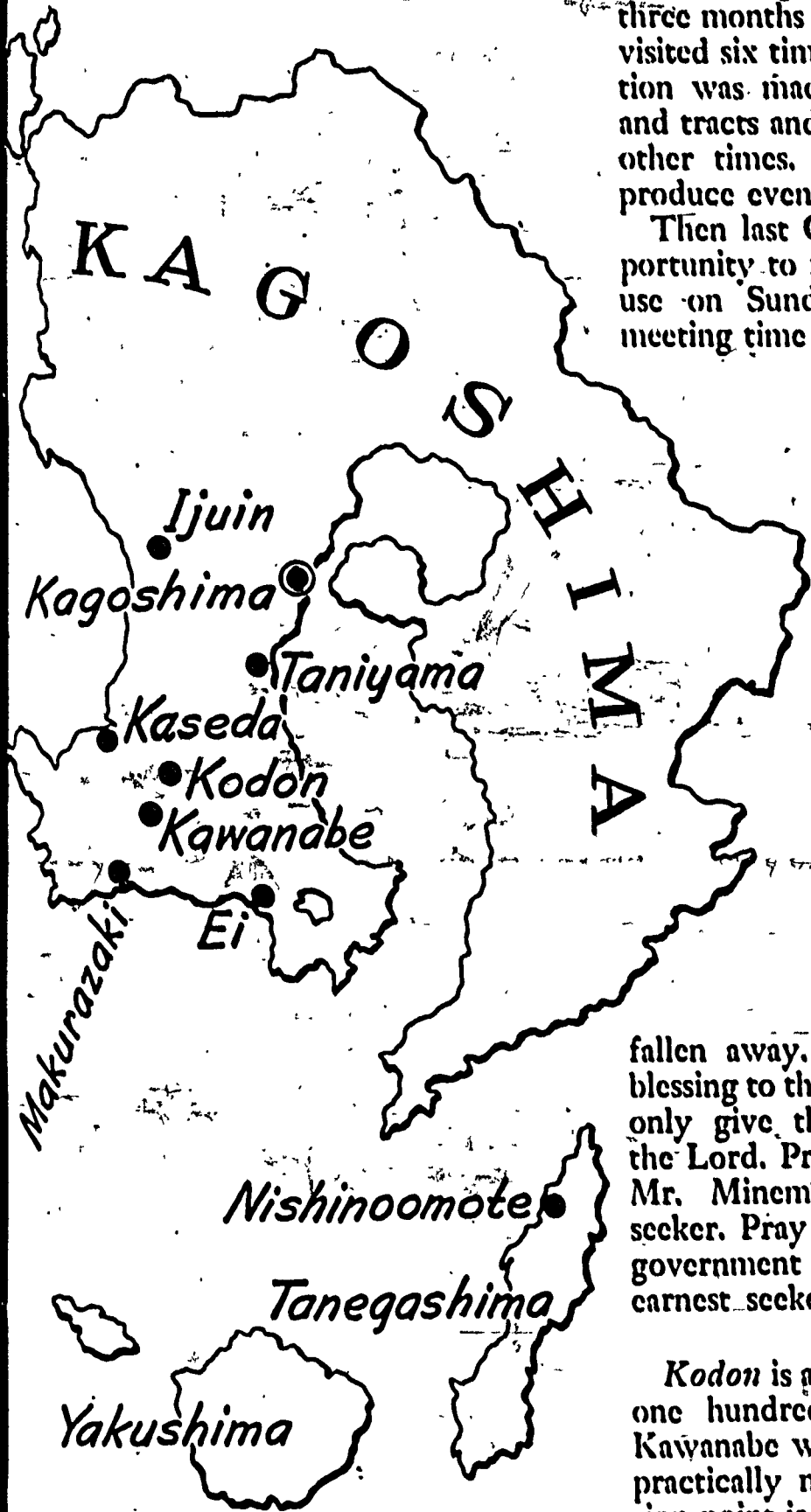
In October, 1956, a fine little typhoon-resistant building was erected with funds from the Lottie Moon Offering. It contains Sunday school rooms, a small apartment for the pastor and his family, and an auditorium which seats one hundred people. In April, 1957, the Ijuin church called Rev. Kunikiyo Imamura as pastor of the Makurazaki mission point. After these months of having a pastor on the field, of managing its own affairs, and of meeting a proposed budget, this mission has a good foundation and a warm spirit.

Please pray for the evangelistic efforts and the stewardship program of this group. Also pray that they may soon be organized into a church.

Ei has the newest Baptist work in Kagoshima Prefecture. Mr. Ohashi, a Christian for many years, traveled in America and had contact with several religious groups. Returning to Ei, his home town, he had a desire to evangelize this region for Christ. After studying Baptist principles, he and his wife were baptized. They farm during the week and hold four services each week end. In the past year they have led five to Christ. This year their goal is thirty. Please pray for Mr. and Mrs. Ohashi, that they may reach and exceed this goal.

Yakushima is an island in the prefecture. Mr. Mitsuyoshi, an agricultural agent and a member of the Kagoshima church, was transferred to Yakushima, and, as a natural expression of his faith in Christ and of the joy

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convict them of sin, and lead them to the Saviour.

Kawanabe is by far the most stubborn and difficult of all the mission points. One of the four largest towns in Kagoshima Prefecture, it is a strategic center. Its second largest industry is the production of Buddhist family altars. Communism is also very active there.

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

General

1,204 Missionaries

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed eight young people in March and 18 in April to bring the total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,204.

Among the 18 appointed in April was the first professionally trained hospital administrator ever to be sent out by the Board. He is Rev. James C. Ware, who will work with the new Baptist Hospital in Guadalajara, Mexico. (For biographical data on the March appointees see page 28; for names of April appointees see page 26.)

At its semiannual full meeting in April, the Board set a goal of 1,800 missionaries under appointment by January 1, 1964, and called "all Southern Baptists to earnest prayer to the end that an increasing number of our finest young people may respond to God's leadership for service overseas."

The 1,800 missionaries will be distributed so that there will be approximately 600 for each of the three geographical areas into which the Foreign Mission Board divides the world: (1) Latin America, (2) Africa, Europe, and the Near East, and (3) the Orient.

Treasurer Abroad

At the request of the Board, Treasurer Everett L. Deane is now in Latin America for the purpose of consultation with the treasurers of all the Missions in that area. Mr. Deane left Richmond, Va., Board headquarters, April 18 and will return June 7.

Fellowship Awarded

Dr. Herbert C. Jackson, associate professor of comparative religion and missions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., has been awarded a fellowship to study Theravada Buddhism during the 1958-59 academic year.

In addition to studying at the International Buddhist University in Rangoon, Burma, Dr. Jackson will travel throughout Burma, Thailand, and Ceylon.

He will be accompanied by his wife and three children. They will leave

the States on June 23; and they expect to return in July, 1959, by way of Hong Kong, Japan, and possibly some other mission fields.

Argentina

Training Workers

A week of training for Sunday school officers, teachers, and members was held in San Juan, Argentina, in March. The school was directed by two missionaries and nine nationals.

Average attendance for the five nights was 106. The evening programs began with a model Sunday school assembly. Then classes were held for teachers, officers, and members according to departments. The closing service at night and morning conferences dealt with evangelism, visitation, stewardship, new classes, the financial program, and leading young people to hear the Lord's call to full-time Christian work.

Missionary William W. Graves reports that such weeks of training are also planned for Mendoza, Córdoba, Corrientes, Santa Fe, Bahía Blanca,



Principal W. David Lockard presents a diploma to Mufundisi Gibson Magaranombe at the graduation exercises for the African Baptist Theological Seminary, near Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia. (See story in Foreign Mission News.)

Buenos Aires, and Misiones during this year.

Brazil

New Unit

Having just completed a new addition to its printing plant, the Baptist publishing house in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, has launched a campaign to distribute more Bibles and other literature this year than ever before. The slogan for the campaign is "Every Christian Giving a Bible in '58."

Missionary Jack J. Cowser, director of production, reports that the publishing house hopes to double its yearly output of Bibles in the near future. This would bring annual production up to 200,000. "However," Mr. Cowser says, "even when we reach this goal we will still be far from satisfying the need for Bibles in Brazil, which has a population of more than 58,000,000."

In order to get at least a part of God's written Word into the hands of the Brazilian people as rapidly as possible, the publishing house started printing Gospels last year. To date, 700,000 have been published.

The new unit of the printing plant, which houses the bindery department and provides much-needed storage space, is more than half the size of a football field. It was made possible by Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds. (See photo on page 21.)

One of the factors that led to the overcrowding of the huge printing plant constructed only eight years ago was the rapid expansion in the production of Sunday school literature, says Missionary Gene H. Wise. Eight quarterlies, with a total circulation of 160,000, are now being published. Missionary Fred L. Hawkins, Jr., is director of the Sunday school department, and Dr. Edgar F. Hallock, Jr., is director of the publishing house.

Month of Activity

"February was full of activities for Baptists in the state of Alagoas, Brazil," reports Rev. Luiz de Assis, pastor of Foral Baptist Church, Maceió.

All the pastors of the state, except two, spent five days at the beach for their annual retreat. Dr. Livio Lindoso, (Continued on page 14)

New Secretary Visits Mission Work

Dr. Cornell Goerner (left) was met at the airport by missionaries in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. Shown with him are Samuel L. Jones and an unidentified "missionary kid."



BECOMING the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East on January 1, Dr. Cornell Goerner made a three months' tour of the mission territory under his direction, visiting Nigeria, Ghana, Southern Rhodesia, Kenya, Tanganyika, Egypt, Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Italy, Spain, and the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, and returning to the States late in March. Although he had been to many of these places before, while he was professor of comparative religion and missions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, this year's trip was his first to Southern Rhodesia, where these pictures were taken.



Nurses Monda Marlar (left) and Pauline Jackson explain the working of Sanyati Baptist Hospital to Dr. Goerner.

for June 1958



While he was in Salisbury, Dr. Goerner assisted Marion G. (Bud) Fray, Jr. (left), in an outdoor preaching service.



Dr. Goerner also preached in a number of churches. The one above is in Gatooma. William S. Wester is at left.

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teacher in the Baptist theological seminary, Recife, Brazil, lectured to the pastors concerning their problems and needs in the ministry.

During the annual carnival time the Baptist young people had a retreat on the campus of the Baptist school in Maceió. Leading the young people as they studied, sang, prayed, and played, was Rev. Gamaliel Perruci, preacher, musician, and youth leader.

Following the youth retreat the Girl's Auxiliary had an encampment on the school campus. The high light of this retreat was the recognition service at which two girls were crowned queens (see photo on page 20). Rev. and Mrs. Boyd A. O'Neal, Southern Baptist missionaries, led in making the encampment possible.

