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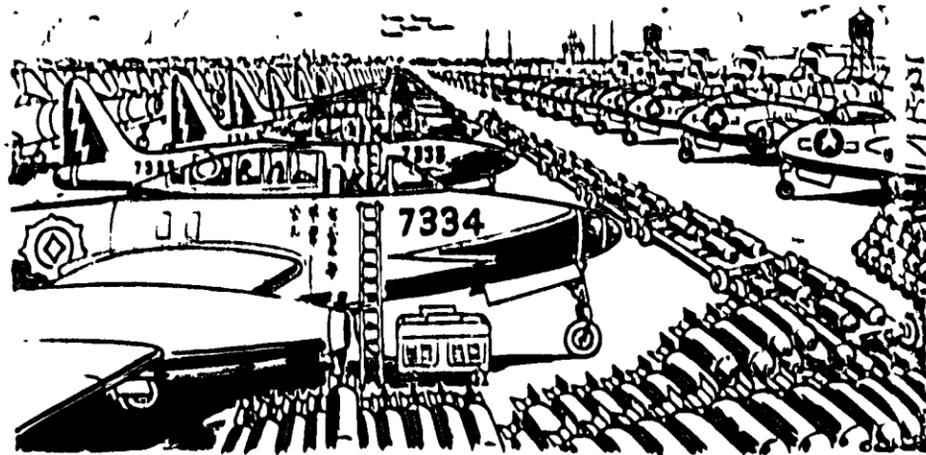
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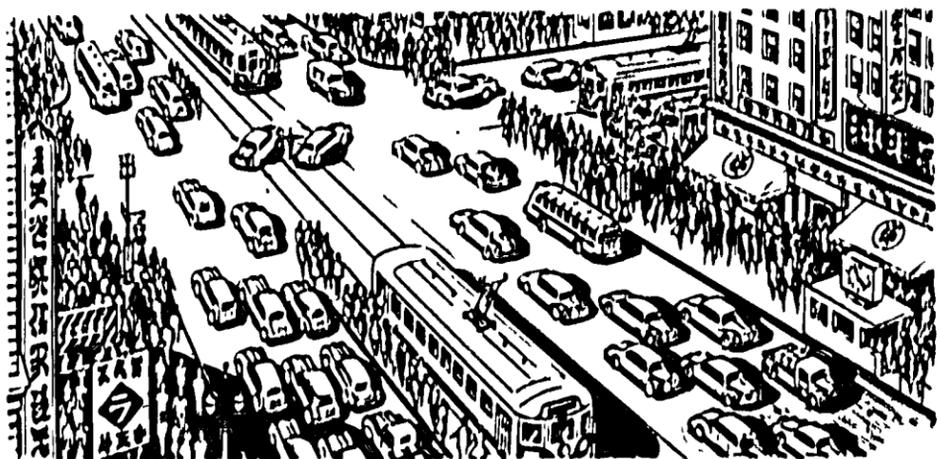
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**YOU FEEL** something of the increased tension of Southeast Asia here in Hong Kong as the crisis in Laos develops. You had the feeling the island was on a war footing when you had to close the curtains on the plane as it landed in Taiwan (Formosa), but through the break in the curtains you could see the jets and stacked bombs all ready to go. The aircraft carriers have pulled out from Hong Kong to a station near Laos.



**AND YET** the millions of rich and poor go on their way about the same, interested in making more money or a bowl of rice to keep hunger away another day. Today we saw three dirty children, all under five years of age, huddled against the wall on a busy sidewalk. Beside them, in bold Chinese characters, was a note from some mother saying that she was sick and could no longer care for the children. She was begging that someone take her deserted brood.

**IN ONE BLOCK** there live twenty-five thousand people, and I thought of our Baptist concept that the building determines the character of the church. How could you have a building for twenty-five thousand to the block? And yet Christ died for them. This is a common problem that confronts the missionaries in the Orient. It will take more than radio or TV to break through. It will take the assembling power of God.



**JAPAN** is booming, but nationalism is closing the doors. "If this is sin, let us have more of it," they say. Cars are abundant, the stores are crowded, the people are polite—and smart—and the small merchant is a deterrent to communism. This is not true of Taiwan, nor is it true of the rest of Southeast Asia, according to the missionaries. All this leads me to express the hope that the Cooperative Program is picking up.

—Porter Routh, Executive Committee, SBC

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*A New Christian*  
'neath the old olive



# Witness trees

**S**URROUNDED by silvery green leaves of olive trees, like a lighthouse in the sea, stands the new Ajloun Baptist Church building in Jordan. This Baptist house of worship—the first to be erected east of the Jordan River—stands as a milestone to progress of the Baptist witness in the land where our Saviour was born.

The building was initiated by a special gift in 1954 from First Baptist Church of Decatur, Georgia. Construction, however, was not started until October of 1958, and the sanctuary was not ready for worship until April, 1960. Now a year old, this church building will mean much to the future of the Baptist witness in Jordan. It was dedicated March 12 in a service attended by the district governor, the mayor of Ajloun, and representatives of the Muslim community and Greek Orthodox Church.

The religious-tribal communal structure of the nation is built upon the realm of the religious. Little distinction is made, therefore, between politics and religion. A person by natural birth becomes either a Muslim or supposedly a Christian. Community life, especially in the rural areas, is centered around the mosque or the church. A church in Jordan usually signifies an established religious community.

It is almost mandatory for a progressive religious community to have a respectable building in which to worship and in which the "rites" pertaining to birth, marriage, and burial can be

performed. A person may accept the Baptist witness of Christ as personal Saviour but, as an "infant" Christian, be reluctant to completely sever all ties with his former religious community because of the necessity of these religious and semipolitical "rites."

Baptists in Ajloun now have a suitable place in which these essential "rites" can be performed. The presence of this Baptist house of worship makes it much less difficult for those who accept the message of Christ to forget those things that are behind and press on to the new things that are before and to follow their new-found Lord in believer's baptism.

When the members of Ajloun Baptist Church began to explore the possibility of starting a building program, they learned that Baptists must first secure legal registration and recognition from their Islamic government. The church prayerfully began this process, and God answered their prayers, for amid political upheaval the Baptists of Jordan became an official religious community.

And God who promised to do more than we are able to ask or think was faithful to keep his promise: The church attained the legal right to carry on her worship and witness throughout the entire Kingdom of Jordan. From the Ajloun church two small churches have been organized in other areas. It is the members' hope and prayer that every part of Jordan can be presented with the Baptist witness in the not-too-distant future.

BY W. O. HERN

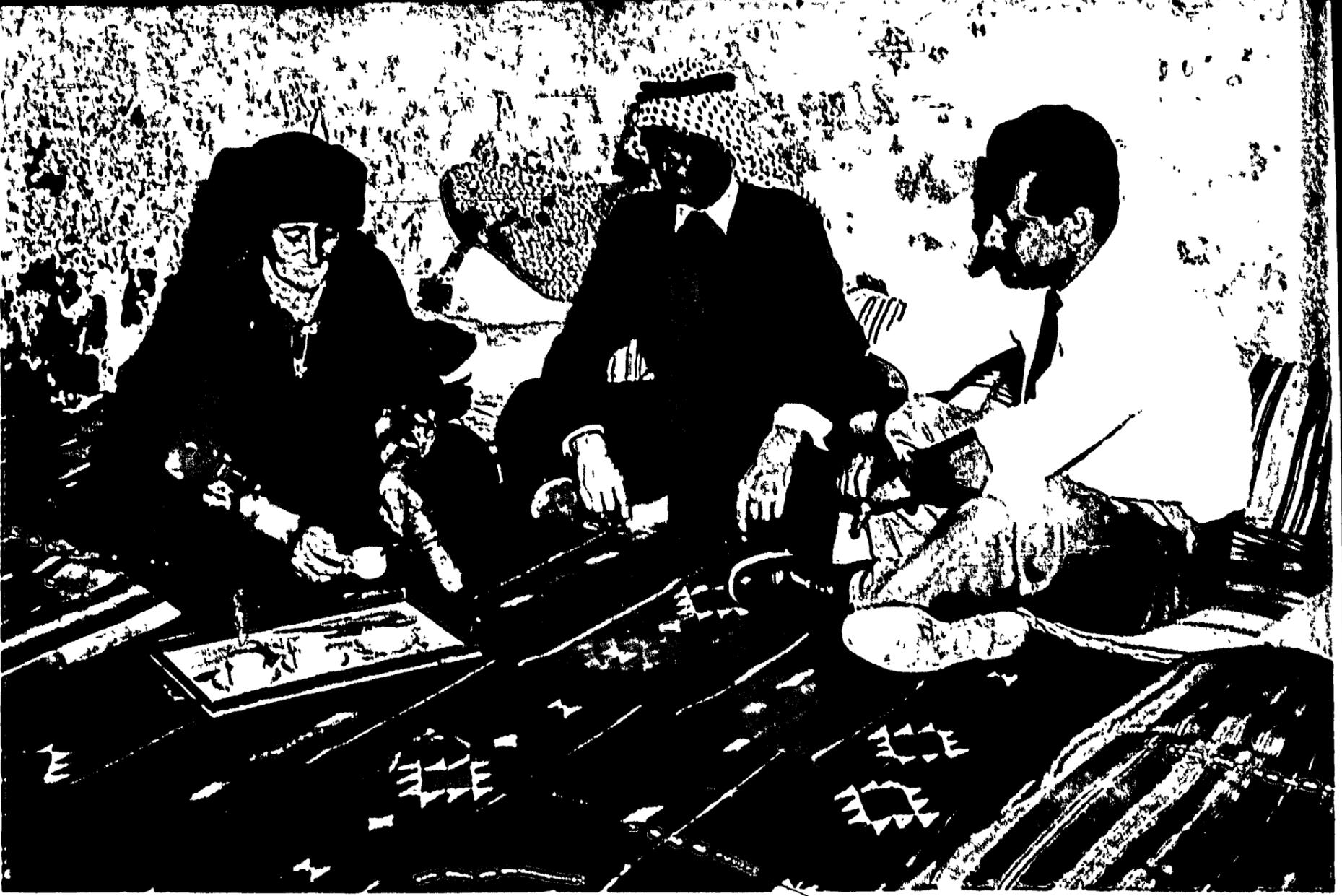
Evangelistic missionary  
in Ramallah, Jordan

**ABOVE:** Panoramic view of Ajloun and neighboring countryside, with the Baptist church in the center, surrounded by hills of olive trees.

**LEFT:** Ajloun church's new building.

**RIGHT:** Pastor Jerius Delleh preaching in new sanctuary of the church.





*Pastor Jerius Delleh (at right) visits in the home of the Fakhoury family, members of Ajloun Baptist Church.*

*Primary Sunday school pupils learn about Jesus.*



The fruitful olive trees surrounding the new building indicate that the soil upon which it is built is barren and rocky. And from the standpoint of the gospel it is generally agreed that the church of Ajloun, composed of "living stones," was from its conception grown in rocky, barren soil. The communal structure of Jordan makes propagation of the gospel difficult.

But, as the olive trees experience steady growth and bear fruit in this environment, so has Ajloun Baptist Church experienced steady growth and proved fruitful. It has increased numerically almost fourfold since its organization. And, with the new facilities and additional seating capacity for worship, the church should experience a more rapid growth in the months and years ahead.

The olive branch has long been considered the emblem of the promise of peace. The innumerable olive branches on the trees around the new church building are indicative of the true "peace of God, which passeth all understanding" and which comes through accepting the message that the church proclaims.

There are two other "nominal" Christian churches in Ajloun. But the message of repentance and salvation



*Mrs. Jurius Ashkar, a member of Ajloun Baptist Church, visits a Bedouin family.*

that brings inward peace and satisfaction to the heart is veiled by their liturgy and rituals. Even he who searches diligently in them for the truth that brings peace may be unable to find it.

Tawfic Namour was baptized as an infant in one of these churches. Early in life he displayed a tendency toward things religious. His faithful attendance at the various religious services soon enabled him to chant or sing all the litany of his church from memory.

Finding no real peace and satisfaction in these services, he later moved his membership to the other "nominal" Christian church.

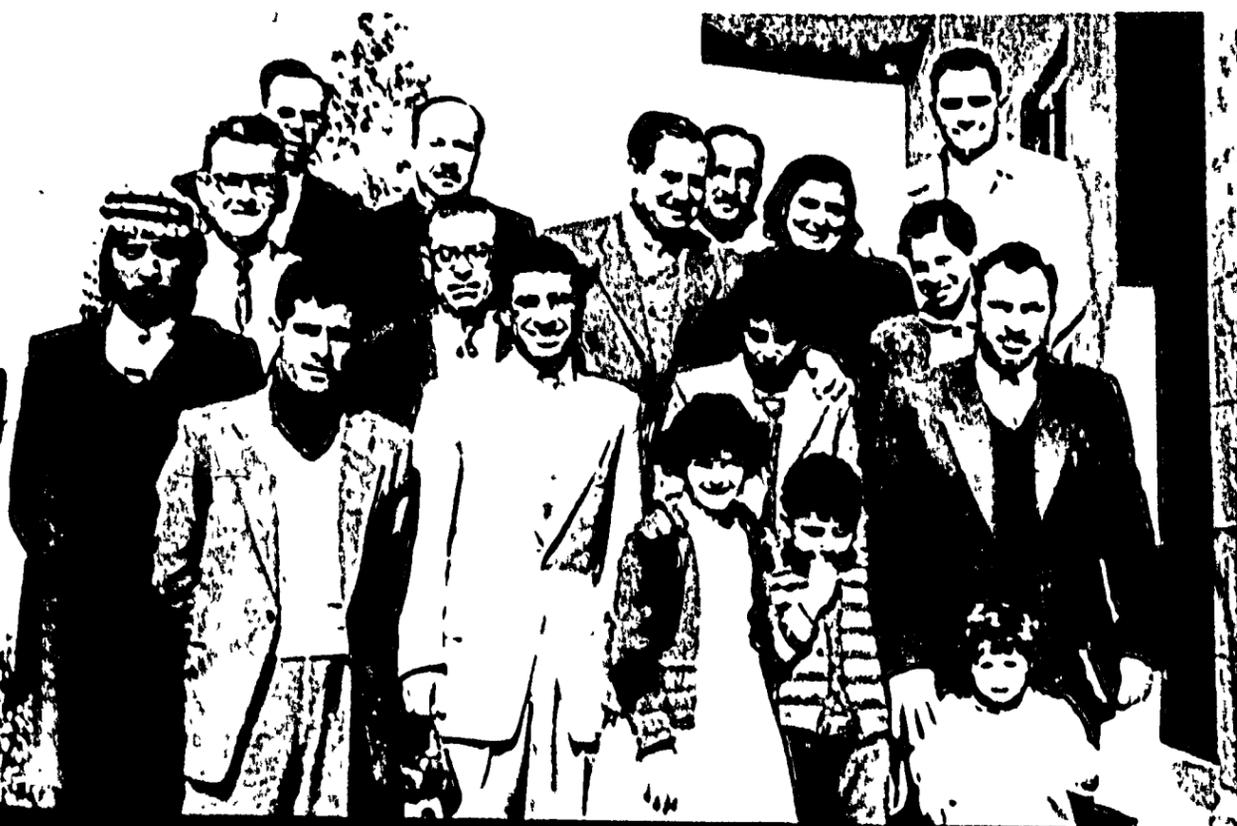
But he still did not find the peace with God that he was seeking. Tawfic's conception of Christianity was confined to the liturgy and rituals of the church services. He made no connection between his religion and righteous living. Drinking and gambling, along with other evil habits, claimed his free time.

As a part-time employee of Baptist Hospital in Ajloun, Tawfic was encouraged to attend the meetings of Ajloun Baptist Church. In a young men's meeting he found the living Christ as his personal Saviour and the true peace that Jesus gives. The transformation of his conduct and character was no less than miraculous. And the Baptist church in Ajloun continues to proclaim the message of Christ that will bring peace to troubled hearts in times of uncertainty and turmoil.

The olive tree is considered the most valued and useful tree of the land. Because of this it early came to be called "the king of trees." It is quite fitting that a Baptist church building dedicated to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords should be built among trees of such special distinction.

However, the majority of people in this Muslim nation refuse to recognize this King who died and rose again. It is the prayer of Christians here that through the continued ministry of Ajloun Baptist Church the inhabitants of Jordan may come to know, by a personal experience of salvation, the intrinsic value of the Lord and King to whom the Ajloun Baptist Church has been dedicated.

*Baptist missionaries, evangelists, and pastors accompanied by wives and children attended Pastors and Workers Conference at Jerash in December.*



**Delay . . .**

**Disappointment . . .**

**Opposition . . .**

*but*

**FAITH**

**in**

**FINAL**

**VICTORY**

BY JOHN AND EVELYN THOMAS

Missionaries in Medellín, Colombia

**E**VERY TIME we flew over the extensive and beautiful valley of Aburrá during the past several years, we wondered how many more years would go by before Baptists would start an evangelistic witness in this region of Colombia. Never did we think that the Lord would commission us to go.

Now we are here serving the Lord and Southern Baptists in Medellín, Colombia's second-largest city of 670,000 inhabitants in the center of the valley. It appears that the saying "When you see a need, do something about it" really challenged us.

We arrived last September, coming from the United States where we had spent a year on furlough. After much searching and many disappointments we finally located a house in which to live.

Imagine our surprise when reading the legal contract to see the clause: "It is absolutely prohibited to celebrate Baptist religious services or propagate Baptist faith in this residence."

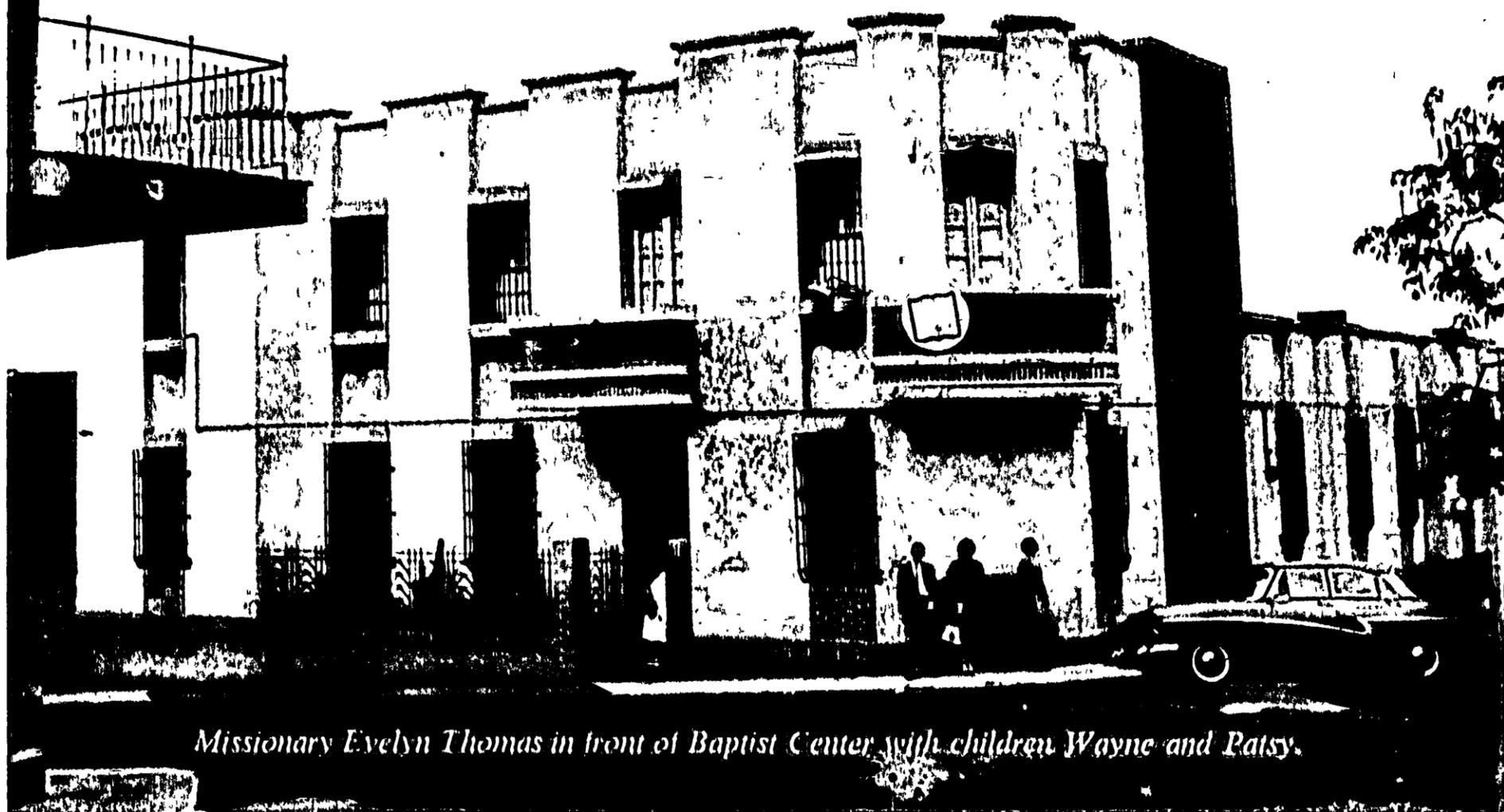
This was the forerunner of many problems yet to be faced. But could we reasonably expect to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ in a city predominantly Roman Catholic and not be opposed? We knew from twenty-five years of missionary experiences in Colombia that opposition, both violent and subtle, must be faced before Christ-centered work could be established.

For two months we also searched this city for a suitable building in which to hold services. We looked at many, seemingly adequate, but every time we approached the owners and made known our purpose we were flatly refused. They gave us some of the reasons: "I cannot afford to rent to you as this would cause serious problems with my parish priest." "Renting to Baptists would create a difficult situation for me with my relatives." "It would not be convenient for me to rent to non-Catholics."

We realized more fully the extent of control the state church has over the will of her people. This, indeed, was a perfect example of religious intolerance which pervades the minds of the people in this city.

But we continued to search and pray and were conscious of the strong prayer support by our friends in the homeland. The answer came in a most unusual manner.

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*Missionary Evelyn Thomas in front of Baptist Center with children Wayne and Ratsy.*

An airline company, which had occupied a two-floor building near the center of the city, had just completed constructing new offices at the city airport and advertised that it wished to sub-rent the building. We were informed that the company's contract would be legal only for another nine months, but in view of this a favorable reduction was made on the rent. A sub-contract was drawn up and signed, and Southern Baptists finally had a place to launch their new work.

We had some cleaning and painting to do, and it was a sheer delight to realize we were fixing the place in order to publicly proclaim the gospel. We printed and distributed special invitation cards, and, surprisingly, not one invitation was rejected. We also placed New Testaments and attractive Baptist literature in the hands of many people. These afforded us an excellent opportunity to explain the gospel to scores of inquirers from every walk of life.

Baptists officially inaugurated their public testimony on December 4 in the presence of eighteen people, mostly adults. This may appear an insignificant number compared with attendance at such occasions in the homeland, but for us it was an achievement of no small proportion. These were people who had decided to break with what is traditional, formal, and correct in order to hear a Baptist minister preach from the Bible.

During the two months since that time we saw two people accept Christ, a young businessman and a young woman. Our attendance rose to thirty on Sundays and on Wednesdays to sixteen. We see convincing evidence that the Holy Spirit is striving with quite a few of our people who are, right now, counting the cost of Christian discipleship.

In May we must discuss with the owner of the Baptist Center building the possibility of renewing the contract with us. But signs of opposition are stirring. People have come to look over the place, stating that the owner had told them it is for rent upon expiration of our contract and that the rental is to be much higher than we are now paying.

Should a new contract be refused we will be obliged to vacate and look elsewhere for a suitable building and a sympathetic owner. This would mean a complete dislocation of Baptist work and would certainly be unsettling to those who have identified themselves with us. It could mean that we would be many months without a meeting place and consequently lose contact with many who now attend.

Each of the four small evangelical groups in this city owns its property and building. Baptists, too, must support their work in this important city by making sound financial investments in land and buildings.

The Lord has set his signal seal upon our witness in other cities in Colombia, and we are entirely possessed by an ever-increasing conviction that even greater things will be accomplished in Medellín. This is a strong center of Spanish culture and aggressive education, supported by a surge in industry. Thousands of people here also are completely disassociated from the state church. They are becoming indifferent to a religious appeal and lean strongly toward atheism. Yet, we are firmly convinced that these people offer us a most important mission field.

Here we see thousands of university and college students thronging our streets. We sound again the warning we so often repeated while on furlough: These young people of today — the leading Colombians of tomorrow — are moving steadily to Marxism. Neglect them today and tomorrow they will be lost to Christianity and democracy.

This is something of the challenge now confronting us. Just imagine, for instance: In our family are four Baptists, and besides us there are only two others. We are endeavoring to witness faithfully to 670,000 people in this city and over two million in the state of Antioquia.

There is plenty of room for mission volunteers and greater financial investments here. And we earnestly request your prayers.

**T**HE MESSENGERS of the King" quartet and duet of the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Cali, Colombia, recently toured the Andes Mountains of Colombia between semesters with a musical-evangelistic program for the Baptist churches.

In the large city of Armenia, coffee-growing center of the country, the students sang and preached to an overflow crowd of more than 250. People stood in the street, lined the walls, and packed the staircase of the meeting place. Though the lights went off three times, the service went on with joyous results. When the invitation was given, eighteen young people offered themselves for full-time service in God's kingdom.

In the crowded city of Ibagué, where many people have taken refuge from the political violence which still plagues Colombia, a record attendance gathered in the small Baptist church. Standing room was taken, and scores of people were turned away. Here more than twenty youths responded to the invitation for full commitment to Christ. Although many people had to walk for miles late into the night to return home, they said they appreciated learning more about the seminary that Southern Baptists have helped to build in Colombia.

So many people turned out in the riverside city of Girardot that the church's preaching room had to be abandoned in favor of the back yard. Despite bugs, mosquitoes, tropical heat, and bad lighting, God greatly blessed, and many youths indicated that they wanted to become Christian workers.

In the capital city of Bogotá the three Baptist churches united for a large youth rally in the downtown church. Young people came from all



*Quartet and duet sing in Baptist churches in the Andes Mountains.*



over the metropolis of more than one million inhabitants. Testimonies were given by students, songs were sung, and an inspiring message was delivered by a member of the quartet, a young lawyer from Peru.