"Up to this time seven of our churches have the G. A. organizations," says Mr. de Assis, "and we cherish the hope to increase the number in a few months. We look for young lives to be won for Christ and his service. Since this work was started nearly 20 girls have professed faith in Christ, largely as a result of the appeals in their meetings."

East Africa

First Converts

Nine men and one woman, the first converts to Christianity resulting from Southern Baptist mission work in East Africa, were baptized February 20, 1958, in a running stream at Mbeya,

Tanganyika (see photos below). Southern Baptist missionaries entered East Africa in the fall of 1956.

Present to witness this historical baptismal service was Dr. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Foreign Mission Board, who was on a three months' tour of mission fields under his supervision.

Missionary Samuel A. DeBord, who conducted the service, reports that 12 other people from Mbeya have answered the invitation to accept Christ and are now enrolled in the inquirers' class. After six months of study these, too, will be baptized.

Each Sunday morning, from 25 to 40 people attend Sunday school and the worship service in the little rented mud-brick house which serves as a meeting place for Baptists in Mbeya. And the missionaries are constantly receiving requests from near-by villages to preach the gospel.

Recently Mr. DeBord announced that a film on the birth of Christ would be shown at the Mbeya church at 7:30 one evening. When he arrived at 6:30 to set up the projector, about 20 people were already present. And by the time the showing began the building was full, with more than 150 people on the outside.

In addition to sponsoring evangelistic work in Mbeya, Southern Baptists are erecting a tuberculosis hospital there under the direction of Dr. Jack E. Walker. The cornerstone for this hospital was laid by Dr. Goerner on the same day the first converts were baptized.

Southern Baptist missionaries are

also stationed in three other cities of East Africa: Dar es Salaam in Tanganyika and Nairobi and Mombasa in Kenya.

Hawaii

"Heaven" and Halos!

"This looks like heaven," remarked Rev. Wayne Dehoney upon arrival at the airport in Honolulu, Hawaii.

"It is, and here is your halo," replied Honolulu Police Chief Dan Liew as he slipped a garland of tropical flowers over the head of the minister from Jackson, Tenn. The police chief then placed traditional floral leis on the eight other Southern Baptist ministers who, with Mr. Dehoney, had arrived in Hawaii to participate in two weeks of simultaneous evangelistic services, beginning on Easter.

These ministers are Dr. Earl B. Edington, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Dr. L. T. Daniel, Dallas, Tex.; Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tenn.; Rev. Charles C. Bowles, Birmingham, Ala.; Rev. Earl Stallings, Ocala, Fla.; Rev. E. B. Bowles, Floydada, Tex.; Rev. E. V. Appling, Haynesville, La.; and Rev. H. Gerald Walker, Pensacola, Fla.

Missionary Malcolm W. Stuart, chairman of the steering committee for the campaign, said that this was the first simultaneous crusade ever attempted by an organized group of churches in the Islands. The campaign was supported by the Baptist churches of Hawaii and by the Foreign Mission Board.

Malaya

14th Church

Immanuel Baptist Church, in Petaling Jaya, Malaya, was organized in February with 22 charter members. Eight persons were baptized into the church on the organizational day.

Peter Choon, a graduate of the Baptist theological seminary in Penang, is pastor of this 14th Baptist church in Malaya, which will minister to the Cantonese-speaking people in its vicinity.

Mrs. G. Harold Clark, Southern Baptist missionary, reports that the new church has elected a Sunday school superintendent, Training Union director, Woman's Missionary Union president, church secretary, church treasurer, and other officers.

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Missionary Samuel A. DeBord (right) explains the ordinance of baptism to the first converts in East Africa.



During the first baptismal service in East Africa, Mr. DeBord enters a running stream with one of the 10 converts.

Overseas in 1957

These statistics were compiled
from the 1957 report
of Southern Baptist mission work
around the world.

Personnel

Missionary	National
Men—466	Ordained—1,235
Women—720	Unordained—4,651

Churches

Number—2,938	Pastors—1,835
Membership—383,092	Outstations—5,888
Baptisms—25,078	Contributions— \$2,042,833.93

Medical Work

Hospitals—14	Missionary doctors—43
Clinics, dispensaries—42	National doctors—43
Inpatients—24,502	Missionary nurses—61
Outpatients—196,966	National nurses—140

Organizations

Type	Total	Enrolment
Sunday schools	4,238	322,369
Youth groups	4,222	129,584
Vacation Bible schools	1,337	176,278
Missionary societies	2,468	62,250

Good Will Centers

Number—7	Missionary staff—5
Enrolment—2,296	National staff—56

Schools

Number—836	Missionary teachers—290
Enrolment—131,824	National teachers—4,647

Orphanages

Number—5	Missionary staff—6
Children—337	National staff—77

Publication Work

Plants—13	Missionary staff—47	National staff—350
Publications	Number of Titles	Number of Copies
Bibles	—	155,000
Books	219	827,691
Tracts	447	8,567,375
Periodicals	326	3,111,800



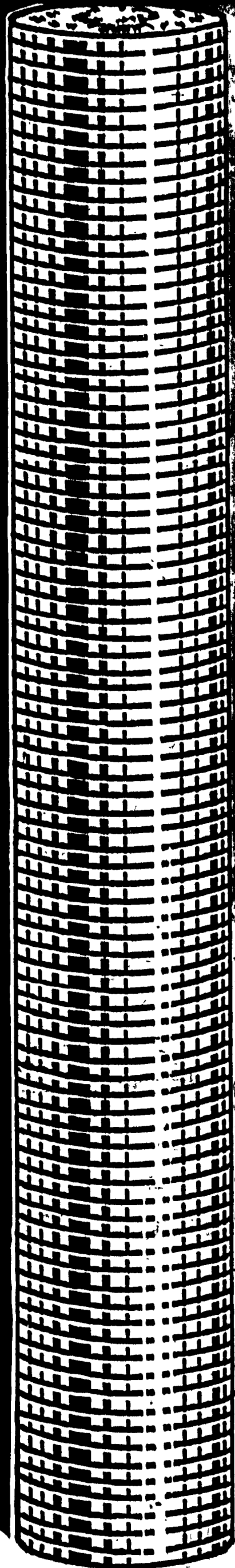
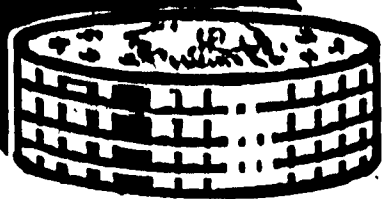
Even though this drawing points up the great contrast between what Southern Baptists gave to all causes and what they gave to foreign missions in 1957, it is encouraging to know that the gap was closed a bit during the year. Whereas the percentage of increase over the preceding year in total gifts was 6.8, the percentage of increase to

missions and benevolences increase to all missions was 12.2. Per capita for all missions was \$7.46 to \$7.81, a percentage increase of 4.7. For foreign missions increased

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M. Theron Rankin — Apostle of Advance

This month the Sunday School Board will release a most significant biography, *M. Theron Rankin—Apostle of Advance*.

Ever since the death of Dr. Rankin in June, 1953, repeated requests have come for a biography of this missionary statesman and foreign mission secretary. It is most appropriate that Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, long-time professor in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and friend of Dr. Rankin, was asked to write this biography.

Dr. Weatherspoon knew Dr. Rankin as a missionary. It was during the Rankins' first furlough, while they were members of his church in Louisville, that he recognized Theron Rankin to be a missionary statesman of unusual mold.

Then in 1935 Dr. and Mrs. Weatherspoon were invited by the Foreign Mission Board to accompany Executive Secretary and Mrs. Charles E. Maddry to the Orient. While in Canton, China, the Weatherspoons spent three weeks as guests of the Rankins.

Moreover, Dr. Weatherspoon knew Dr. Rankin as secretary for the Orient. Dr. Maddry had decided that when he returned from the 1935 visit to the Orient he would recommend to the Board the election of a regional secretary for that area, and he had in mind a person who possessed many of the needed qualifications. However, Dr. Weatherspoon advised him to wait until they reached Canton and saw Theron Rankin before making a decision. This counsel was heeded; and Dr. Maddry cabled to the Board a recommendation that Dr. Rankin be elected Orient secretary. Within a few days the Board acted on this recommendation.

In this biography, Dr. Weatherspoon did not seek to write a mere chronological life story of Dr. Rankin, much less did he endeavor to eulogize him; but he succeeded in a remarkable fashion in delineating and interpreting the development of the thought, action, and character of "an ordinary man" as God progressively placed a "world in his heart."

Dr. Weatherspoon describes and interprets the home into which Theron Rankin was born and in which he learned so much as he grew "in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." A sense of responsibility in small things as well as in larger assignments characterized young Rankin. With determination and success he applied himself to his studies and to the work he did in order to continue these studies.

In 1921 this missionary-in-the-making became a missionary indeed as he went to serve his Lord in Canton, China, where he taught in Graves Theological Seminary. The apprentice proved to be patient, diligent, able, and responsible; and significant achievement was registered at every point of endeavor during his first term of service.

After a year in America, Dr. Rankin returned to China and the seminary in Canton better equipped to teach and administer a theological school. With vigor and wisdom he applied himself to the work of the South China Mission as well as to his immediate responsibilities at the seminary, showing unusual qualities of judgment and leadership. Problems within the Mission and political turmoil throughout China tried his soul and proved his sympathy, understanding, and ability. Because of these qualities the Chinese Baptist Convention and the South China Mission elected him to many offices and assigned to him many joyous, as well as unpleasant, tasks.

Then in 1935 God used Dr. Weatherspoon to point out his man for a new responsibility. Dr. Rankin ably filled the position of secretary for the Orient until he became executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, January 1, 1945. Dr. Rankin never desired to be executive secretary. He was a missionary to the core; therefore, his first reaction to the suggestion of his filling this position was that he must spend the rest of his life in the Orient.

But because of the approaching retirement of Dr. Maddry at the end of 1944 the Board called a meeting to name a successor. It was agreed that a staff member would not be considered. After a season of searching prayer each Board member was asked to write the name of his choice on a piece of paper. Certainly God had spoken, for on every piece of paper was written the same name: M. Theron Rankin. There was no alternative; God had a new assignment for his servant.

To this office he brought much ability, experience, and dedication; to it he gave his best—his all. When he became executive secretary there were fewer than five hundred missionaries, and the limited budget offered no hope of increasing this number or expanding the work on the fields. After three years of intensive study of world needs and of the Southern Baptist Convention's potential in terms of money, missionaries, and spiritual resources, he took his associates away from Richmond, Virginia, for three days of prayer and planning early in January, 1948. Together they worked out a program of world advance, Mission by Mission. Thus was born the Advance Program of Southern Baptists, which Dr. Rankin so effectively presented to the Convention in 1948.

It seems providential and propitious that on the eve of the launching of the Baptist Jubilee Advance and during the Year of Prayer for World Evangelization this biography of an "apostle of advance" should be made available to the public.

You Are Needed NOW!

By Baker J. Cauthen

THE secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board have spent two days studying needs all over the world. Never has there been a more urgent cry for missionaries than comes now from the thirty-eight countries where we are at work and the lands we ought to enter.

Prospects are good for appointing 130 missionaries this year. This will be the largest number in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention; but when we measure it by what we ought to do the number is far short. Southern Baptists should be sending no fewer than two hundred missionaries annually.

Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient, calls attention to East Pakistan where among forty-six million people we have only three missionary couples.

Taking the Orient as a whole, he indicates that many couples and single women are needed for general evangelism. Often a missionary is the only Baptist representative in an area with one or two million people, or he may be the only messenger for Christ of any denomination among several hundred thousand people.

Couples to do student center evangelism are also needed in the Orient. In each major city there are universities, in many cases with thousands of students. Persons trained in religious education are needed in many lands for work similar to that done with the Sunday School Board or state departments of Sunday school and Training Union.

Men qualified for seminary teaching are needed in the eight seminaries of the Orient. Teachers at all academic levels, from kindergarten through high school and college, including those in such fields as science, English, business, and music, are requested in many Orient fields, particularly Japan and Hong Kong.

Doctors and nurses are needed to enable medical work to begin in Thailand, Pakistan, Sumatra, Bali, and Vietnam. These are only some of the most critical Orient needs.

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, indicates that the sixteen Missions in Latin America have urged the appointment of 275 additional missionaries as early as possible. The fifty most pressing personnel needs are: thirty missionaries for field evangelism, twelve for theological education, two for primary and secondary education, two for combination field evangelism and primary and secondary education, two for combination field evangelism and academy business management, and two for hospital administration.

The additional 225 missionaries requested for Latin America are needed in the areas of field evangelism, theological education, elementary and secondary education, publications, medicine, good will center work, youth work, student work, secretarial work, business administration, and agriculture.

Dr. Means asks: "How about you? Do you like to preach? Do you enjoy having fellowship with other Christian leaders? Do you like to help pastors who have not had your advantages?"

If your answer to these questions is yes it may be that God intends for you to fit into one of the assignments described above. There are still whole states in Latin-American countries without missionary representation. It is hard to believe that this is the will of God. For this reason, perhaps you would do well to consider the question: "What is God's will for me?"

Dr. Cornell Goerner, who has just returned from a three months' journey through Africa, Europe, and the Near East, has pointed out many needs that require attention.

HE PARTICULARLY stresses the fact that in Central Africa the Mission had laid definite plans for two couples to begin work in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland upon return from furlough. As the Mission faced the lack of necessary personnel it was forced to the decision that these experienced missionaries must return to their posts in Southern Rhodesia and work in new areas must be postponed.



Baker J. Cauthen

There are people reading these lines who could change this picture within the next few months, for some could go to Southern Rhodesia and reinforce the Mission so that experienced missionaries could enter Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

All over Africa the cry is for additional missionaries. The entire map of Africa must be restudied from the standpoint of Baptist mission advance. New fields must be entered. New countries must be served.

During his journey to Africa, Dr. Goerner spent time in Ghana, which has newly come to its independence. He says: "Two of the most urgent needs in Africa today are found in Ghana. One is for a single woman to do field work among the churches, specializing in Sunday school and Training Union. The other is for a high school science teacher. Both of these needs are so critical that it is difficult to see what the outcome will be if these places are not filled within a few months.

"There is one single woman in Ghana doing Woman's Missionary Union field work. She needs a woman companion to live with her and travel with her. In Kumasi we have a splendid high school just getting into full operation. It will be necessary to offer science in the fall of 1958. The reputation of this new Baptist school is at stake."

This page is being written for *The Commission* to set before Southern Baptists the fact that, while wonder-
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Foreign Mission News

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Peru

Series of Revivals

Thirty-seven persons, 27 of whom are adults, made professions of faith during a recent eight-day revival in the First Baptist Church, Lima, Peru. Evangelist for the meetings was Rev. Adrian Gonzalez, pastor of First Baptist Church, San José, Costa Rica.

While in Peru, Mr. Gonzalez also conducted revivals in the Miraflores Baptist Church and the Lince Baptist Church, both in Lima.

Romania

Letter Received

The Foreign Mission Board has received its first direct communication from Baptists in Romania since the beginning of World War II, according to Dr. George W. Sadler, representative for Europe, who said, "Romania has been more closed than Russia."

Among other things the letter, which was sent to Dr. Sadler, said: "We are all well. The Lord's work is going on well. We are teaching in the seminary." The writer is a professor in the Baptist theological seminary in Bucharest.

The last paragraph of the letter gives an indication of the lack of communication. It says, "Please give my best wishes and kindest regards to Dr. Rankin." (Dr. M. Theron Rankin, former executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, died in 1953.)

Southern Rhodesia

Four Graduate

Four men, the first to complete the African Baptist Theological Seminary's regular three-year course, received their diplomas last December (see photo on page 12). They began their studies when the seminary opened near Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia, in February, 1955.

The three-year course is taught in English. The seminary also offered a two-year course in the vernacular when it first opened, and two men completed that course in December, 1956. All the present seminary work is in English, but the faculty hopes to

accept another vernacular class when more teachers are available.

Following the commencement address by Dr. M. Giles Fort, Jr., the awarding of diplomas by Principal W. David Lockard, and the faculty address by Dr. Ralph T. Bowlin, the seminary's visual aids class and the graduates presented a pageant depicting the needs of the lost which can be met by Jesus. The pageant was written and directed by Mrs. Bowlin.

Concerning the important part the seminary plays in the mission effort, Mrs. Fort writes: "When new mission work is established, one of the most acutely realized needs is for trained nationals to teach and to pastor churches.

"As people in previously unreached areas first hear the gospel and trust in Jesus, they are truly like babes and must be nurtured in Christian growth as they are taught Baptist doctrines and basic beliefs. Missionaries cannot do it all; before indigenous churches can arise there must be trained national leadership. Establishing a seminary is therefore urgent in the development of mission work."

Two of the graduates are now pastoring churches in Bulawayo, one is pastor on the Sanyati Reserve, and the fourth is a member of the seminary faculty.

Mufundisi Gibson Magaranombe's story is presented as representative of the backgrounds, training, and contributions of the four. When the Baptist mission station was opened on the Sanyati Reserve, Mr. Magaranombe became a teacher in the Baptist school. Later he felt that God

wanted him to preach, and he enrolled in the seminary's first class.

During the early part of his training, he and his family lived in an apartment on the campus. Then he became pastor of a near-by church, and the family moved to the church field.

Now pastor of the Sanyati African Baptist Church, Mr. Magaranombe is putting into practice what he learned in the seminary as he visits, witnesses, and works in the villages throughout the reserve, in the Baptist hospital, in the homes, in the church office, and in the pulpit.

"As we look to the future of Baptist missions in Central Africa," says Mrs. Fort, "We continue to pray for more men to hear God's call, to train, and then to become dedicated leaders of strong national Baptist churches.

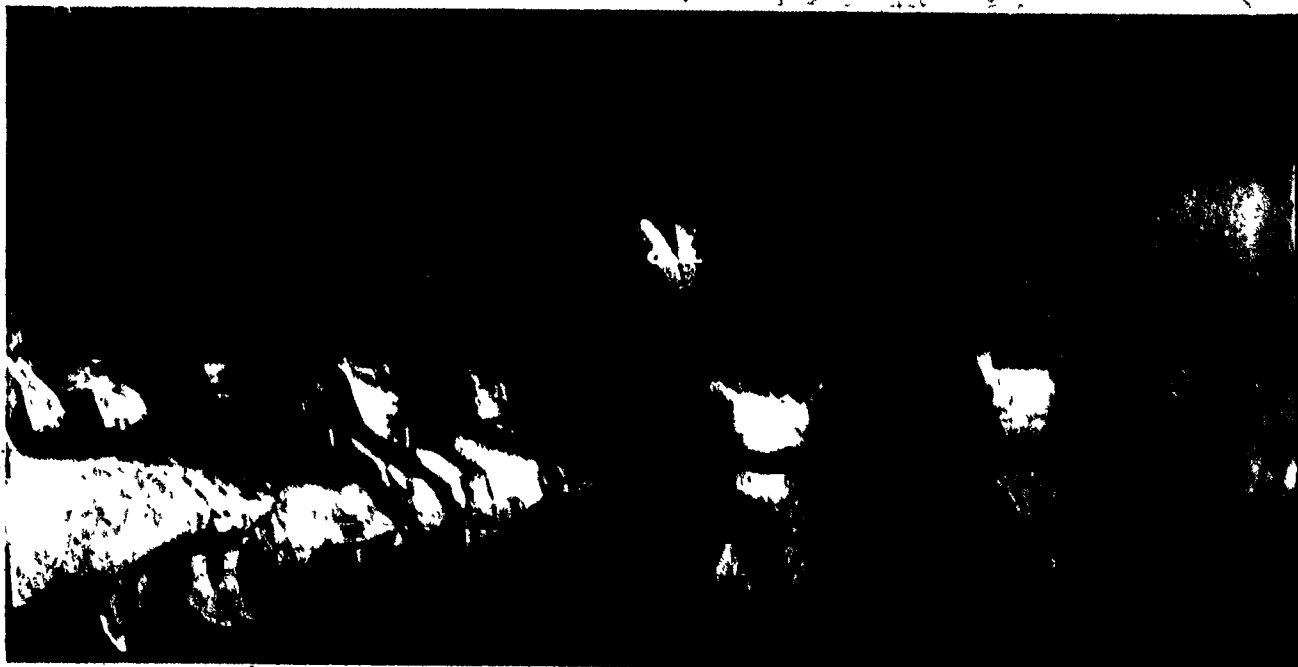
"Because the seminary enrollment has increased each year there is also a definite need for more missionary personnel on the teaching staff. We pray that God will send forth laborers for this vital task."

Spain

Noteworthy Offering

The Spanish Baptist Woman's Missionary Union gave \$392.81 to its 1957 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions. The money will be used among Chinese refugees in Taiwan.

The Spanish women have been interested in the work with the Chinese for some time, reports Mrs. Roy B. Wyatt, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary in Spain. In 1955 they wanted to send their offering to China, but be-



Two girls were crowned queens during a Girl's Auxiliary recognition service in the state of Alagoas, Brazil, recently. (See story in Foreign Mission News.)



The building under construction is a combination meeting place and parsonage for the Baptists of Okinawa. Now completed, the building was dedicated on April 27. Baptist mission work on Okinawa is sponsored by the Japan Baptist Convention; and featured speakers on the program of dedication were Rev. Kiyoki Yuyu, president of the Japan convention, and Rev. Noboru Arase, secretary for evangelism. Present to admire this grandchild of Southern Baptist missions was Dr. J. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient for the Foreign Mission Board.

cause the political situation there made it impossible to do so they chose another field. When they heard of the opportunities Southern Baptist missionaries face among Chinese refugees from the mainland who have moved to Taiwan, they unanimously decided to give last year's Christmas offering to that work.