This young attorney said that he had expected to make a fine living with his law practice, and then one day God spoke to his heart about becoming a preacher of the gospel. His text: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (Matthew 6:33).

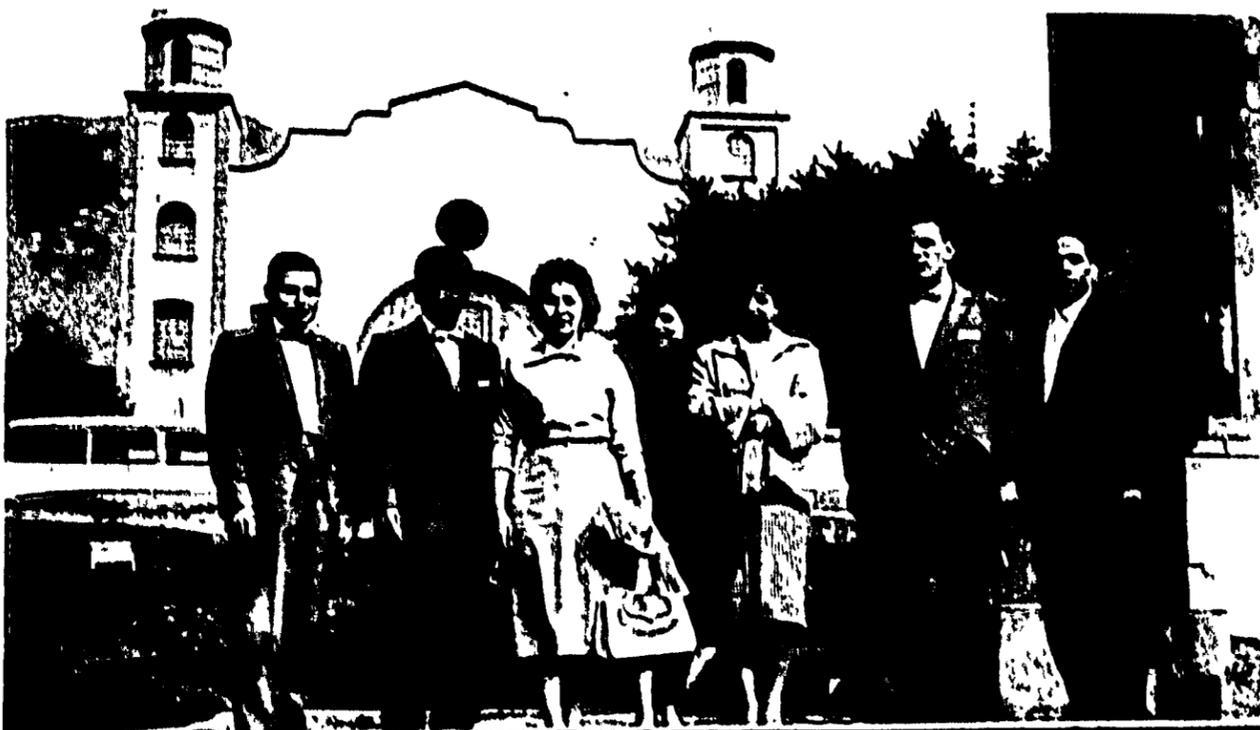
When the invitation was given, God seemed to be working in an extraordinary way. Several young men of culture and education stepped forward to indicate their desire to work full

# Musical Messengers

BY JOHN W. PATTERSON

Professor, International Baptist Theological Seminary, Cali, Colombia

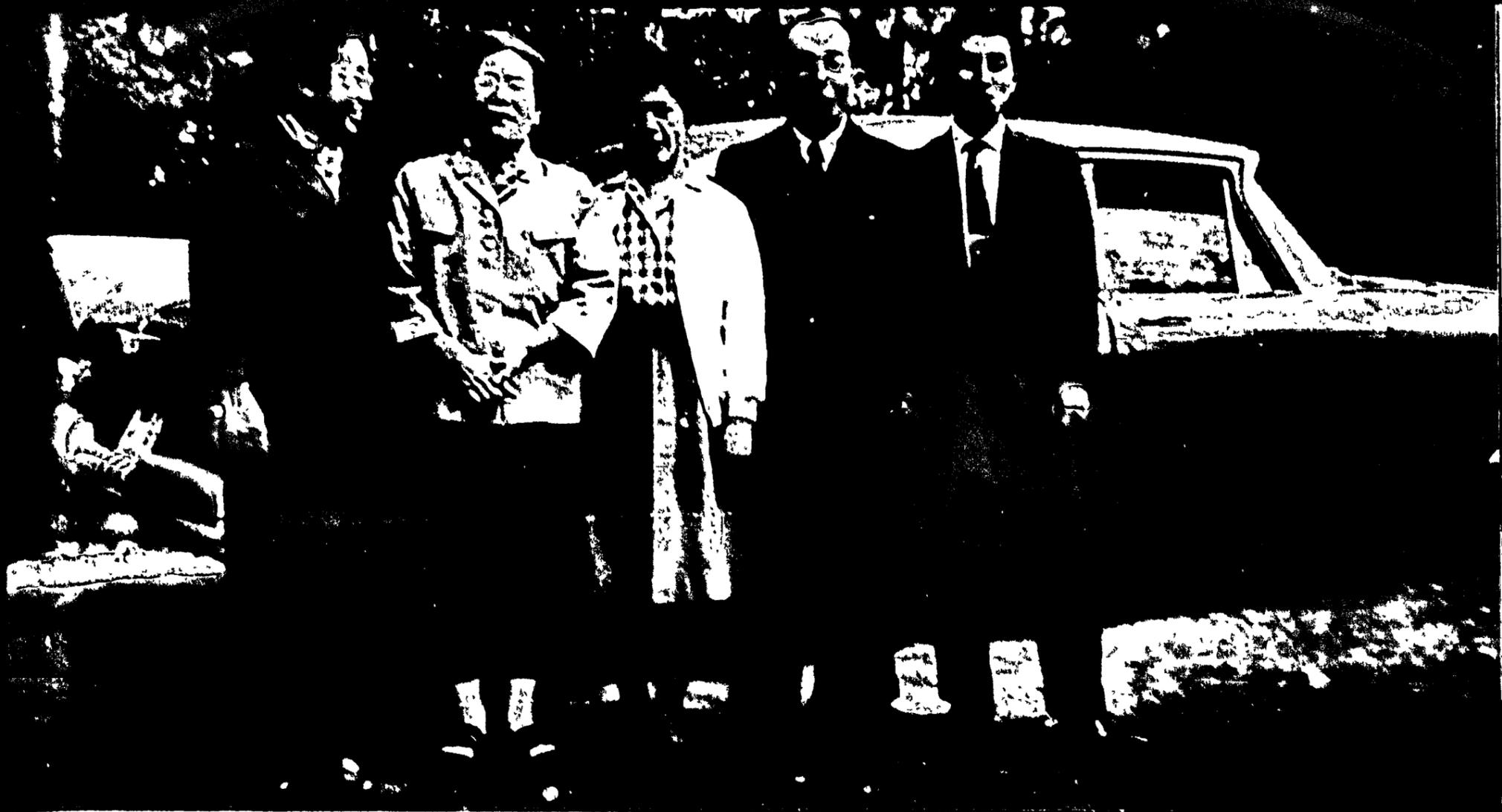
*Singers with their accompanist (center) at First Baptist Church in Cali.*



time for Christ. Young women also indicated their desire to prepare for Christ's service as teachers, musicians, secretaries, and other types of workers.

This tour was a new experience for the churches and for the seminary students. On the long trip back to Cali through the high mountain ranges, one of the students remarked that the week had been one of the hardest in physical work and strain he had ever experienced but that it had brought satisfaction, joy, peace, and rest that surpassed any week of vacation.

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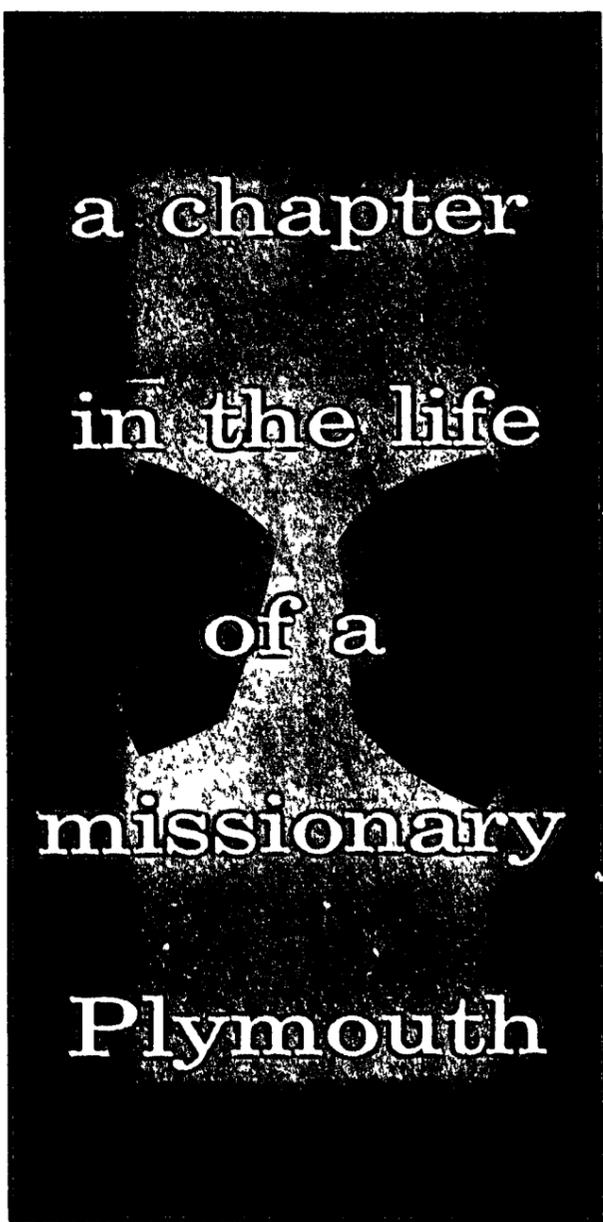
Ready to leave for baptism at Sasebo are Mrs. Kono, Mrs. Ogawa, a Miss Kurosaki, Mr. Ikeda, and a Mr. Yamaguchi.

SEVERAL years ago I debated with myself as to whether I might be better off without a car here in Japan. The steep, narrow road up the hill to our home left room with only inches to spare in several places. Miraculously, we bent fenders only twice in twenty months of navigating the passage. Further unpleasantness was added by the Saturday night drunks who used to hit the car as we returned from our mission point.

I decided that personally I had rather not have another car but that I ought to have one since I could do more work for God and the Japanese people. How true that has proven to be. Here is an illustration of it:

One night I carried five Japanese with me from Nagasaki to Omura for an evangelistic meeting — the pastor from Kashima who preached, two young men who passed out handbills, a deaconess of the Nagasaki church who welcomed the people and passed out songbooks and decision cards, and a blind lady who went to hear the Christian message and was later baptized. My wife went to play the organ and the autoharp, while my job was to show a filmstrip before the song service and sermon.

I have thought I would be better off with a small Japanese Toyopet automobile, but I could not have handled that task without our Plymouth



BY VIRGIL O. McMILLAN, JR.

Evangelistic missionary  
in Fukuoka, Japan

with the big trunk and a large shelf above the back seat. On the shelf was our portable electric organ, autoharp, extension cord, songbooks, and the slide projector. In the trunk were nine *tatekanbans* (sign boards two and one-half by five feet), the microphone and speakers, a basket full of songbooks, and the spare tire.

Still, on the way home the three people in the back seat had to hold the projection screen across their laps. My wife held a vase of flowers and the lunch basket. The loud-speaker electrical unit was on the front floor board under the pastor's feet, along with his brief case.

The following Sunday I had a schedule that would have been impossible without a car, even though Japan has splendid train and bus systems. After the morning service I drove about two and a half hours to take five Japanese with me to the Sasebo church for the baptisms of the blind Mrs. Ogawa and of Mr. Ikeda, a mailman. Afterward, while driving to Isahaya for the evening service, my wife, Mrs. Kono (the deaconess from the Nagasaki church), and I ate our supper in the car. We got back home at about 10:15 P.M.

So you see why I am thankful for a missionary car and how it helps us do the job God has called us to do. Thank you for helping make it possible by your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in 1957.

**A**FTER WAITING two days for the East Pakistan monsoon rains to slacken, we finally found opportunity to load some last-minute items into the motorboat before leaving on an evangelistic tour.

That September afternoon left little time for loading, however, for once again the rain came in sheets. But finally our boat was loaded with kerosene, a filmstrip projector and screen, food, a stove, wood, and gasoline for the proposed eight-day trip.

The national preacher, the boatman, and I plowed our way through rain, wind, and high water because we were confident we would have opportunities to preach in the next several days. Having traveled about four hours, we neared the area where we had been invited to preach. We began to look around for a place to

stop and where we could speak that night. After several attempts, we finally made necessary arrangements to preach at a Muslim village.

Tying up the boat and preparing supper took the remainder of the day, up to the time for showing filmstrips and preaching on the life of Christ. There was a fair crowd and the message was well received.

As soon as we finished we were invited to preach at another village — the same night. We told the people we would be late, but they insisted we come. So we ate supper and went to preach. There was a good crowd who listened intently until we finished, even though it was eleven o'clock.