"The offering, one of the largest in the history of the Spanish W.M.U., is even more noteworthy when one realizes that the spiraling inflation which has engulfed Spain in the past two years has made life very difficult for these who have given so sacrificially," says Mrs. Wyatt.

More than 30 W.M.U.'s participated in the offering and in the week of study and prayer.

Taiwan

Special Meetings

About nine Baptist churches in the northern part of Taiwan joined in a simultaneous evangelistic crusade during the last week in March. Evangelists for the services were all local preachers.

The Baptist chapels in the north are planning a similar crusade for June 8-13, and the churches and chapels in

the southern part of the island will hold their meetings in the fall.

Other special meetings scheduled for Taiwan this year include a conference for pastors and evangelists, May 26-30, and the meeting of the Taiwan Baptist Convention, July 14-18.

The convention opened its third mission point in March.



A new unit (upper right) has just been completed behind the main building of the Baptist publishing house, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (See Foreign Mission News.)

Thailand

15 Decisions

Ninety-two persons attended a youth retreat sponsored by the Thailand Baptist Mission during the last week in March. Four made professions of faith in Christ as Saviour and 11 dedicated their lives to serving Christ.

Mrs. Y. K. Chang, of Taiwan, and Dr. Howard D. Olive, of the Philippines, were guest speakers for the retreat, which was held on the beach at Patayah. National Christians took part on the program and helped with all aspects of the planning.

Following the youth retreat, the Southern Baptist missionaries in Thailand had their first Mission retreat, with Dr. Olive as speaker. The emphasis of this meeting was on the missionaries' spiritual life.

Yugoslavia

Lehocki Visits States

Rev. Adolf Lehocki, secretary of the Baptist Union of Yugoslavia and president of the Yugoslavian Baptist theological school in Novi Sad, attended the April meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. He is in the States for a three months' visit.

Mr. Lehocki says that there are 50 Baptist churches in Yugoslavia, with a total membership of 3,676. In addition, Yugoslavian Baptists sponsor 65 preaching stations.

EPISTLES

FROM TODAY'S APOSTLES ALL OVER THE WORLD



Bible Woman Is An Important, Hard Worker In Korean Baptist Churches

Juanita (Mrs. Don C.) Jones
Taejon, Korea

IT SEEMS that the Korean people are always ready to respond when the gospel is preached. We've had some thrilling experiences and one of them was at Nonsan, a town of thirty-five thousand people about thirty miles from Taejon. The church there is in its initial stage, having been organized a little over a year ago by a Bible woman and two deacons from a church in a near-by town.

The morning we were there, Don preached on the power of God, and when he gave the invitation we really saw it manifested. Nine came forward making decisions for Christ; four of them were men. The pastor was especially happy because there had been only one male member of the church other than the deacons. After the service he told us that seven of those people had come to church for the first time that morning.

That afternoon we were royally entertained in the home of the Bible woman. Perhaps you did not know that almost every church in Korea has a Bible woman. Second in importance to the pastor, she is to the women of the church what the pastor is to the men.

We were told that the custom is an outgrowth of the old culture which prohibited men and women from sitting in the same room with one another after they had reached seven years of age. Of course, all that is changing now; but the Bible woman still remains. And in most cases she is a real worker in the church.



Work In Indonesia Progresses; 100 Missionaries by 1963 Is the Goal

W. Buren Johnson
Djakarta, Java, Indonesia

OUR WORK in Indonesia continues to grow at a rapid rate. The needs and opportunities for Christian witness are unlimited and urgent. There are now forty-six missionaries under appointment for Indonesia. We have churches and chapels in Bandung, Djakarta, Kediri, Semarang, Solo, and Surabaya. Missionaries are stationed in each of these cities except Solo.

Bandung, where our Indonesian mission work started in 1952, is now the home of our publication work, carried on by Miss Grace Wells and Rev. and Mrs. Ross C.

Coggins. Language school is also in Bandung and all new missionaries go there for one year's study of the Indonesian language.

The Mission headquarters and treasurer's office are located in Djakarta. Miss Mary Sue Meuth came last August to help in this work. There are two churches and one ordained Indonesian pastor in Surabaya, where Rev. and Mrs. Stockwell B. Sears and Rev. and Mrs. Douglas E. Kendall are working.

We have had medical clinics in Kediri for nearly three years. The first ward building of our hospital was opened in February, 1957, and since then several auxiliary buildings and a second ward building have been constructed and put into use, increasing the hospital's capacity to more than one hundred beds. Homes for doctors and nurses have also been provided.

The main administration building is under construction. It will contain offices, outpatient clinic, laboratory, X-ray equipment, classrooms, and chapel. We are planning to build a special surgery building during 1958.

Dr. C. Winfield Applewhite is in charge of the hospital. Serving with him are two doctors, Kathleen Jones and Frank B. Owen; two nurses, Ruth Ford and Everley Hayes; a nurse and anesthetist, Ruth Vanderburg; and a laboratory technician, Mariam Misner. Nurse Virginia Miles is being transferred to Indonesia from the Philippines. Dr. Robert L. Lambright and Nurse Martha Bell will join the staff in a short time.

Our Baptist theological seminary at Semarang will graduate its first class in June. Dr. Buford L. Nichols is president of the seminary. Others on the faculty include Dr. Catherine Walker and Dr. R. Keith Parks. Dr. G. W. Schweer will join them when he completes his language study. The seminary has seventeen students this term, five of them from the church in Djakarta.

This will give you a picture of our Baptist work in Indonesia. The Foreign Mission Board has set a goal of one hundred missionaries in Indonesia by 1963. Continue to pray for us and for the work.



Household Shrine Is Burned When Buddhist Turns to Christianity

Charles D. Mullins
Waianae, Oahu, Hawaii

IN ACTS 19:18-19 we read that a group of converted sorcerers burned their books of magic, symbolizing their turning to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Early this year Mr. Isosaki, a seventy-year-old member of the Waianae Baptist Church, burned his Buddhist shrine as a symbol of his turning from Buddhism to Christianity.

The unusual service consisted of the reading of Acts 19:18-19 in Japanese and English, a message by Rev. Toshio Hirano on the meaning of such a service, prayers led by Mr. Hirano and myself, and the burning of the shrine. The service closed with the singing of the Doxology. The congregation was truly praising God for the flow of grace into the life of Mr. Isosaki.

We are grateful to the Lord for giving us a place of service in Hawaii where we can see and perhaps help a little in seeing such things come to pass. Please pray for us as we continue for the Lord here.



Mothers' Health Class in Nigeria Found to Be Popular and Practical

Louise (Mrs. John B.) Hill
Igede, Nigeria, West Africa

EVERY Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock the Igede women leave their tasks and gather at the church for a meeting which they have found very practical. This is our mothers' health class, which has been organized for several months. Our first lecture was on tetanus. One wouldn't find such an interested audience for such a class in America; but here the students sit on the edge of their chairs and don't miss a word, for almost every woman in the room has lost at least one child from tetanus. Other lectures have been just as timely.

The happiest experience of all was a class taught by Dr. Karl J. Myers, Jr., who visits the dispensary once a month. At this particular class he had a child whom he had treated a year ago for severe protein deficiency and another child who had come just that day for treatment of the same condition. The first child was the picture of health; the second was emaciated, with swollen feet, sore legs, and a constant cry. The remedy for this condition is protein-rich black-eyed peas, which they call beans. The mothers were amazed to find that what they had supposed to be a fatal disease could be cured with beans.

I am grateful that we are going to the mission field at a time like this, a time when all Southern Baptists are emphasizing prayer for world evangelization. For even those who have never prayed for missions before will pray now. Those who have always intended to pray but never have, if they are ever to pray, will pray now. I'm sure that at a special time each day, from the heart of each one, a prayer will arise. I am grateful, for these prayers will find their answer in my own missionary service, etched out in terms of souls being won to the Lord and lives being changed by the blood of Jesus Christ.—James O. Teel, missionary to Ecuador

It is my hope that because of these periods of instruction, the mothers will remove the juju charms from their children. For Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Our week ends are spent in visiting the churches in this association. Last Sunday we visited a group of believers who have become Christians through the efforts of a man who was converted at the hospital in Ogbo-mosho. Ours were the first white children most of the people had ever seen. We are always afraid that under such circumstances they will not be model children; and most of the time they certainly aren't.

This time, however, David won their hearts by shaking hands with everyone who held out a hand to him. We visited the king, much to the delight of Baker and Dick, who always enjoy shaking hands and saluting a king. This king was particularly "kingly." He wore a white velvet garment lined with material printed with pink rosebuds!



A Missionary's Reward: The Joy Of Leading Souls to the Saviour

Ted O. Badger
Cavite City, Philippines
(now in the States on furlough)

LAST SUNDAY the Lord granted one of those joys that nullify whatever small privations we may have. I accompanied Billy B. Tisdale, a fellow missionary, to Capas, a small village near Tarlac City. I gingerly climbed the split bamboo steps into the small nipa hut where we had been invited to hold services, scarcely daring to trust my weight (230 pounds) to the floor.

After song and prayer, Bill brought a simple message from the second chapter of Ephesians. A small Filipino woman edged closer and closer to his chair as he spoke. She appeared quite old and her vision was poor, but we could see that she was intensely interested in what he was saying.

After explaining the verses, Bill asked any who wanted to receive Christ as personal Saviour to come and stand by him. The old woman slowly stood but she did not move. Finally she said to the young interpreter, "I want to know how to let Jesus Christ come into my heart."

Bill turned to me to see if I had anything to say. Through the interpreter I asked, "Do you believe that you are a sinner in the eyes of God?"

"Yes; all have sinned."

"Do you believe that Jesus Christ has the power to save you for always?"

"Yes, I believe he is able."

"Do you want Jesus Christ to save you today?"

"Yes, I want Christ in my heart."

"Then will you step over and take the hand of the missionary and just tell him that you are trusting Christ as your Saviour this moment?"

The light from the small kerosene lamp was dim, but all of us saw the little old woman pause just a moment.

Then, straightening her bent shoulders, she resolutely stepped forward and took Bill's hand. We knew the Holy Spirit was present in that fragile bamboo house, and a flood of joy seemed to sweep over us. Even the unbelievers were strangely moved. We asked the woman her age, and she answered, "Ninety years."

It is refreshing to us here in the hinterland that we do not need mighty cathedrals, stained-glass windows, swelling organs, majestic choirs, polished sermons, and carpeted floors to enjoy the presence of the Almighty. Perhaps too often we trust these trappings to lead men to God when all we need is the Word and the Spirit. A missionary comes to have a deep respect for the power of the Word of God.



Christian Love and Stewardship Concern Malayan Young People

Herbert H. Holley
Petaling Jaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya

"HOW CAN we have love for people we don't like?" The girl leading the discussion raised this question in the Young People's Training Union recently after a program on Christian love.

Another young girl, a Christian of only a few weeks, answered with feeling and obvious sincerity, "Well, the only thing that helps me is to think of Christ's prayer, 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do,' and then I can love them."

The girl who had asked the question immediately agreed and added, "Oh, sometimes I think I just can't love a person, because that person is so mean to me. But then I pray and the feeling is all taken away."

This girl is the only Christian in an idol-worshipping family. She faithfully witnesses to her friends as well as to her family and stands unflinchingly against her mother's many attempts to make her worship idols and to prevent her going to church. Her Primary Sunday school class gives her another opportunity to witness to her non-Christian family and friends.

Late in December our central area youth camp was held at Golden Sands, our seaside assembly grounds near Port Dickson. The group was composed of young people from the churches and chapels in Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur, and Petaling Jaya. The daily routine and living arrangements of the camp were similar to camps in the States. One exception was that the boys slept in the chapel on the pews—no complaints, either!

Courses in stewardship and doctrine were held in both English and Cantonese. In the stewardship class which I taught, instead of taking an examination the students asked questions pertaining to their personal problems in the application of stewardship.

One Christian boy, about eighteen years old, stated this problem: "I am going to school and tutoring at night. My parents, who are not Christians, do not request, but

demand, that I give them forty-five dollars of the fifty I earn. That leaves me five dollars a month pocket change. Am I to tithe the total amount I earn or the amount they leave me?"

After lengthy discussion the class decided that, according to the Bible teaching, he should tithe the amount earned. He then said he was already giving \$4.50.

I also had the opportunity to be in the South Malaya camp the following week. Both camps proved to be very profitable in strengthening the Christians and winning the lost.



Moslems Sacrifice Cocks and Rams While Baptists Begin Their Revival

Robert M. Parham, Jr.
Koffi, Nigeria, West Africa

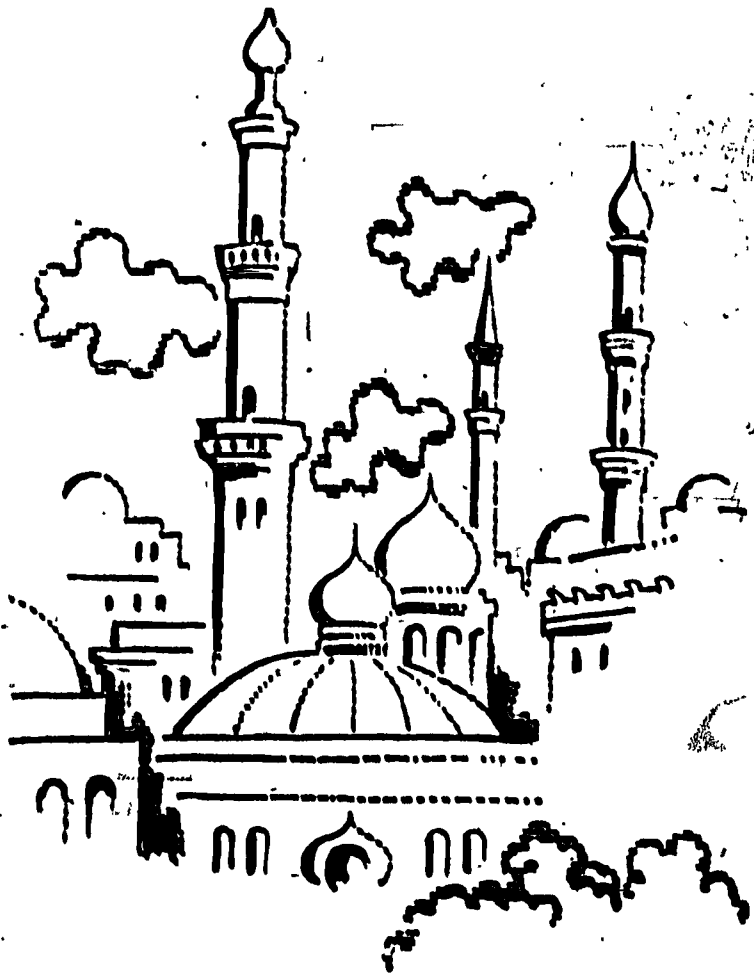
HANDSOME fettered rams and beautiful cocks add color to the drab mud compounds in the Moslem city of Maiduguri. What a festive occasion! These rams and cocks will be sacrificed in celebration of Mohammed's birthday.

Thirteen hundred and eighty-seven years ago, a few miles from the Red Sea, in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, a babe was born. No one dreamed that this boy, orphaned early in life and subject to fits, would be the father of a religion that today boasts 349,000,000 adherents and is flourishing as is no other religion in the world. Leaders of the 13,456,000 Nigerian Moslems claim that within a few years Nigeria's 30,340,000 people will embrace the faith of the babe of Mecca.

Another group in Maiduguri is looking forward to a meeting tonight. The Baptist church is beginning its revival. Many have been praying that Moslems now sacrificing rams and cocks will come to know Christ. The crowd is gathering, the building is filled; but all present are Yorubas, itinerant traders from the Western Region. No Hausa Moslems are present.

After the congregation joins in singing praises to God, an old Yoruba man, his face scarred with tribal markings, leads in prayer. The African evangelist then preaches the wonderful message of salvation. As his words reach out across the congregation and through the windows, Moslems stop out of curiosity to listen. During the invitation several Yorubas make professions of faith. The service closes with prayer in a language these Moslems understand. Only eternity will reveal the effectiveness of this service in leading these on the outside from the babe of Mecca to the Babe of Bethlehem.

In Maiduguri, the capital of Bornu Province, there are sixty thousand Moslems. This province, larger than the state of South Carolina, has over one million Moslems; yet there are only eleven evangelical missionaries and no Southern Baptist witness at all. Our nearest missionary is 543 miles away, a three-day journey by automobile. How desperate is their need!



Call to Prayer

By William A. Cowley

Allahu Akabar
 Allahu Akabar
 Asuad Allah illah illah
 Asuad-adunah Mohamadah re su
 lulah
 Aiya la sa la
 Aiya la lu fa 'la
 Allahu Akabar
 Allahu Akabar
 Bar labaila illah lab

In that quiet period just before dawn the sound spreads from village to village.

God is great
 God is great.
 There is no god but Allah
 And Mohammed is his prophet
 Come quickly for prayer
 Come for worship
 God is great
 God is great
 There is no great God like Allah

It is the muzzein, calling Moslems to prayer. His cry is easily recognized by anyone who has heard it even once. The distinctive tones and "tune" are hard to mistake or forget.

As we hear it, we know what is happening: Our own night watchman, a faithful Moslem, rouses from his drowsy vigil and washes his hands, feet, and mouth so that he may be clean as he stands and kneels before Allah and so that the words of his

prayers may pass through clean lips. And in every house and hut where faithful Moslems live the same ritual is taking place.

Not once a day, but five times, this routine is repeated. As we drive along the road we often see farmers at prayer. Passengers alight from a bus anywhere along the way so that Moslems on board may pray. Traders in the market do not hesitate to interrupt a transaction when prayertime comes. Those who sell curios at the airport unashamedly unroll their prayer mats, wash, kneel, stand, bow toward Mecca, and count their prayer beads in the presence of the hundreds of non-Moslems who may be there.

Granted, not all Moslems do this;

only the faithful are so devoted. Granted further, much of this procedure is ostentatious; but much is very sincere. Are we Christians as faithful to our beliefs as these Moslems are to theirs? Or do we excuse ourselves so much, saying, "I don't want to make a show of my religion," that we fail to let anyone know we are Christians? Are we as concerned that our prayers rise from clean hearts as the Moslem is that his pass through clean lips?

When we see a Moslem—a slave of Allah, as he calls himself—at prayer, it is not for us to condemn him for his ritualism or display of religion. Rather, we ourselves are condemned because we—children of God—are less faithful to our Heavenly Father.

Moslems at prayer.



Missionary Family Album

Appointees (April)

BOONE, Hal B., Tex., and Patricia Held Boone, Ky., Tanganyika.
BRYANT, Thurmon E., Okla., and Doris Morris Bryant, Tex., South Brazil.
GIVENS, Sistic, Okla., South Brazil.
GREEN, T. S., and Anita Newell Green, Tex., Paraguay.
McKINLEY, James F., Jr., and Betty Cecil McKinley, Ky., East Pakistan.
MAIDEN, Joanna, Va., Nigeria.
MORRIS, Richard E., and Christena Simmons Morris, Tenn., Taiwan.
SMITH, L. C., and Eunice Andrews Smith, N. C., Nigeria.
VERNER, W. Eugene, Tex., and Marjorie Riechen Verner, Ala., Ghana.
WARE, James C., and Susan Goodwin Ware, La., Mexico.

Arrivals from the Field

CRANTREE, Mildred (Nigeria), 416 E. 6th St., Dalhart, Tex.
HARRIS, Josephine (Hawaii), 118 College Bld., Pineville, La.
LLOYD, Rev. and Mrs. Robert H. (Argentina), 4027 Boyd, Ft. Worth, Tex.
MARTIN, Rev. and Mrs. Henry D. (Nigeria), c/o Mrs. Everette E. Martin, Rte. 3, Stuart, Va.
MORRISON, Martha (Hawaii), c/o Mrs. A. G. Woodruff, 5446-A Rhodes Ave., St. Louis 9, Mo.

Births

CHEYNE, Rev. and Mrs. John R. (Southern Rhodesia), daughter, Rebecca Marie.
EDWARDS, Dr. and Mrs. T. Keith (Nigeria), daughter, Harriet Clarice.
EMANUEL, Rev. and Mrs. B. P. (Bill), (Japan), daughter, Rebecca Ruth.
GLASS, Rev. and Mrs. Ernest W. (Malaya), son, Thomas Franklin.
KENNEDY, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas J. (Nigeria), son, Keith Charles.
MAYHALL, Rev. and Mrs. David N. (Nigeria), daughter, Eva Gail.

Deaths

LINGERFELT, Walter, father of Rev. James E. Lingerfelt (North Brazil), March 12, Gadsden, Ala.
SANDLIN, Annie, emeritus (China), March 21, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
SPENCER, Scott Cameron, son of Rev. and Mrs. Alvin E. Spencer, Jr. (Japan), April 7, Japan.

Departures to the Field

DAVIS, Rev. and Mrs. Burton de Wolfe, Caixa Postal 714, Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil.
LANIER, Minnie Lou, Caixa Postal 320, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Language School

KUNE, Ruth, Baptist Mission, Box 14, Oyo, Nigeria, West Africa.
PEACOCK, Rev. and Mrs. H. Earl, Caixa Postal 552, Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil.