By this time we were getting other invitations, and the time available for eight days was fast being taken. Hun-

gry to hear the gospel story again, these Muslims and Hindus clamored for an opportunity to invite us. Some had never heard the message before; others had heard one year previously. But for four years no one had gone to some of the villages to preach the gospel. Our invitations were to low-caste Hindu villages and to government officers' homes.

We preached one night to about three hundred in the yard of the secretary of a local school committee. Later a young teacher in that high school sought us out and inquired earnestly of "the way" and of how he could become a Christian in the face of certain and severe persecution from family and friends. Boys from the school followed us in boats the next day, asking questions about Christian beliefs and practices, until we finally

# MONSOON MISSION

BY W. TRUEMAN MOORE

*Boatman Sushil Das and Preacher B. P. Mukerjee board launch for tour with Missionary W. Trueman Moore.*



had to go somewhere else to find much-needed rest.

Everywhere we went there was a readiness to hear the message. Therefore we spent ourselves and preached the eternal Word twelve times in seven nights.

Only two times did we fail to preach twice a night — once because of a storm and one time because those who had invited us did not come to show us the way. Only one night were we unable to preach because of objections by a Muslim religious leader, but we immediately got an invitation to another place.

Thus, living in a sixteen-foot boat for eight days, bathing in rivers, and walking at night through dense jungles to villages away from the rivers, we witnessed to the hundreds of Muslims and Hindus living in villages surrounded by flood waters during this monsoon season.

Perhaps you want to ask, "How many were converted?" Although encouraged by the friendliness and warm reception given the Christian message, we must say that to our knowledge not one person professed faith in Christ as Saviour. While this is not what we had hoped for, we must remember that it is difficult for these people to break away from the society in which they live.

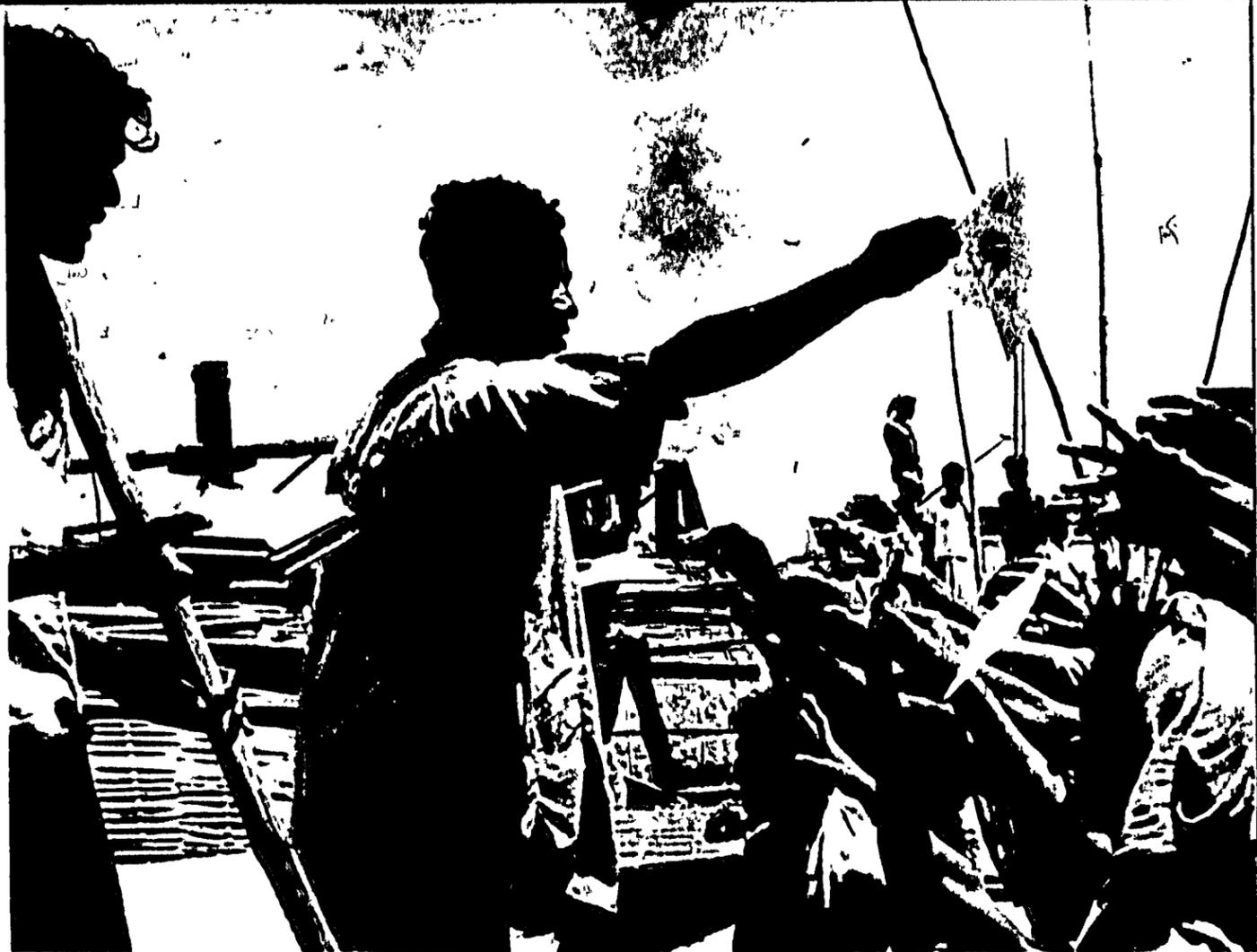
Then, too, how many Southern Baptists trusted Christ the first time they heard a gospel sermon? Or how many of them would have been saved if they had heard the gospel only once a year, or once in two years? We realize that friendliness and faith are very different, and the former does not necessarily climax in the latter. However, we believe that in East Pakistan many will come to faith in Christ.

How soon will they hear the message again? Will the field really be cultivated so that there may be a great harvest? Please realize that in choosing to go to the area in which we preached on this trip, we found it necessary to refuse the multitude of invitations in another area. Thus you can know our responsibility.

All these other people have a right to hear the gospel; Christ died for them, too. They are searching for soul satisfaction, but can one Southern Baptist missionary preacher even begin to reach almost three million? And our

**W. Trueman Moore is an evangelistic missionary in Faridpur, East Pakistan.**

May 1961



Mission is urgently pressed to open work in other areas where there are either no missionaries or a much greater percentage of non-Christians per missionary.

Pray with us that the Lord of the harvest will so impress Southern Baptists that both in money and men the fields may have laborers.

*B. P. Mukerjee and Sushil Das place evangelistic tracts in the waiting hands of Muslim and Hindu villagers along the river.*

*From the deck they preach the Christian message to many East Pakistanis for the first time.*



# FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

## UNITED STATES

### 1,500 Missionaries

The Foreign Mission Board appointed thirteen missionaries in April, and the number under appointment as of April 16 totaled 1,500.

### Fowler Given Medical Post

Dr. Franklin T. Fowler was elected medical consultant for the Foreign Mission Board in its April meeting. He had served the past year as missionary associate for medical work while on furlough from Mexico where he was a Southern Baptist representative.

Dr. Fowler will be concerned with the health of the Board's missionaries and will work with the three area secretaries in developing medical projects. He will also help medical missionaries arrange for advanced study while on furlough and give guidance in the purchasing of equipment and supplies for medical installations.

## GENERAL

### Churches Set Record Gains

Overseas churches related to Southern Baptist mission work reported a record 31,107 baptisms during 1960, an increase of 2,879 over 1959. These brought church membership to 452,975.

The number of churches increased by 130 to total 3,399 and missions by 190 to total 6,522, with 2,447 national pastors. Contributions through the churches and missions amounted to \$3,262,290.30, an increase of more than \$1,080,000 over the year before. Sixty-four per cent of the churches are self-supporting.

Sunday schools enrolled 389,138 persons, youth organizations 115,715, Woman's Missionary Unions 127,510, Brotherhoods 4,802, and Vacation Bible schools 142,716.

Enrolled in 1,023 Baptist schools were 159,352 students. Included were 37 theological schools, four women's training schools, 26 colleges and teacher training institutes, 84 secondary schools, 701 elementary schools, 162 kindergartens, and nine others (omitted from the total in an editorial

of THE COMMISSION for April). On the faculties were 299 missionaries and 5,347 nationals.

Eighteen hospitals and 72 clinics and dispensaries treated 286,907 patients. These were staffed by 55 missionary physicians, 78 national physicians, 60 missionary nurses, 249 national nurses, 25 other missionaries, and 1,100 other nationals.

Fourteen orphanages cared for 512 boys and girls; an old folks' home provided for 26 people; and nine good will centers enrolled 3,029 children and 1,044 adults.

Seventeen publishing centers printed 167,818 Bibles, 4,171,520 copies of 233 periodicals, 710,304 copies of 198 books, and 14,838,599 copies of 305 tracts.

The Foreign Mission Board appointed 137 missionaries during 1960 for a net gain of 99.

## BRAZIL

### Budgets Boosted 75 Per Cent

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. — (BP)—Seven Baptist churches in Brazil, using the Forward Program of Church Finance for the first time, have boosted their budgets by 75 per cent, according to a report here.

Dr. Robert J. Hastings, secretary of stewardship promotion for the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, learned that the seven churches have received pledges for 1961 budgets totaling \$56,204. Their 1960 budget income was \$32,619 (dollar equivalents for local units of currency).

Hastings visited Brazil and several other Latin American countries in 1960 to help Baptist churches there launch test campaigns, using the new stewardship promotion methods.

## CARIBBEAN

### FMB To Expand Island Work

The Foreign Mission Board in April voted to expand Southern Baptist mission work in the Caribbean area and Bermuda, following a three-week survey tour by the Board's executive secretary, Latin America secretary, and Caribbean field representative.

It will seek to open English-speaking work in the West Indian Federa-

tion, British Guiana, and Bermuda. Spanish-speaking efforts in the Dominican Republic, and French-speaking work in the French West Indies.

The Board also reaffirmed its willingness to assist Baptist churches in Jamaica through special projects in evangelism and church development and with specially trained personnel for specific ministries. It has had continuing relationships with the Jamaica Baptist Union for several years and for a while stationed a missionary couple in Kingston.

## HMB Plans Extensive Survey

ATLANTA, GA. — (BP) — An extensive survey of Puerto Rico will be made this year by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to determine needs and opportunities for work on the West Indian island.

The Board appropriated \$3,000 for the survey, following a recent trip to Puerto Rico by Executive Secretary Courts Redford and officials of the Foreign Mission Board.

Southern Baptists were asked to undertake work with the island's 2,500,000 inhabitants by the three Southern Baptist churches there and by the Florida Baptist Convention with which they are affiliated. The Convention and the Foreign Mission Board have given encouragement and assistance to Puerto Rican Baptists.

## CHILE

### Baptisms up 35 Per Cent

The four hundred messengers to the Chilean Baptist Convention's recent annual meeting in Temuco "noted a renewed spirit of progress in all the work," reported a national Baptist pastor.

The eighty-seven churches, with average memberships of one hundred, reported a record 975 baptisms for 1960, an increase of 35 per cent over 1959. Offerings showed a similar increase, totaling \$96,146 despite earthquake disaster and the nation's struggle to halt inflation.

## COLOMBIA

### 5 Churches Enter Convention

The Colombian Baptist Convention in its recent tenth annual session in Barranquilla seated messengers from five new churches, bringing the num-

ber of co-operating churches to thirty-one.

The theme was stewardship, in keeping with a Convention-wide emphasis of the past two years.

"Already all the churches have increased incomes," reported Missionary John W. Patterson. Four are now financially self-supporting, and others hope to be soon. The Convention plans still greater emphasis on stewardship and the Forward Program of Church Finance during the next two years, as well as a perennial emphasis on evangelism and church growth.

### Porrás Seeks Closer Ties

Roberto Porrás, executive secretary of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, recently took part in an evangelistic campaign in Colombia and consulted with Baptist leaders seeking ways to establish more direct co-operation between the Colombian and Mexican groups, reported *The Baptist World* magazine.

### EAST PAKISTAN

#### Six Profess Faith in Christ

Six persons recently professed faith in Christ during a worship service at the Baptist church in Faridpur as Missionary W. Trueman Moore extended the invitation.

"That such a wonderful thing can happen even in Pakistan has been cause for joy," said Rev. Harold T. Cummins, another missionary in Faridpur. He explained that because Pakistan is a predominantly Muslim nation there have been very few conversions since Southern Baptists entered in 1957. Eight baptisms were reported last year for the four churches related to Southern Baptist mission work. "These new converts, four young men and two women, come from both Muslim and Hindu backgrounds," Mr. Cummins added, "and some of them will likely face persecution."

### ECUADOR

#### Theological Institute To Open

A Baptist theological institute will be opened May 2 in Guayaquil, with an expected enrolment of fifteen. Two years' study will lead to a certificate in theology, with three years' to a diploma.

Courses include New Testament, church administration, religious educa-

tion, ethics, homiletics, evangelism, and music, with English taught to interested students.

The institute will be sponsored by the Ecuadorian Baptist Mission and under direction of Missionary Shelby A. Smith for the 1961-62 year. Mrs. Smith and Rev. and Mrs. Archie V. Jones complete the missionary faculty.

### FRANCE

#### Orléans Aids Paris Mission

English - language First Baptist Church of Orléans helped its mission in Évreux become a church March 11, then accepted responsibility for a new mission in the Paris area the next day.