New Addresses

BENSON, Mrs. J. H., emeritus (Mexico), 4023 Kernack, Dallas, Tex.
COZZENS, Katherine (South Brazil), Box 2644, Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.
DAVIS, Rev. and Mrs. Horace V., Caixa Postal 1982, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
FAILE, Dr. and Mrs. George M., Jr., Baptist Medical Center, Nalerigu via Gambaga, Ghana, West Africa.
FREELAND, Estelle (Nigeria), 136 Callowhill, Baird, Tex.
HAGOOD, Martha (Japan), Columbia, Ala.
HAMLETT, Mrs. P. W., emeritus (China), 112 Silver Creek Rd., Morganton, N. C.

JACKSON, Shirley, Caixa Postal 1982, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

JOHNSON, Pearl, 9 Youth Road, Taiwan, Taiwan.

KRATZ, Rev. and Mrs. C. Eugene (Southern Rhodesia), Apt. 2-A, 519 W. 122nd St., New York 27, N. Y.

LEONARD, Dr. and Mrs. Charles A., emeritus (Hawaii), c/o C. A. Leonard, Jr., 2205 Floyd St., Sarasota, Fla.

LOVEGREN, Dr. and Mrs. L. August (Jordan), 1766 N. Decatur Rd., Atlanta, Ga.

MERRITT, Rev. and Mrs. Dewey E., Box 9, Minna, Nigeria, West Africa.

MILLS, Rev. E. O., emeritus (Japan), Gen. Del., Gulf Breeze, Tex.

O'CONNER, Rev. and Mrs. Louis, Baptist Mission, San 5, O Jung Ni, Taejon, Korea.

QUALIS, Rev. and Mrs. Samuel A., Caixa Postal 1982, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

SCHWARTZ, Evelyn, Djalan Gunung Sahari VI, 11a, Djakarta V/2, Indonesia.

SHELTON, Rev. and Mrs. Ray E., Avenida Millan 2790, Montevideo, Uruguay.

TERRY, Virginia, Caixa Postal 1982, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

WEEKS, Wilma, Djalan Ir. Anwari 12, Surabaya, Java, Indonesia.

In Memoriam

Annie M. Sandlin

Born October 13, 1880
Cuthbert, Georgia

Died March 21, 1958
Tuscaloosa, Alabama



MISS ANNIE SANDLIN, for thirty-eight years a Southern Baptist missionary to China, died March 21 at Bryce Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Appointed for overseas service in 1909, she was principal of two schools in China, acting principal of another, and writer and translator for *Kind Words*, a religious paper for Chinese young people. She did general evangelistic work prior to her retirement in 1947.

A native of Cuthbert, Georgia, Miss Sandlin received the bachelor of arts degree from Andrew College, Cuthbert, and the bachelor of missionary training degree from Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now Carver School of Missions and Social Work), Louisville, Kentucky. She also attended the University of Georgia, Athens. She taught in the public schools of Georgia before going to China.

My First Furlough

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February 3, 1958

Dear Friends:

"My, how time has been flied!" as a young Japanese student of English once put it. Truly, this furlough year has "flied" by in a hurry. There have been many new experiences: my first Southern Baptist Convention meeting, my first visit to Miami (and I am a Floridian!), bridesmaid in two weddings, two weeks at Glorieta Baptist Assembly (which is indeed "glorious Glorieta"), and my first television appearance! And there were many occasions for reminiscing: Florida Baptist Assembly on the campus of Stetson University, De Land, my alma mater; two weeks at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, where God's call to foreign missions came to me seven years ago; planned and just-happened meetings with many, many friends. Needless to say, it was good to be with my family, too. Of course, the largest part of furlough was spent in sharing Japan missions with folks here at the home base—in churches, Schools of Missions, camps, assemblies, and schools. I can only partially know to what extent the Lord has used these 16,000 miles and 150 speaking engagements, but I myself have become more and more anxious to board that ship and go back and get to work! I'm sure that's one good reason for furlough! I'm now in the midst of seven weeks of auditing at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, "recharging my battery." I'll sail from San Francisco, California, on the *President Wilson*, April 5. Destination is 6-Nishi 2-chome, Harima-cho, Abeno-ku, Osaka, Japan.

FRANCES HORTON

New Appointees

Appointed March 13, 1958



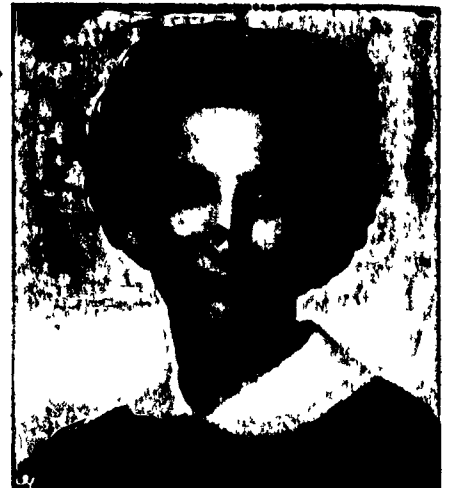
BOATWRIGHT, CLAUDE SAWYER (BOB)

b. Emanuel Co., Ga., Aug. 10, 1924, ed. Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Ga., 1941-43; North Georgia College, Dahlonega, B.S., 1948; S.B.T.S., B.D., 1951, Th.M., 1952. U. S. Army Air Forces, 1943-46; pastor, church near Cynthiana, Ky., 1951-53, Collins (Ga.) Church, 1953-58. Appointed for Japan, March, 1958. m. Betty Faith Williams, Dec. 23, 1950. Permanent address: c/o Maurice Boatwright, Swainsboro, Ga.

BOATWRIGHT, BETTY FAITH WILLIAMS (Mrs. CLAUDE SAWYER)

b. Macon, Ga., Apr. 22, 1926, ed. Beale Tift College (now Tift College), Forsyth, Ga., A.B., 1946; W.M.U. Training School (now Carver School of Missions and Social Work), M.R.E., 1950. Educational director, Buford (Ga.) Church, 1946-47; public school teacher, near Covington, Ga., 1947-48; summer field representative, Georgia W.M.U., 1949; music and promotional director, Lawrenceville (Ga.) Church, 1950. Appointed for Japan, March, 1958. m. Claude Sawyer (Bob) Boatwright, Dec. 23, 1950. Children: Mary Linda, 1953; David Wayne, 1955.

JAPAN



BOND, GERALD CLAYTON

b. Vernon Parish, La., July 26, 1927, ed. Louisiana College, Pineville, A.B., 1949; N.O.B.T.S., B.D., 1952. Farm superintendent, assistant mission superintendent, industrial mission, Liberia, Africa, 1954-56; associate pastor, Bethel Church, Oakdale, La., 1946; pastor, Fullerton (La.) Church, 1945-46, Oak Grove Church, Clearwater, La., 1948-50, Pine Ridge Church, Melder, La., 1950-52, South Columbia Mission of First Church, Columbia, Miss., 1952-54, South Columbia Church, 1956-58. Appointed for Africa, March, 1958. m. Helen Marie Terry, July 3, 1947. Permanent address: c/o Ernal Terry, Box 684, Port Sulphur, La.

BOND, HELEN TERRY (Mrs. GERALD CLAYTON)

b. Stearns, Ky., Mar. 8, 1928, ed. Louisiana College, Pineville, A.B., 1949; Lott Secretarial School, Columbia, Miss., 1952. Substitute teacher, public schools, Melder, La., 1950-52, Columbia, 1952; office secretary and primary school teacher, industrial mission, Liberia, Africa, 1954-56; secretary to high school principal, Columbia, 1957-58. Appointed for Africa, March, 1958. m. Gerald Clayton Bond, July 3, 1947. Children: Sandra Lynne, 1948; Carolyn Kay, 1950.

AFRICA



NICHOLS, GILBERT ATHOL

b. Mountain View, Ark., Jan. 6, 1932, ed. Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., B.A., 1953; S.B.T.S., B.D., 1956. Printer, Mountain View, 1947-49, Magnolia, Ark., 1951; U. S. Army, 1951; pastor, Bethany Church, Deputy, Ind., 1953-54, Clearspring Church, Norman, Ind., 1955-56, Daugh Chapel Church, Austin, Ark., 1956-58. Appointed for Paraguay, March, 1958. m. Mabel Deane (Deanie) Marshall, June 28, 1953. Permanent address: c/o W. E. Marshall, Box 162, Cabot, Ark.

NICHOLS, MABEL DEANE (DEANIE) MARSHALL (Mrs. GILBERT ATHOL)

b. Cabot, Ark., June 29, 1931, ed. Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., B.A., 1953. Secretary, Ouachita College, 1949-53; summer field worker, Training Union Department, Arkansas Baptist Convention, 1952; second grade teacher, Jefferson Co., Ky., 1953-55. Appointed for Paraguay, March, 1958. m. Gilbert Athol Nichols, June 28, 1953. Children: Rebecca Lynn, 1955; Amy Karen, 1957.

PARAGUAY





ROSS, CAROLYN O'BRIEN
(Mrs. FRANK GILBERT)

b. Valley Wells, Tex., Feb. 22, 1932, ed. University of Corpus Christi (Tex.), 1949-50; S.W.B.T.S., A.R.E., 1954. Secretary, commercial firm, Agua Dulce, Tex., 1949. Appointed for Mexico, March, 1958. m. Frank Gilbert Ross, July 1, 1950. Children: Deborah Lynn, 1952; Marie Darlene, 1954.

ROSS, FRANK GILBERT

b. Dallas, Tex., July 2, 1928, ed. Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., 1946-47; University of Corpus Christi (Tex.), B.A., 1950; S.W.B.T.S., B.D., 1954. Pastor, First Church, Long Mott, Tex., 1947-49, Thorn Spring (Tex.) Mission, 1951-53, Choate (Tex.) Church, 1954-56, Holling (Tex.) Church, 1956-58. Appointed for Mexico, March, 1958. m. Carolyn Marie O'Brien, July 1, 1950. Permanent address: c/o J. Hardy Ross, Star Route, Palacios, Tex.



MEXICO

Let Us Pray

OUR FORCES in Korea are few; we need missionaries right now. There are six stations where evangelistic couples could begin work today if they were here and had finished initial language study. Be praying with us this year that the love of Christ will grow in many hearts. And be praying especially that qualified pastors throughout the Southern Baptist Convention may surrender their lives to service in this vital field at the edge of the devil's greatest weapon—Communism.—Daniel B. Ray, missionary to Korea

THE Foreign Mission Board has received word that the Baptist church building in Málaga, Spain, has been closed by order of the government. The reason given the pastor by the civil governor's secretary was that the church had no written permission for services. The secretary suggested that the church apply for permission at once, which it is doing. This church, which was begun in the early fifties, has had an understanding with the police even though it has not had official permission. It is in the midst of a building program, constructing an enlarged auditorium. Won't you pray that this church may continue to witness with full permission from the authorities and that it will continue to grow even while its building is closed?

RECENTLY we had the experience of helping entertain an Englishman and an Indian, who, after riding bicycles across India, were peddling through Thailand. I asked the Indian, a handsome young man of twenty-two and a Hindu, to explain some things about his religious beliefs. He replied that there are so many gods in his religion that he does not know to which he should pray. Southern Baptists have not been able to send even one missionary to the more than 375,000,000 people of India. The doors to that country are not open; and, even if they were, who would we send? We do not have enough missionaries to staff the Missions in the countries where we now work. Won't you pray for more missionaries?—Bobby L. Spear, missionary to Thailand

THERE is a great unrest among the people of East Africa. That they are hungry is apparent on every side. More than seven hundred people, members of the tribe in which the Mau Mau uprising originated several years ago, flocked to the showing of a religious film recently. They need the Christian message to fill the vacuum left by the defeat of Mau Mau. Our prayer request for all of East Africa is for more laborers to work in this harvest.—Earl R. Martin, missionary to Kenya

Compiled by Dorothy Brock



THE WORLD IN BOOKS

Genevieve Green



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

A Spanish Village

Platero and I, by Juan Ramon Jimenez (Texas University Press, \$3.75), is a literary work with an unusual approach. Though quiet in tone, the prose poems stir the emotions. They deal with the pleasant, as represented by sketches entitled "White Butterflies" and "Landscape in Scarlet," and the unpleasant, as represented by "The Mangy Dog" and "The White Mare." The 128 poetic glimpses of life in the town of Moguer, Spain, are like line drawings by a skillful artist, revealing depth of emotion by the cast or curve of a line.

The Platero in the title is a small donkey, "a soft, hairy donkey—so soft to the touch that he might be made of cotton, with no bones. Only the jet mirrors of his eyes are hard like two black crystal scarabs." He is a constant companion throughout the book.

Children's Stories

In her inimitable way, Alice Geer Kelsey, from her worldwide contacts, presents in *Seven-Minute Stories for Church and Home* (Abingdon, \$2.00) fascinating tales from many areas of time and place. The language is simple. The descriptions are vivid. Each story possesses action so delightful to a child.

While not all of the stories are true, each one carries a truth. The moral of each tale is unmistakable, but is never "tacked on" as a preachment.

The book would be valuable to leaders of juvenile groups or to boys and girls for reading.—NAN F. WEEKS

New Guinea Tales

Olaf Ruhen, author of *Land of Dabari* (Lippincott, \$3.75), believes that by studying Stone-Age civilizations, such as that of New Guinea, we can learn much about our own. He says:

"In the distance we have traveled from the spot where these people stand, the social sanctions have greatly changed; but the people are the same. You will find in the most primitive villages the miser and the spendthrift, the fighter and the son of peace . . . the careful housewife, the harlot, the philanderer, and the fool, all living together in one community as our own."

Characters in these stories from New Guinea include native people, European "district officers," women, missionaries—all of them represented by individuals who are good and bad. They prove the author's premise that men of every race

and of every age are at heart the same.

The stories are divided into four sections, beginning with legends of the country before its discovery by white men and ending with stories about the island as it is today. An introduction to each section discusses the historical setting.

Southeast Asia

John C. Caldwell, born in China, the son of Methodist missionaries, visited countries in the southeastern part of Asia before writing *South of Tokyo* (Henry Regnery Co., \$3.50), which deals with political situations of Taiwan and the other countries of this section.

There are chapters on Chiang Kai-shek and the men who make up the governing body of Free China. Caldwell emphasizes their educational and cultural background and their high ideals for the development of their adopted country. Most of them have doctorates from universities in the United States.

Some of the high points are stories of Chinese students going into Red China for their college work and finding conditions so terrible that they do all they can to escape and return to Free China; descriptions of life in Hong Kong and in Indonesia and other countries of Southeast Asia; a chapter on the fine work that Methodists are doing in Sarawak, Borneo; and discussion of the wonderful work of a quiet American Negro, Dr. Sam Adams, in bringing education to a quarter of a million Cambodian children.

Throughout the book Caldwell stresses the high ideals of Free China in contrast to the ideals of Communism. This is an excellent background book for the mission study of Southeast Asia.—RACHEL DICKSON

Brazilian Diary

The Diary of "Helena Morley" (Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, \$4.75), translated by Elizabeth Bishop, is a delightful and yet informative account of life in a diamond mining town in the interior Brazilian state of Minas Gerais at the turn of the century.

"Helena Morley" is a pen name. Written in her twelfth to fifteenth year, because a teacher urged his pupils to write everything down, this is the author's only book. Its publication came about through a friend who recognized its universal appeal and wanted to make it available to others.

The writing is completely frank and unaffected. The reader acquires no statistics and over-all facts that he can quote with pride to display his knowledge of the country, but the diary leaves in his heart a feeling for the Brazilian people that no ordinary book gives. Reading it is almost like living in Helena Morley's neighborhood. Her experiences involve getting along with the neighbors, religion, odd people, illness, relatives, work, school, funny experiences—all viewed with the philosophy of adolescence.

Mission study groups will value especially the book's revelation of Catholicism, for Helena is a member of a Catholic family and a Catholic community, and of the Brazilian attitude toward race.

This is a classic—an entertaining bit of reading, a revelation of the real Brazil beyond cosmopolitan centers.

Folk Tales

Compiled by Eulalie Steinmetz Ross and illustrated with drawings by Josef Cellini, *The Buried Treasure* (Lippincott, \$3.00) contains twenty-two stories from ten countries, selected from a "Picture Tales" series that is now out of print.

These are folk tales, many of them with animal characters who have the characteristics of people, fairy tales, nonsense tales, and moralistic stories. Some of them have the repeated phrasing that small children love. Most have the sound of being told.

It is a good volume for the storyteller's library. The countries represented are Russia, Spain, Scandinavia, India, Mexico, Italy, France, Holland, China, and Japan.

Sentence Reviews

A Survey of the Old and New Testaments, by Russell Bradley Jones (Baker, \$5.95), is an interpretative study, in twenty chapters, of God's redeeming love as the central message of the Bible.—J. MARSHALL WALKER

Christ Be with Me, by Walter Russell Bowie (Abingdon, \$1.75), thirty-one daily meditations based on the divine companionship of Jesus, has fresh, clearly stated messages on such themes as "Why We Need a Saviour," "How to Pray," "Power from Quietness," and "The Gift of the Holy Spirit."

I Believe, by Gerald Kennedy (Abingdon, \$1.25), has ten truly inspiring messages on the theme, "I believe"—in God, Christ, myself, life, tomorrow, immortality, triumph, fellowship, love, and faith.

A thirty-page booklet program to be used in the dedication of a home, *Home Dedication Service*, compiled by Samuel W. Hutton (Bethany, 50 cents), includes a choice of Scripture passages, quotations, picture titles, prayers, music titles, form for a certificate of dedication, and a blank sheet on which to list guests.

THE COMMISSION

You Are Needed Now!

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ful advance is being made and larger numbers of missionaries are being appointed than ever before in our history, we must not congratulate ourselves upon partially measuring up to our Lord's expectations.

Every servant of God who feels called to preach should seriously examine his heart and the Scriptures to find God's will for his ministry. A call to preach is of necessity a call to share the gospel of redemption anywhere in this needy world. It should never be assumed that a call to preach automatically means to minister in one's own language to one's own countrymen. This may be the will of God for many, but no one should assume this to be the case without searching for his Lord's will through prayer and study of the Scriptures in light of world need.

Many who read this article will be attending the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Hundreds of splendidly trained pastors and other Christian workers who still are young enough to be considered for appointment should, during the convention, re-examine the whole question of missionary service.

Although the normal appointment age limit is thirty-two, you should not hesitate to make known to the Foreign Mission Board that you are available for missionary service if you are still in your middle thirties, are robust in health, and have full college and seminary training and good experience.

Many who read these lines will have just graduated or will soon graduate from seminaries. What are you going to do in view of the spiritual need of millions who have never heard? Will you follow the example of the apostles in taking the gospel where it has been but little known?

Some days ago when I was in the valley of the Amazon in Brazil I felt anew the challenge of this task. I saw one missionary who, because of absences and losses on the fields, was having to minister to three great cities. I saw a young missionary woman carrying the main responsibility in a city of eighty thousand. I saw a young couple, who already had done extensive work in field evangelism, adding to their labor the teaching responsibility in a theologi-

Reciprocal Prayer

By Charles L. Culpepper, Jr.

The consciousness of prayer support is the daily testimony of those who represent you in other lands. My mind goes back to the morning of February 27, 1949. Jaxie Short was saying good-by to Dr. and Mrs. Clifton E. Harris and myself as we boarded the train that was to take us out of Communist-controlled Canton, China, to Hong Kong and freedom. She reminded us, "Clif and Ann are on the prayer calendar today; so you know many friends will be praying."

We were thankful, as always; but it wasn't until our train came under a three-hour air attack that we really felt God's everlasting arms even as you prayed. The train and passengers passed on unharmed to Sumchung and safety, although eleven people had been killed in a similar attack the week before. We have often talked of this experience, and it has been more miraculous to us because the usual system

of selecting names for the prayer calendar had not been followed; none of us had a birthday on that day. God brings about daily miracles in answer to your prayers.

The answers I have been thinking about during this furlough year, however, are of a different kind. Before my mind constantly are those earnest, faithful Chinese Christians. I remember how spontaneously they pray for Christians and churches in the States. I know our Father hears them, and it seems to me that in answer to their prayers we should be seeing miracles of God's love in our work here at home. As those who starve in the midst of plenty, we fail to appropriate the spiritual bread that is returning to us after many days. A great volume of prayer rises from thirty-eight countries for us and for the Lord's work in the States. Surely he is moving through those to whom we have witnessed to revive his people here.

cal institute in order that the school might begin its session as scheduled.

Seldom have I seen a small handful of people doing a more extensive and vital work. It made me feel that any man who loves to preach the gospel would get the thrill of his life by going to the mission field and telling the story of Jesus. It made me feel that any brave woman privileged to share life with a man of God should let him know that he need never hesitate to answer God's call to any difficult spot because of her. Every preacher's wife ought to be sure that she is so committed to her Lord that her husband will never have to hesitate in answering a call of duty but will find his chief encouragement from her.

You are needed now! If you genuinely believe God is leading you and if you have the spiritual, educational, and health requirements for missionary service, you can volunteer now, be appointed before the end of this year, and go soon to a mission field to meet critical needs that long have been waiting.

Needed: Definite Prayer

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which Christ has given him, he began to make friends and to tell them what Christ has done for him. Two or three are now meeting regularly for Bible study and worship. Please pray for Mr. Uto and his friends; that they may help to build up a witnessing church there.