Calvary Baptist Church of Évreux is thus the third English-speaking church in France related to Southern Baptist foreign mission work, with one in Châteauroux. All three are also affiliated with the French Baptist Federation and contribute to French-speaking work.

The forty charter members are Americans in the U. S. Army, Air Force, and civilian community at Évreux. Army Specialist Paul Meadows, from Longview, Texas, is pastor.

About sixty people attended the organizational service in the sanctuary of the French-language Baptist church in Évreux. Rev. Jack D. Hancox, fraternal representative to France, is pastor of the parent Orléans church.

The Paris mission is meeting in French Baptists' new student center

in the Antony suburb. Twenty people joined on organization day, four upon profession of faith.

"It is estimated that there are more than 150,000 English-speaking people in the area," Mr. Hancox said. "We need to locate Southern Baptists living in France," he added.

Everyone having Baptist friends or relatives in military or civilian service there is asked to send the names and addresses to Mr. Hancox at 5 rue des Cireries, Olivet, Loiret, France.

### LEBANON

#### Ground Broken for Seminary

Some forty people gathered three miles from Beirut March 16 to break ground for the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary's permanent home.

Missionary Finlay M. Graham, president of the school, first started classes for three students in his Beirut home in 1953. The seminary itself opened October 25, 1960, with seventeen students — twelve men and five women — from Egypt, Gaza, Jordan, and Lebanon. It is meeting in temporary quarters in downtown Beirut until the campus is completed.

The first spade of dirt was turned by the oldest Baptist and the oldest preacher in Lebanon: Rev. Saleem Sharouk, who has had forty-nine years of Christian witness. There are more Baptist preachers in Lebanon today than there were church members when he joined the Beirut Baptist Church, Mr. Graham noted.

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*President Finlay M. Graham turns dirt at groundbreaking for Arab Baptist Theological Seminary near Beirut. Behind him, holding Bible, is President Fayiz Sakhnini of Lebanese Baptist Convention. Next to Sakhnini, in right of photo, stands Dr. William H. Rossell, guest professor during sabbatical leave from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.*





*Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher (left) talks with Rev. and Mrs. William H. Jackson, missionaries to Japan, and seminary personnel who have visited Japan.*



*Students from East Central State College, Oklahoma, look over a program.*

BY BILLY KEITH

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A POSITIVE NOTE for missions was sounded by the world heartbeat of a thousand college students from ten states who converged recently on the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary campus in Ft. Worth, Texas. They were attending the twelfth annual Mission Volunteer Conference March 10-12.

Contributing to the theme "The Old Commission in a New Crisis," Foreign Mission Board personnel participating were Jesse C. Fletcher and Bill B. Cody of the personnel department and several missionaries on furlough.

Dr. Fletcher, the featured Saturday morning speaker, said: "We must re-

*Rev. Reiji Hoshizaki, missionary to Japan, shows a replica to explain the fox shrine, a Shinto place of worship, to students at the conference.*



# MISSION CONFERENCE FOR STUDENTS



*Discussing "The Missionary Homecoming in Rhodesia; Mrs. Donald L. Orr, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mrs. William H. Jackson, Ft. Worth, Texas.*

alize God's victory in history is not up for grabs. It was sealed when Christ overwhelmed death. It will in time be consummated." He discussed "A New Crisis — A Weakened Theological Foundation for Missions."

Charles Wellborn, pastor of Seventh and James Baptist Church in Waco, Texas, who was the keynote speaker, declared that concerned Christians are compelled by their commitments to come to grips with the problems of race and revolution.

"All over the world," he said "— in Africa, Asia, South America — the mass, so long inarticulate, so long impotent, is stirring, turning, erupting. Into this world, segmented by race and racism, thrust into crisis by the hatred of some men for other men because of color, Christians must go."

Robert E. Naylor, seminary president, commented: "There isn't any place in life that is worthwhile except that place which is the center of God's

at

# REFERENCES MENTS...



*Dr. Fletcher counsels with Billy Keith, author of the accompanying article, and his wife — both foreign mission volunteers — during the conference.*



*Mrs. W. David Lockard, Southern Rhodesia; Mrs. Morris J. Wright, Jr., Japan.*

Mrs. Buford L. Nichols, Indonesia; Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Orr, Colombia; Frank W. Patterson, Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas; Rev. and Mrs. Clark Scanlon, Guatemala; Mrs. Stockwell B. Sears, Indonesia; and Rev. and Mrs. Morris J. Wright, Jr., Japan.

The "Project Understanding" chorus, composed of Texas Baptist college students, met for its first joint rehearsal during the conference and appeared on the program. The group plans a tour of the Orient this summer as a missions endeavor of the Texas Baptist Student Union.

Morris J. Wright, Jr., delivered the final conference address. At the close of the service about twenty students committed their lives to world evangelization.



*Limited housing for a thousand guests made improvising necessary.*

will. This world is waiting for men and women who will give their all to do what God wants them to do."

Glendon McCullough, secretary of the Home Mission Board's Missionary Personnel Department, was another main speaker.

Foreign missionaries on furlough in the Ft. Worth-Dallas-Waco areas conducted prayer sessions and conferences. Those participating were Dr. and Mrs. John A. Abernathy, emeritus of Korea; Dr. and Mrs. Edward P. Doshier, Nigeria; Dr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Hallock, Jr., Brazil; Rev. and Mrs. Ervin E. Haste, Mexico; Rev. and Mrs. Reiji Hoshizaki, Japan; Rev. and Mrs. Stanley P. Howard, Jr., Japan; Rev. and Mrs. William H. (Dub) Jackson, Jr., Japan; and Rev. and Mrs. W. David Lockard, Southern Rhodesia.

Others included Miss Monda Marlar, Southern Rhodesia; Landrum G. McKinney, Jr., Hong Kong; Dr. and



*The "Project Understanding" choir, a mission group going to seven nations in the Orient this summer, holds its first rehearsal at the conference.*

Southwestern Seminary and . . .

# . . . at Golden Gate



*Seminary students and members of Baptist churches in the Bay Area helped register students. Church members also provided housing for the guests.*

*High school seniors discuss the topic, "Choosing a Vocation," with Mrs. L. A. Brown, seminary Mission Fellowship sponsor, and Baptist Student Union leaders C. E. Archer of Arizona (speaking), Edward S. Rollins of California, Russell Morris of California Baptist College, Teman Johnson of University of California, and Jerry Buckner of Oregon-Washington.*

PHOTOS BY  
DREW ALLEN



◀ *Missionary Catherine Walker shows Indonesia, her field of service, to seminary student Margaret Fairburn, chairman of the registration committee. Melton Evans of California Baptist College and Beckie Young of San Jose City College view Foreign Mission Board literature.*



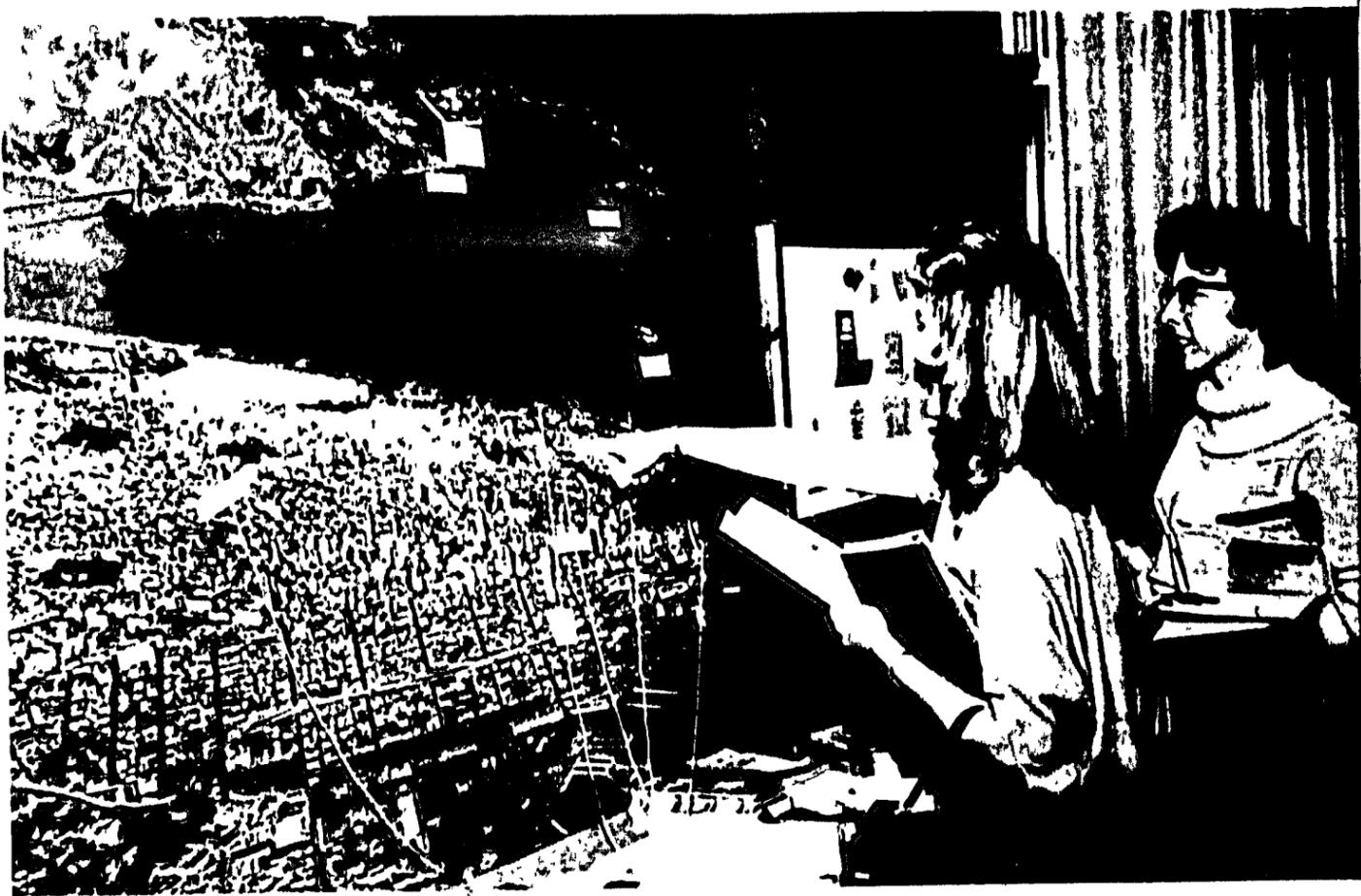
*A banner of the conference theme "Life in World Dimension," backdrop for Missionaries W. David Lockard of Southern Rhodesia, Catherine B. Walker of Indonesia, and Ervin E. Hasty of Mexico.*

... B. Walker of Indonesia. Others participating were home and city missionaries, Baptist Student Union secretaries, pastors and other church workers, seminary personnel and students, and the president of Grand Canyon College.

After Missionary Lockard's Sunday morning closing message on the conference theme, twenty-nine students expressed willingness to enter full-time Christian service.

The conference was sponsored jointly by the seminary, the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, and the student departments of the Arizona, California, and Oregon-Washington State Baptist conventions. L. A. Brown, professor of missions at Golden Gate, served as general chairman, and more than fifty seminary students worked as preparation committees.

The seminary will hold its second missions conference in March next year.



Sight-seeing was a feature of the conference. Here students view a photo of San Francisco and the Bay Area. Golden Gate Seminary is at the top.

## ... and other seminaries

**M**ISSIONS CONFERENCES also took place at three other seminaries in February and March.

Several hundred collegians attending the Spring Student Conference at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, heard several foreign missionaries on furlough, Baker J. Cauthen, Foreign Mission Board executive secretary, J. Winston Pearce of First Baptist Church, Deland, Florida, and several faculty and administrative members of the seminary and Carver School of Missions and Social Work.

About 450 students attended the seventh annual Student Missions Conference at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Representing the Foreign Mission Board were Edna Frances Dawkins and James G. Stertz of the personnel department and several missionaries. Home Mission Board staff members and missionaries also took leading roles.

A featured speaker at the fourth Student Missions Conference at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, was Brooks Hays, newly appointed assistant secretary of state and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Discussing President Kennedy's Peace Corps, he told some three hundred students from thirty-three colleges that he is "as thrilled by the potentialities of this government venture as I have been thrilled by the challenge of foreign missions in our Baptist churches."

"Dedicated young people moving into mission fields around the world would be fortified in the preaching, teaching, and healing ministry by the new Peace Corps," he said.



## 115-Year-Old Peace Corps

**I**T IS STILL quite early for us to decide what values should be attached to the Peace Corps established by President Kennedy's executive order of March 1. There is no lack of interest in the subject, as indicated by the continuing waves of comment appearing in all types of publications.

It is noteworthy that so many people regard as brand new the idea upon which this project is based. This makes us wonder how many Southern Baptists might feel the same way. If their number is large, we can see even more clearly how much is yet to be done in bringing our denomination to a widespread awareness that it has had a "peace corps" program for 115 years.

Of the 1,500 missionaries now under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board there are approximately 550 ordained men, of whom only a few more than four hundred give all their time to pastoral and direct evangelistic ministries. The rest are included among the missionaries professionally trained as teachers, doctors, engineers, accountants, agriculturists, nurses, and for numerous other fields of specialized service. All 1,500 are applying their skills to the improvement of health, education, and living standards in the forty-five countries to which they have gone.