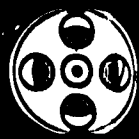
Nishinoomote is the largest town on the island of Tanegashima. Baptist work was begun there in March, 1955, when Mr. Yuko Hamazaki, a member of the Kagoshima church and a high school teacher, was transferred to the city. This man was also burdened for the salvation of the lost around him, and he began holding services in his home on Sunday mornings. So far six have been baptized. Please pray for the Lord's power upon this young man and his wife.

As you join us in prayer for these needy, weak, and struggling places, let us all remember that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."



MISSIONS VISUALIZED

Fon H. Scofield Jr



Aids to Mission Study

"MISSION STUDY"—these are important words. They indicate a significant part of the educational programs in the churches and they state one of the purposes of the department of missionary education and promotion of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

When a program for any of the church organizations has a foreign mission emphasis, it is studied by the headquarters staff of specialists in missionary education for ways to implement its use in the churches through the resources of the Foreign Mission Board. This is an illustration of the co-operative planning and pooling of resources which are effective in our denominational program today.

Among the resources which the Foreign Mission Board makes available are audio-visual aids. For a decade the Board has been assembling libraries of negatives and original slides. A competent staff has been gathered to utilize these materials effectively, economically, and within the pattern of co-operation between Southern Baptist boards and agencies.

The annual foreign mission study emphasis of Southern Baptists is one of the challenging projects for the visual education staff. This year the theme is Southeast Asia. Many churches will be studying about missionaries and their work in the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaya, and Singapore. All of these are new areas for Southern Baptists, and they are strategic countries in international affairs. Southern Baptists have a peculiarly challenging opportunity to win the millions of people in these countries to Christ.

Visual aids will be important in the study of Southeast Asia, and the visual education specialists of the Foreign Mission Board worked for more than a year to prepare these aids for release by June 1.

In the spring of 1957 the available resources were studied along with the book manuscripts for the 1958 Foreign Mission Graded Series. Many of

the pictures needed were in hand, but missionary activities had resulted in tremendous growth and, consequently, the listing of materials available showed many gaps.

When the needs were definitely determined, assignments were given to capable photographic journalists and documentarians. Professional photographers in the countries involved, competent missionary photographers, and specialists from the home office went into action. The result of all this planning and activity is a high-quality and effective visual coverage of Southeast Asia.

This coverage means that the mission study books, programs of Woman's Missionary Union, and articles in the denominational press can be illustrated with up-to-date pictures. It means that missionaries from these areas will have hundreds of slides to help them tell their thrilling story.

This coverage pictures the activities of Southern Baptist missionaries in Southeast Asia, and it presents national Christians related to Baptist churches and the national cultures involved.

Visual aids available for the churches to supplement the materials on Southeast Asia include a picture book, two filmstrips, and nine slide sets. These are listed on the opposite page.



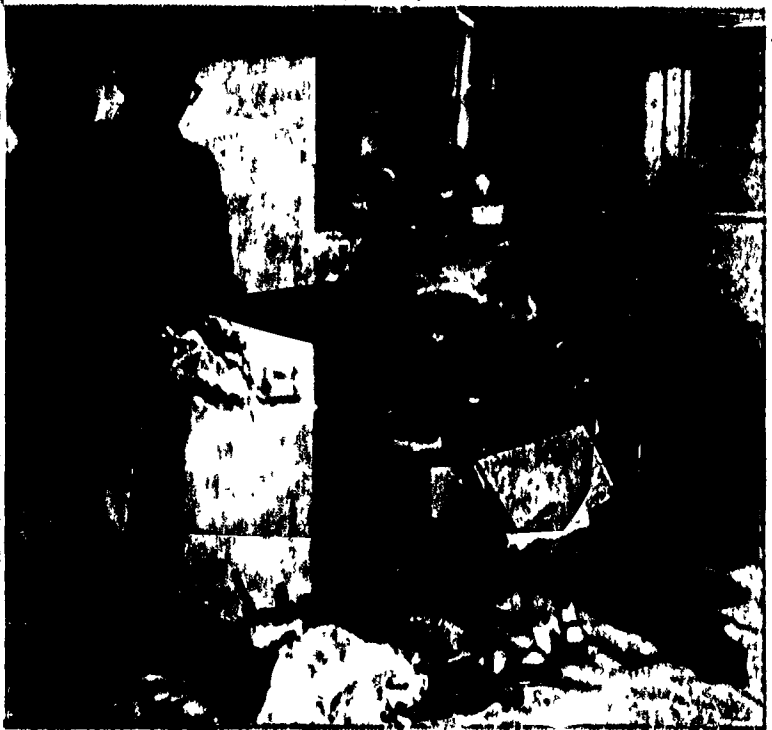
Fon H. Scofield, Jr., the Board's associate secretary for audio-visual aids, is shown in the courtyard of a Hindu temple in Indonesia while he was in Southeast Asia securing pictures for use with the 1958 Graded Series study.



A page from the picture book, "Southeast Asia in Pictures."

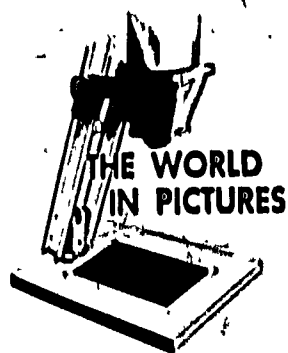


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Scene from the motion picture entitled, "So Send I You."

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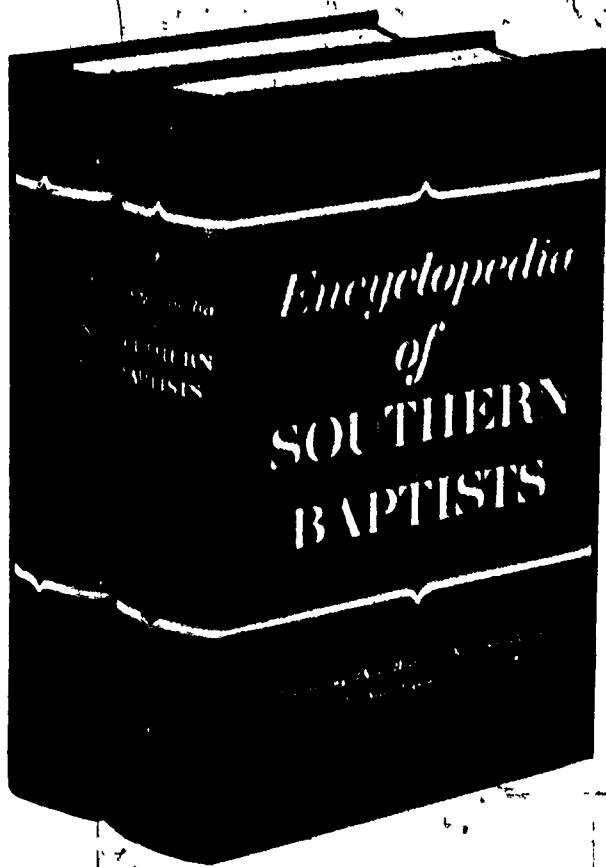
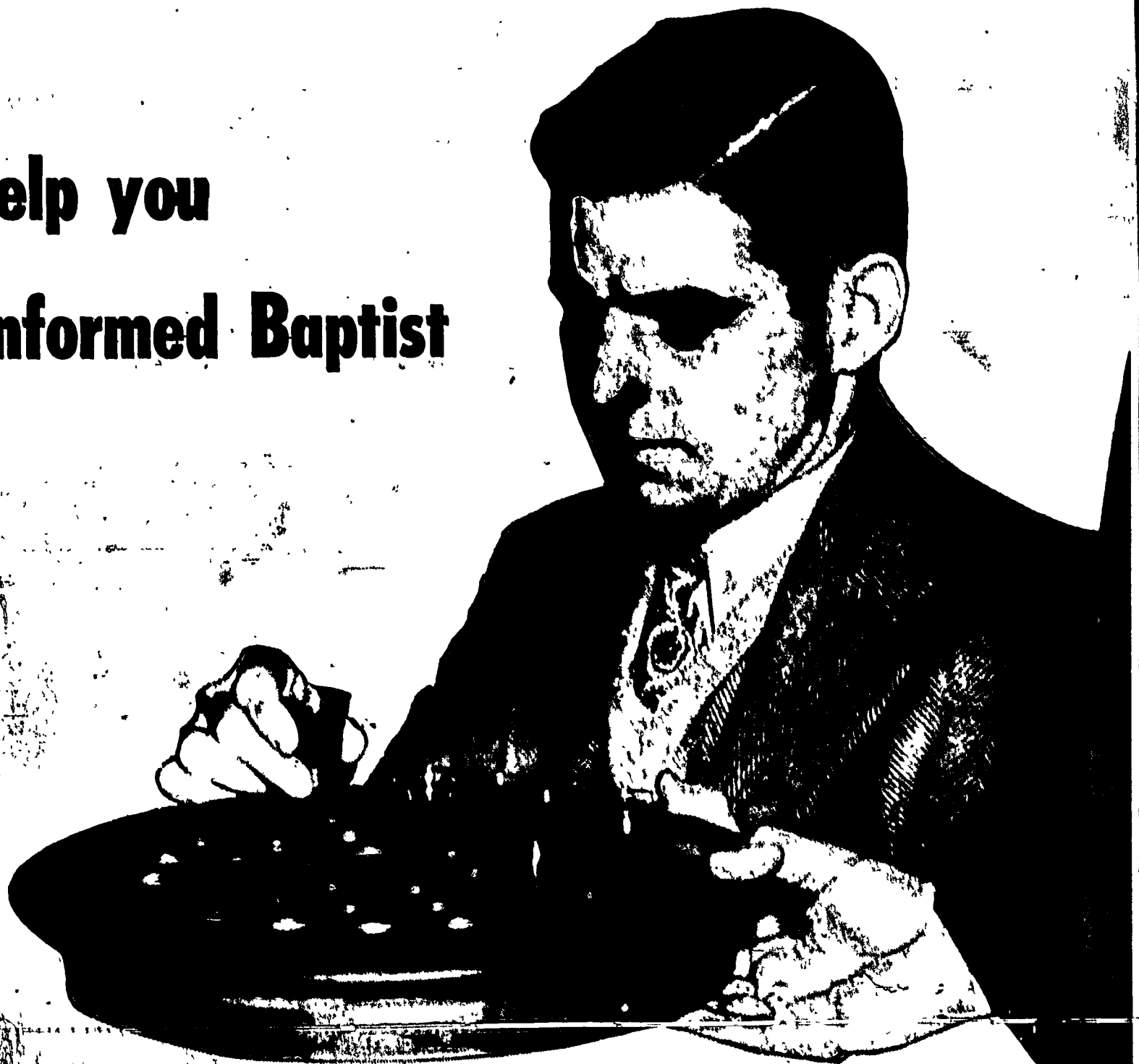
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