For people whose knowledge of values is based on a personal faith in Christ, there is an aspect of the foreign missionary's service that lifts it out of the mere "peace corps" strategy. He is an evangelist, first of all. Human need is met by the application of his technical skill and with no strings attached, but he seeks to convey the gospel of Christ's redemption to every person he can through his specialized service. This means that his ministry reaches out to the whole man — to both his temporal and spiritual needs.

As obvious as it might seem to some of us, it is necessary to restate from time to time that a man's need is only partially met if he receives from us only food for his stomach, improved conditions for his health, and assistance in stabilizing his economic and political security. His life embraces much more than these, and we will have shortchanged him if we fail to point him to the eternal hope that is found in Christ.

It is possible that some problems for foreign missionaries may develop as our Government's Peace Corps gets under way. A leading newspaper columnist cited recently some uneasiness among church leaders with regard to the effect this could have on the missionary giving of churchgoers. Another writer expressed apprehension about the possibility that activities may overlap in particular localities where both missionaries and Peace Corps teams will be serving. These and many other facets are worth keeping in mind as possible occasions for precautionary measures. On the positive side, however, there are two promising possibilities.

If there can be an adequate and well-directed process of screening, training, and orientation, based on Christian standards of morality, the upcoming Peace Corps workers can do much to improve the image of our nation abroad. In some places it may be too late, for the "ugly American" has left scars of offense that will not be quickly forgotten. There are those in many countries who find it difficult to accept as relevant the gospel they hear declared by the missionary, for they think of "American" and "Christian" as synonymous terms.

The likelihood of such an image revision is only as great as the moral and spiritual qualities governing the attitudes and behavior of Peace Corps personnel. And the lasting impressions they make will be largely those they make inadvertently.

If anything happens to the missionary giving of Southern Baptists as a result of this new venture by our Federal Government, it will surely be a noticeable upward trend. The wide acclaim now being given to this "new" idea underlying the Peace Corps should enhance the testimony given through the years by those who have sought to enlist their fellow Baptists in the cause of missions. The idea has actually been around ever since Christ stated it in what we call the Great Commission. This is his directive for a continuing "peace corps" of his followers.

Our Government has viewed the state of emergency throughout the world and has acted to meet it. Our Lord, viewing the deeper emergency among those who were and would be "as sheep having no shepherd," acted by offering up himself, leaving to us the task of proclaiming his peace to the whole world.

## Baptists Invited To Meet Missionaries

**T**HE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD invites everyone attending the 1961 Woman's Missionary Union and Southern Baptist Conventions to meet the foreign missionaries at a reception from 4:15 until 5:45 P.M. on Tuesday, May 23, in the Gold Room of Hotel Sheraton-Jefferson, St. Louis, Missouri.

## Our Apologies for a Careless Error

**I**N THE MARCH issue of THE COMMISSION we erroneously identified Becky Kratz, who was mentioned in the story "I'm Glad I'm a Medical M.K." Becky is the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. C. Eugene Kratz who were Southern Baptist missionaries in Southern Rhodesia at the time indicated. The Kratzes are living in North Carolina, having resigned from missionary service in 1959, and they are still Southern Baptists in good standing.

We ask the forgiveness of Becky and her family, of the author M. Giles Fort, III and his ghostwriter-mother Wana Ann Fort, M.D., and of our readers.

# A Crucial Hour

BY BAKER J. CAUTHEN

**S**OUTHERN Baptists will gather in St. Louis this month for the Southern Baptist Convention. Every session of it is important, but from the standpoint of our responsibility outside of our own country, no hour is more crucial than that devoted to foreign missions.

The Foreign Mission Board will bring its report on Wednesday, May 24, at 8:15 P.M. It would be of the greatest significance if, at that time, each church would pray for the Convention as it receives this presentation. Who can imagine what such an extended fellowship of intercessory prayer would mean to the mission responsibilities we face across the world? Those churches finding it inconvenient to have their midweek services coincide with the program hour in St. Louis (Central Daylight Saving Time) might wish to pray either ahead of time for the effectiveness of the presentation, or afterward for a continuation of its impact for missions.

Those who attend the meetings of the Foreign Mission Board and hear the testimonies of newly appointed missionaries are impressed by how many of them indicate that God spoke to their hearts during foreign missions programs at the Convention. At almost every appointment service this is told. It does not come about by accident. It is the result of the moving of the Spirit of God upon the hearts of people and must be preceded by earnest prayer and waiting upon God.

In the last few days there has come to my desk a statement of personnel needs for 1961. These represent the requests submitted by the Missions in forty-five countries as they have looked upon their needs this year. The total is 786. This means that if we had 786 candidates available for appointment today and funds adequate to send them, there would be a place of service immediately for each of them. This does not mean that all of the needs would have been filled. There would be other needs in 1962 and yet more in 1963, but this very large number indicates the amount of urgent reinforcement

that is felt needed immediately by those at work in these far-flung places of responsibility.

As I glance over this list the outstanding need in every country is for ministers and their wives who can lead in the task of evangelism and church development. The paramount need in missionary personnel always is for men and women who can share the gospel of Christ with a needy world, organize churches, and nurture them in their ministry for the Lord.

Many other needs are outstanding. The list includes calls for people trained in religious education who can teach in theological seminaries and fill places in secondary schools. There is also a great list of needs calling for doctors, nurses, dentists, and other medical personnel.

During the foreign missions program at the Convention thousands of people will sit with their hearts attuned to the Great Commission given to us by our sovereign Lord. Among these will be hundreds of people already trained, experienced, and in position to go, if they become convinced that Christ is so leading. Others will be there who can begin preparation toward missionary service.

**T**HERE IS another reason why we need to pray for this program. We must become increasingly aware that sustained advance in foreign missions calls for strengthening financial resources. Servants of God lay their lives upon the altar and cross the world, looking to Southern Baptists to hold the ropes and sustain them with personal support so that they may be housed, fed, and clothed and their children educated. They also expect to go to the field with some equipment to do the work to which they give their lives. It would be tragic to send missionaries across the world without the basic equipment necessary for what must be done in witnessing for Christ abroad.

The support of foreign missions depends upon increased giving through the Cooperative Program and continuing growth of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Both of these sources are absolutely essential. We must pray that,



*Baker J. Cauthen*

as God moves our hearts with the recognition of his imperative, we shall respond with dedication not only of life but of financial undergirding.

The task of worldwide witness is a personal matter. Each individual stands responsible to his Lord as he responds to the Great Commission. It is a personal decision that takes him to the mission field. It is a personal decision that determines how liberally he will give. It is a personal decision that determines the scope of his prayer life. It is a personal decision that leads him to place the proper stress upon world missions in preaching, teaching, and financial recommendations in his church.

As a result of the foreign missions program, deep dedication can occur in the hearts of thousands of people although they will not be going to mission fields because they serve in places of responsibility here where the Lord has located them. Their dedication for greater undergirding of a world task is no less significant than that which takes people across the world.

The foreign missions program at the Southern Baptist Convention is a crucial hour. God is ready to work. His work awaits our prayers. He has said, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

Wednesday night is prayer meeting night. Will you pray?

# EPISTLES

FROM TODAY'S APOSTLES AROUND THE WORLD



Mary Edith Vaughn  
*Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil*

## Seeds of Gospel Witness Fall on Two Kinds of Soil

LAST SPRING we were having floods, and the people who live along a canal in a very poor section of our Good Will Center neighborhood had to abandon their homes one night because the water was so high. Quite a number of them stored their clothing and more precious possessions in the Center, and a hundred or so men, women, and children slept there for several nights.

In all the confusion there came an old man to the gate, asking us to take care of a wooden trunk of his. We took it and kept it in the garage. Many days later the janitor called my attention to the fact that the old man hadn't come for it and at that very moment he was passing by the Center.

I went out to talk with him. He was a stranger to me, for the only time I had seen him was the night of the flood. He told me a sad tale of woe and asked for advice. I talked to him about the Lord, but he wasn't satisfied. Remembering his trunk, and thinking that perhaps it had something in it that he could sell, I asked him about it.

"Oh," he exclaimed, "those are my saints!"

I was surprised to know what we had been taking care of all those weeks, and very sad to think about this poor, old man who thought he had to find someone to take care of his "gods" during the flood, instead of trusting the real God to take care of him. He took his heavy saints to a friend's house and seemed little impressed with my explanation of God's love and care.

In August a young man was anxiously waiting to see me when I returned to the Center from making a visit. As he came into my office he said, "You don't remember me, do you? I'm Nelson Barreto de Souza, and I've been looking for you for three years."

Some of you know the first part of this story. Just before going home on furlough in July, 1957, I picked up a man from the side of the street who had been knifed in the chest. As my missionary friend Pauline White and I got him in the car and rushed him to an emergency hospital we wondered whether he would make it, for he was losing lots of blood. I begged him to trust in Jesus.

In the rush of getting off to the States the next day, I only had time to go by and find out that he was getting along fairly well. I wasn't allowed to see him, but I wrote a note on the flyleaf of the New Testament I left for him. Much later, someone sent me a newspaper clipping telling that he had gotten all right.

I told this story in several of my furlough speeches, and some of you prayed with me for Nelson. When he appeared at the Center in August he still wasn't a Chris-

tian. I went with him to his home to visit his folks and found them to be a very friendly, closely knit family.

In September Nelson, his two brothers, and his mother made their decisions for Christ. Nelson also won his best friend, and he has a great desire to preach the gospel. He has studied his Bible so much that it is not surprising how much he has learned in these months.

A priest, however, had taken away the New Testament I gave him in the hospital, and though Nelson tried several times to get it back he never succeeded.



Donald E. Smith  
*Kaduna, Nigeria*

## Despite Poverty, Pastors Serve Christ Faithfully

BECAUSE our work among the Hausa people here in the Northern Region of Nigeria is relatively young (about ten years) the Hausa churches are not well developed. Most are located in the villages and are very small.

Our work depends almost wholly on the Hausa Pastors School here in Kaduna. There are about forty families here, and both the men and women attend classes. Many of the men go into the villages and bush every week end on bicycles to preach. After finishing school they are located in different areas to preach the gospel.

Their testimony is one to challenge any of us. Most are very poor, and many have practically no education when they come. Very few can speak any English. Their churches will also be very poor, and many times they will face real opposition to the gospel — quite a contrast to the seminary student at home who lives in a society at least nominally sympathetic to the gospel and who most of the time will be assured of a relatively comfortable living and a certain degree of prestige because of his role. If you want a prayer burden, I would like to ask you to pray for these national Christians and pastors. Christianity is new to them, and they are faced with problems and decisions that would perplex older and more experienced Christians.

You must remember that Nigeria is a very big country (three times larger than Arizona), and that the Northern Region is almost a different country from the Western and Eastern Regions. There are about eighteen to twenty million people here in the North. Most of these are Muslim, but it is estimated that eight to nine million are pagan. There are many different languages, but Hausa is the principal one.

Most of our work in the past has been centered in the West and East, so the North can really be called a pioneer missions area in a sense. We are quite thrilled about the future here. Rev. Tom Kennedy, missionary

advisor to the Zaria area, has told me that in some pagan tribes the response is limited only because we do not have workers enough to keep Christian teaching there.

Kaduna, the capital of the North, is in many ways a modern city. One section of a town, where the British and government employees live, reminds us a great deal of a suburb of St. Louis. The government buildings and official residences are very modern and beautiful. Almost all modern conveniences can be secured here.

In contrast, many of the people are very poor and live in the simplest sort of way. The day's wage for a common laborer is about 42 cents. Of course, this will buy much more basic foodstuffs for the African than it would buy in the States. You can get an idea of the poverty, however, in that the weekly editions of *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines will cost 31 cents, not far from a day's work for many. The basic housing consists of simple mud huts with grass roofs.

Disease is also very common. One doctor told me it is estimated that one half of all children in Nigeria die before reaching the age of two. This has become very personal here at our Hausa Pastors School because we have had several deaths within the past six months. Such incidents give us an urgency to hasten the days when education and health facilities will lessen such a terrible toll.



Dwight L. Baker  
*Nazareth, Israel*

### Lack of Christian Heritage Hampers New Believers

THE OTHER DAY Emma and I were discussing what we have missed most these past ten years. It wasn't Christian fellowship, good schools, television, and all that goes to make up the dreamland described as the American way of life.

The thing we miss the most is a Christian heritage, not yet found in the younger churches here. We Southern Baptists just naturally do what we know works in church life. We do it and know it will work because it has worked before. It worked for Spurgeon, Truett, Scarborough, and it is gloriously fruitful today in the ministry of thousands of pastors and people.

The faith of your mother and father and of mine often provide the inspiration for heart-warming testimonies, such as: "Thank God for a praying mother and a Bible-loving father," or "a godly pastor," or "a devoted Sunday school teacher." That is what we miss most, not in our own personal lives but in the projected life of the missionary. We miss it for our people.

What does a new Jewish convert know about a praying mother, or a Muslim convert about a Bible-loving father, or a Greek Orthodox convert about a godly pastor, or a Catholic convert about a devoted Sunday school teacher? These blessings aren't part of their heritage, and because of this we often run aground on almost unimaginable problems.

When a time of testing and severe trials comes to the new convert — or at least a first generation one (and this includes the majority) — what are his resources

that help him up to a stronger Christian faith? Since he hasn't that precious "faith of our fathers" that is so often our sustaining anchor, he may do just what he would have done in his old life. This runs the gauntlet all the way from ignoring certain New Testament teachings to a return to his old fetishes and faith, though the latter be few.

I am sure that if we didn't have a wonderfully patient and brooding Holy Spirit to teach us, such experiences would render a fat harvest in broken spirits and discouragement in the lives of missionaries. But the people of the Arab world are God's beloved, and he wants us to claim them and hold them for him. So, we will persevere and help them to that day when they, too, will have a true Christian heritage to hold to and stabilize them while the world rocks and shakes itself so destructively.



Charles A. Tope  
*Mombasa, Kenya*

### In Time of Bereavement They Reach toward God

WHILE in Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika, our first attention was given to the study of Kiswahili, but we were also privileged to serve at our out-station preaching points. My place of service was a little village called Tecco, composed of laboring men who had come from their homes up-country to work for a large construction firm on the coast. One of the greatest thrills of my life was seeing men who were held in the darkness of paganism coming to the light of the gospel.

One afternoon a man from Tecco came to the home of our station evangelist, Thomas Tipton, and asked if he would go to the village to bring a sick man to the hospital. When he arrived Missionary Tipton found that the man was completely out of his mind, and it was necessary for his tribal brothers to hold him by force until they arrived at the hospital. There it was decided that he would be kept for observation, and during the night the poor man, who was about thirty years of age, died.

When Missionary Tipton and I arrived at the morgue to transport the body to the village for burial, we found that seven or eight of the man's friends had been waiting all day for the body to be released. They had come in an open gravel truck and had brought several blankets to cover the body. How grateful they were when they saw we had come to help them. Loading the body in the station wagon during a blinding rain, we proceeded to the village some twelve miles away.

When we got there the entire village was waiting for us, and inside a little mud hut the friends carefully washed and prepared the body for burial. The casket had been skilfully constructed from old dynamite boxes, and tenderly the body was placed inside and sealed up.

All the while we were wondering what opportunity we might have to speak a word for our Lord. The dead man had been a pagan, and most of those who had helped to prepare the body were Muslims. There were some reservations in our mind because of the superstitions of the pagans and the burial customs of the Muslims.

However, all our fears were allayed when we arrived

at the grave site, for one of our faithful Christian men had come with a stack of hymnals and several New Testaments. As we sang it seemed that every person joined in, and after the Scripture reading our African evangelist brought a brief message pointing to "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." When the casket was placed in the grave it was first covered with grass to muffle the sound of the falling dirt.

As the crowd slowly began to disperse, one of the *Mzee* (old men) wearing a Muslim prayer cap came to us and began to thank us profusely for our help. Then came the statement which left us completely amazed. The old man said, "We have collected some money which we want to give you for your service." We thought of the abject poverty in the village and realized what a sacrifice such a thing would involve. When we refused the money the old man said, "*Hii ni kazi ya Mungu*" (This is the work of God).

Every pastor can recall instances when God has been pleased to use an hour of deep trouble or bereavement as an opportunity for witnessing to those who had before been unwilling to receive his word. I saw again that in the hour when all human resources fail, men of every race instinctively reach out toward the One who alone is able to bind up the brokenhearted.



Charles A. Allen, Jr.  
Guatemala City, Guatemala

### Whose Fault that She Died When Help Came Too Late?

AT THIS MOMENT my wife Jean is packing some baby things to be sent to the Indian village of Santiago, Atitlan, for a new-born infant. While we are very happy to be able to help this little two-day-old girl, in our hearts there is sadness.

You see, the mother died while giving birth to this child. If I were to tell you the cause you would say, "How useless! Why, anyone with just a little knowledge of basic medical procedures could have prevented the death of this thirty-year-old mother." Oh, how I agree with you! But you and I arrived too late to help avoid this untimely and unnecessary death — too late to prevent misery that is ahead for this little girl, her two older sisters (both under three), and the husband.

I say "you" and I because I feel that someone who reads this will realize a call to come and help us demonstrate God's love to these people. Two or three class periods of orientation in fundamental hygiene could have prevented this death and could prevent others that are coming. Instruction in child care would do much to lower the 50 per cent child mortality rate here in Guatemala. Medical know-how could be our most effective way of witnessing and saving valuable lives and souls. As always, the question is the same: "Whom will we send, and who will go for us?" Will you?

There is a bright note in this story, for this mother is with the Lord now because she had accepted Christ as her Saviour; she had a chance to receive his salvation, and she did. But her chance to continue serving

him lasted only until yesterday. I cannot help wondering whose fault it is that she does not now have that opportunity. I cannot help wondering.



Wanda (Mrs. Hoke) Smith  
Cali, Colombia

### The Change in His Life Conquers Temptation

SEÑORA MARTHA cried as she watched her husband walk the aisle several weeks ago. He had made his decision the day before to follow Christ, but Satan fought to keep him.

The garage where Señor Aguilar works called on his afternoon off and asked him to repair a car. He was disappointed, for he had wanted to get ready to attend church the next day. Hoping to finish soon, he was even more disappointed when by late that night he had not found the trouble. He arose at five the next morning, still determined to get to church. Finally at ten o'clock he took the car to its owner, but Satan worked again. On the trial run, it refused to operate properly.

Later in the morning he succeeded, so again he and the owner tried out the car. This time the man took Sr. Aguilar to a bar where several friends were gathered. They insisted that he take a drink, but already a miracle had been wrought in his heart and he stood firm. That night he went to church and made public his decision.

I wish you could have seen him last Sunday with his wife, his ten children, and twelve pledge cards. He has dedicated himself and the little that he earns to the Lord. Many have prayed for Sr. Aguilar for years. The greatest miracles are still those that God works in the hearts of men.



D. Curtis Askew  
Tokyo, Japan

### With Limited Language, New Missionary Witnesses

A FEW Sunday nights ago a young man by the name of Nagao gave his confession of faith before Mitaka Baptist Church. This is required in all our Baptist churches of Japan before one is accepted for baptism, and it is a spiritual blessing to both the new convert and the church every time.

His confession of faith proved to be a tribute to my fellow missionary Charlie Fenner, who teaches a Bible class in English each Saturday night and leads the music in our church. Mr. Nagao's testimony, in brief, was this:

"I met Mr. Fenner by chance, and he invited me to his Bible class. I had no interest in religion and felt sorry for people who had to depend on something outside themselves for strength. However, I decided to go to the Bible class to help my English.

"Mr. Fenner had asked me to go to his house with him

after the class was over, so I went along. Before long he asked me, 'How about your faith?' I really had no interest in faith or God, but I thought it would be rude to tell him that, as he had been so kind, so I lied and said, 'I want to know God.' With that he began to talk earnestly to me about God, using his dictionary to find the right words in Japanese. I was deeply impressed by his desire to talk to me about God, when it took so much effort for him. Late into the night he taught me, and I came to understand that I had been wrong and was truly a sinner before God."

He continued to tell of his conversion and desire to be baptized, of his father's opposing his baptism, and of the need for waiting until he could get the understanding of his father. He is a college student, being supported in school by his father who is an officer in his local Buddhist temple.

After Nagao's profession of faith I took him into my class for new converts to be prepared for baptism. As I was showing him various Scriptures I noted that his Bible was already well-marked with red pencil and knew that Charlie had already been teaching him these basic Scriptures, leading him to mark them for easy reference.

Charlie Fenner had completed only one year of Japanese language study and wasn't expected to know much of this difficult language. But he didn't let that hinder him from being a personal evangelist. With him ignorance is no excuse, and he uses what language he knows to the best advantage, digging in his dictionary for new words. God is really blessing his work.



Charlie W. Fenner  
Tokyo, Japan

### He Finds Joy in Seeing Convert Grow in Faith

WHILE ON my way to make a hospital call I met Nagao-san for the first time. The train was quite crowded, so, as we stood side by side I told him of my Bible class and invited him to come. When we parted he assured me that he would visit our class, but as time passed and he did not come, I thought that perhaps he would be like so many more whom I have invited but who never come.

Then, shortly before school started, I received a letter from him saying he had just returned from his summer vacation and had moved, so it would not be possible for him to attend my class. When I answered his letter I invited him to come for dinner the following Saturday night and go with me at least one time to the class.

He came, and following the class returned home with me. As we talked about the Lord (the first time anyone had ever talked to this twenty-two-year-old man about the Lord) he said he wanted to believe in God. He said he knew he sinned and would like to be forgiven. After reading some Scripture we prayed together, and he asked God to help him to believe. After our prayer he said, "Since we have been talking I've remembered a lot of sins I have committed, and tonight when I go home I'm

going to confess all of them to God and ask him to forgive me."

The next day Nagao-san came to church and told me he had kept his word and had asked God to forgive all of his sins. He then added, "The boy talking to you now is not the same who talked with you last night."

He continued to read the marked New Testament that I gave him, and as he had questions he would write them down and ask about them when he came to visit. It has been a joy to watch him grow in his new faith and to see him make a public profession of his faith in our church.



Eva Nell (Mrs. Eugene B.) Kimler  
Caracas, Venezuela

### Venezuela Needs Gospel And Preachers To Bring It

FEW PLACES in the world have greater need for the gospel and its influence than does Venezuela. An article in the leading newspaper gave results of a survey made in four towns: In Bejuma 45 per cent of the children are legitimate, in Guigue 17 per cent, in Los Guayos 16 per cent, and in Morón only 4 per cent. The article said there are at least 163,000 children completely abandoned.

Several weeks ago a gang of boys broke into the apartment of the janitor of our church and stole his camera and other articles valued at about three hundred dollars. He caught three of them, two of them teen-agers, and they were put in jail. The next day they were roaming the streets again because, said the police, there is not enough room in the reform schools for them. One of these boys, the leader of the gang, had a record of seven arrests.

We are working with a mission that is a little over a year old. The Lord has blessed us with thirty-five members from many different countries. Some of the recent converts are: Doro Micheli, an Italian dental technician who was reared in a strong Roman Catholic home and taught by his priest uncle. He said, "For twenty-six years I sought peace and could not find it until I accepted Christ as my Saviour." A Spanish printer, Julio Cordero, was so convicted by the Holy Spirit during a preaching service that he accused his friend of telling the pastor (Gene) all about his sins. Two services later he publicly accepted Christ as his Saviour. Thirty-three-year-old Demetri Christos, born in Athens, Greece, accepted Christ not long ago. Now his ambition is to preach the gospel in the five languages that he can speak. Pray for these and other converts in our mission.

These examples need to be repeated thousands of times if Venezuela is to be saved. But Romans 10 asks: ". . . how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for sending us to preach the gospel to the people of Venezuela. Many more preachers are needed here. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will raise up laborers for the harvest. Give through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Co-operative Program.

# Missionary Family Album

## APPOINTEES (April)

BOND, Marvin Thomas, Miss., and Billie Jean Faulkner Bond, Miss., *Hong Kong*.  
 BURNETT, Ralph Willard, Okla., and Patricia May Hawk Burnett, Kan., *Argentina*.  
 CARPENTER, John Mark, Ga., and Betty Sue Hawkins Carpenter, Ga., *Liberia*.  
 COLEMAN, Adrian Wayne, Tex., and Norma Erle Tinsley Coleman, Tex., *Liberia*.  
 KNIGHT, Frances Carol, Tex., *Nigeria*.  
 SOUTHERLAND, Lawrence Monroe, Jr., S.C., and Bessie Marcella Brown Southerland, S.C., *Japan*.  
 WALSH, Billy Joe, Okla., and Ruby Geraldine (Jerric) Dugger Walsh, Ark., *Mexico*.

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SMYTH, Philip Gregg, son of Rev. and Mrs. Jerry P. Smyth (North Brazil).

TROOP, Bonnie Sue, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Eugene Troop (North Brazil).

### DEATHS

ADAMS, Mrs. H. G., mother of Heyward L. Adams (Nigeria), Feb. 27, South Carolina.

FREDENBURG, Mrs. D. R., mother of Mary Evelyn Fredenburg (Nigeria), Mar 28, Orlando, Fla.

GILBERT, Mr. Thomas A., father of Dorothy (Mrs. Marlin R.) Hicks (Bap. Spanish Pub. House, El Paso), Feb. 10, Meridian, Miss.

HIGDON, Mr. Harry H., father of Martha (Mrs. Arthur R.) Haylock (Honduras), Apr. 5, Decatur, Ala.

## IN MEMORIAM



### Erhardt Sven Swenson

Born Wederhult, Sweden

January 8, 1890

Died El Paso, Texas

March 23, 1961

**E**RHARDT SVEN SWENSON served with his wife for thirty-four years as a Southern Baptist missionary to Argentina before retiring in 1958.

A native of Sweden, he was a member of the Lutheran State Church when he came with an older brother to the United States at the age of sixteen. Having worked with his father as a tailor, he was employed by a tailor in Brooklyn, New York, who invited him to a Baptist church. In spite of a vow that he would never become a Baptist, he was baptized into the First Swedish Baptist Church of Brooklyn during his first year in America and became an active member.

While serving with the United States Army in France during the closing months of World War I, Mr. Swenson decided to devote his life to the service of Christ. He married Miss Anna Granberg on July 2, 1919, and upon the couple's return to New York from a visit with his parents in Sweden, his job, then as a clothing designer, awaited him. But he honored the decision he had made in France and enrolled in the Biblical Seminary in New York, where he was graduated in 1923.

Feeling a call to South America, the Swensons conferred with the Foreign Mission Board, as the Swedish Baptists with whom they were affiliated had no mission work in that area. They were appointed as Southern Baptist missionaries on December 3, 1923, and sailed for Argentina in March, 1924.

After a period of language study in Buenos Aires, the Swensons pioneered Baptist work in the Bahía Blanca region, where he was pastor of the Bahía Blanca Baptist Church for nearly twenty years. From 1947 until his retirement he served as director of Baptist publication work in Argentina, with headquarters in Buenos Aires.

He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Miss Ann Marie Swenson, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

SPURGEON, Mr. Hobart C., father of Harlan E. Spurgeon (Taiwan), Feb. 16, Springfield, Mo.

SWENSON, Rev. Erhardt S., emeritus (Argentina), Mar. 23, El Paso, Tex.

### Missionary Album Corrections

The middle name of Dr. Joseph V. Dawes, emeritus missionary to China, should be spelled Vidal rather than Vedale.

The year of birth for Cynthia Fern Renfrow, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harold E. Renfrow, should be listed as 1950 rather than 1951.



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JAPAN

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JAPAN



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MEXICO



**MUSE, JAMES CARL, JR.**

b. Frederick, Okla., May 9, 1929, ed. Mangum Jr. College, Mangum, Okla., 1947-49; Southwestern State College, B.A., 1952; S.W.B.T.S., B.D., 1955. Pastor, Dean Church, Mangum, Okla., 1950-51 (half-time), & Stafford, Okla., 1951-52; butcher, Mangum, Okla., 1952, & Ft. Worth, Tex., 1953; pastor, Carey, Tex., 1954-55, Petrolia, Tex., 1955-59, & First Church, Ryan, Okla., 1959-61. Appointed for Ecuador, March, 1961. m. Patsy Fern Slabaugh, Aug. 31, 1952. Permanent address: c/o L. L. Slabaugh, 1226 Santa Barbara, Wichita Falls, Tex.

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**MUSE, PATSY FERN SLABAUGH  
(MRS. JAMES CARL, JR.)**

b. Devol, Okla., Aug. 30, 1933, ed. Southwestern State College, 1951-52; Tex. Wesleyan College, 1952-53; S.W.B.T.S., B.R.E., 1955. Asst. church sec., First Church, Altus, Okla., 1952. Appointed for Ecuador, March, 1961. m. James Carl Muse, Jr., Aug. 31, 1952. Children: James Guy, 1956; Gwendolyn Beth, 1959; John Greg, 1960.

ECUADOR



**PHILLIPS, MARSHALL EUGENE**

b. Franklin Co., Ky., Oct. 24, 1928. ed. Cumberland College, diploma, 1954; Georgetown College, B.A., 1957; S.B.T.S., B.D., 1961. Pastor, First Church, Pruden, Tenn., 1953-54; chaplain, Old Masons Home of Ky., Shelbyville, 1959-61 (part-time); pastor, Highland Church, Shelbyville, Ky., 1954-61. Appointed for East Africa, March, 1961. m. Dorsie Murphy, July 24, 1950. Permanent address: Southlawn Dr., Shelbyville, Ky.

**EAST AFRICA**



**PHILLIPS, DORSIE MURPHY**

(MRS. MARSHALL EUGENE)

b. Shelbyville, Ky., Feb. 26, 1931. ed. Carver School of Missions & Social Work, 1959-61. Appointed for East Africa, March, 1961. m. Marshall Eugene Phillips, July 24, 1950. Children: Sandra Lee, 1951; Pamela Ann, 1954.

**EAST AFRICA**



**SMITH, MURRAY C**

b. Tioga, La., Mar. 2, 1925. ed. La. College, B.A., 1951; N.O.B.T.S., B.D., 1954, Th.D., 1960. U.S. Army, 1944-46; pastor, Dodson, La., 1950; library clerk, N.O.B.T.S., New Orleans, La., 1952-54; professor's sec., N.O.B.T.S., 1952-54; summer missionary, Home Mission Board, Calif., 1952, & N.M., 1953; professor's fellow, N.O.B.T.S., 1954-58; pastor, Rehobeth Church, Pushmataha, Ala., & Concord Church, Yantley, Ala., 1954-57 (half-time each), & Tangipahoa, La., 1957-61. Appointed (special) for Uruguay, March, 1961. m. Dixie Marilyn Sills, June 5, 1953. Permanent address: Box 141, Tioga, La.

**URUGUAY**



**SMITH, DIXIE MARILYN SILLS**

(MRS. MURRAY C)

b. Crowville, La., Jan. 4, 1932. ed. La. College, B.A., 1953; N.O.B.T.S., 1954-55. Summer missionary, Home Mission Board, N.M., 1953; high school teacher, Westwego, La., 1953; library worker, N.O.B.T.S., New Orleans, La., 1954-55; high school substitute teacher, Kentwood, La., 1957-59. Appointed (special) for Uruguay, March, 1961. m. Murray C Smith, June 5, 1953. Children: Jeffrey Henderson, 1955; Janet Elise, 1957; Cheryl Denise, 1959.

**URUGUAY**



**SMITH, PAUL SAINT CLAIR**

b. Silver Creek, Miss., Apr. 24, 1934. ed. Miss. College, B.A., 1955; S.B.T.S., B.D., 1959. Pastor, Tillou Church, near Bastrop, La., 1954-55; youth dir., Y.M.C.A., Louisville, Ky., 1955-56; painter & mailman, S.B.T.S., Louisville, 1956-59; pastor, Maretburg Church, near Mt. Vernon, Ky., 1956-58; teacher, Miss. Bap. Seminary, Jackson, 1959-60; pastor, Como, Miss., 1959-61. Appointed for Jordan, March, 1961. m. Virginia Nell Walker, July 21, 1956. Permanent address: 521 N. Jefferson St., Farmington, Mo.

**JORDAN**



**SMITH, VIRGINIA NELL WALKER**

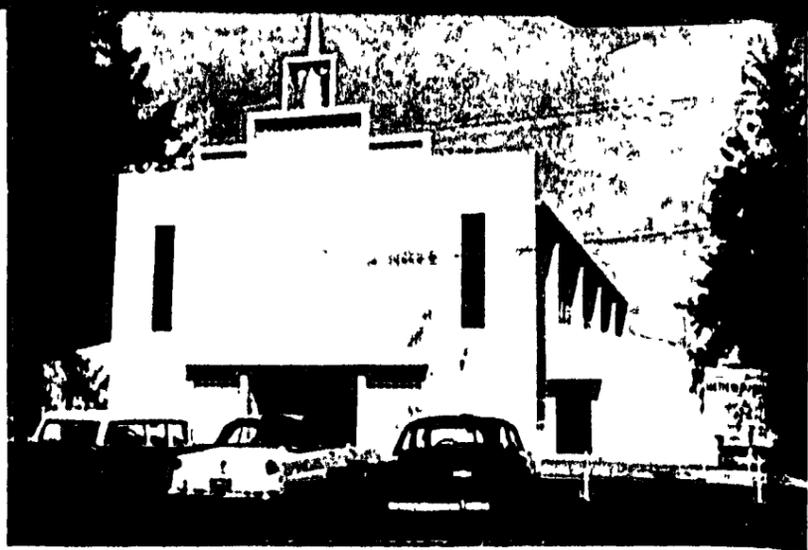
(MRS. PAUL SAINT CLAIR)

b. Farmington, Mo., Aug. 21, 1930. ed. Southwest Bap. College, A.A., 1950; Univ. of Mo., B.S., 1953; Carver School of Missions & Social Work, M.R.E., 1956. School teacher, St. Francois Co., Mo., 1950-51; staffer, Ridgecrest Bap. Assembly, Ridgecrest, N.C., 1951 & 1954; library asst., Univ. of Mo., Columbia, 1951-53; summer missionary, Home Mission Board, Calif., 1952, & Ala., 1953; elementary school teacher, N. Kansas City, Mo., 1953-54; youth worker & asst. church sec., First Church, Farmington, Mo., 1955; school teacher, Jefferson Co., Ky., 1956-57. Appointed for Jordan, March, 1961. m. Paul Saint Clair Smith, July 21, 1956. Children: Timothy Walker, 1957; Margaret Elizabeth, 1959.

**JORDAN**



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Taking part in dedication service of Clark Field Baptist Church in the Philippines are Missionary J. Allen Smith, the pastor; Sgt. Charles Phillips, chairman of the board of deacons; and Sgt. Herman Talley, chairman of the building committee.

## Foreign Mission News

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### MEXICO

#### Gladen To Head Seminary

Southern Baptist Representative Van Gladen has been elected by the Mexican Baptist Mission as president of the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary in Torreón, Coahuila. He will assume his new post May 1, succeeding James D. Crane who is now field representative in the North Field of the Foreign Mission Board's Latin America area.

A Texan appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1956, Mr. Gladen has served as an evangelistic worker in Saltillo, Coahuila, since 1958.

### NIGERIA

#### First Missionaries Sent

The Nigerian Baptist Convention in January sent its first foreign missionaries — two couples — to Sierra Leone on the west coast of Africa, reported the *Nigerian Baptist*, monthly publication of the Convention.

Appointed by the Convention's Home and Foreign Mission Board, they are Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Boyo and Rev. and Mrs. I. O. Badejogbin.

"Other missions at work in Sierra

Leone have welcomed this new venture, the first mission effort sponsored by a group of African Christians outside their own country," stated the article by Southern Baptist Missionary John E. Mills.

The Nigerian missionaries probably will settle in Nerekoro, a new town in the Bumbuna area, the magazine said. New iron ore mines are being developed there, and the Sierra Leone government is moving forty thousand workers into the area.

### PHILIPPINES

#### Clark Field Church Dedicated

The new building of English-language Clark Field Baptist Church, on a prominent street just outside the gate of Clark Field, United States air base, was dedicated February 26. Main speaker was Missionary Billy B. Tisdale, who worked with the church at the time of its organization on December 13, 1959.

During a week of services before the dedication, evangelistic messages were given by Missionaries W. Bryant Hicks, Miles L. Seaborn, Jr., and J. Allen Smith, the pastor. Several people asked for membership by letter or on profession of faith. Choirs from the church, the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary in Baguio, and the Manila Chinese Baptist Church provided special music.

### SPAIN

#### 5-Year Emphases Announced

Spanish Baptists have announced these emphases for their newly launched "Five-Year-Program of Advance," reported *The European Baptist*, published by The European Baptist Federation: Spiritual Life, 1961; Personal Evangelism, 1962; Stewardship, 1963; Church Evangelism or Missions, 1964; and Denominational Co-operation, 1965.

Southern Baptist Representative Russell B. Hilliard will be general director of the program.

### TAIWAN (Formosa)

#### Building Dedicated in Taipei

English-language Calvary Baptist Church in Taipei dedicated its new building March 12, with Dr. Winston Crawley, Foreign Mission Board secretary for the Orient, as guest speaker.

Organized May 17, 1959, with forty-six members, the church now has 157 members. The majority are United States military personnel and their dependents, but also included are some American civilians and persons of other nationalities.

Calvary Church provides a full program with Sunday school, Training Union, Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union and its auxiliaries. Missionary Glenn L. Hix is pastor.

Dr. Winston Crawley, Orient secretary, speaks at dedication for Calvary Baptist Church in Taipei. Missionary Glenn L. Hix, pastor, listens at right.



# New Appointees

(Continued from page 27)



**TRIMBLE, VIVIAN C PAULK**  
(MRS. JAMES WILLIAM)

b. Holloway, La., Dec. 10, 1925. ed. La. College, B. A., 1946; N.O.B.T.S., 1951. Elementary school teacher, Poland, La., 1946-47; nursery worker, N.O.B.T.S., New Orleans, La., 1947-49; public school substitute teacher, New Orleans, 1952-53; jr. high school teacher, New Orleans, 1953-54; public school homebound teacher, Ponchatoula, La., 1954-56; substitute homebound teacher, Baton Rouge, La., 1958-59 & 1959-61, respectively. Appointed (special) for Lebanon, March, 1961. m. James William (Bill) Trimble, Aug. 30, 1945. Children: Jerry Lynne, 1947; Rebecca Anne, 1949; Paul David, 1956.

LEBANON



**WOLFE, GLENDA RUTH BURK**  
(MRS. KENNETH ROY)

b. Aurora, Mo., Feb. 9, 1932. ed. Central Bap. Theol. Seminary, 1951-52; Kansas City Jr. College, 1952-53; William Jewell College, 1959-60. Appointed for South Brazil, March, 1961. m. Kenneth Roy Wolfe. Sept. 23, 1948. Children: Mary Ruth, 1949; Paula Beth, 1950; John Mark, 1954; Stephen Roy, 1955; Paul David, 1958.

SOUTH BRAZIL



**YOUNG, BETTY JEAN DEVORE**  
(MRS. JACK NEWBERRY)

b. El Paso, Tex., Dec. 25, 1930. ed. Southwest Bap. College, A.A., 1950; Okla. Bap. Univ., 1950-52; S.W.-B.T.S., summer 1953. Clerk-stenographer, Oklahoma City, Okla., 1951-52; I.B.M. operator, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1953-56; public school substitute teacher, Adams Co., Colo., 1960-61. Appointed for South Brazil, March, 1961. m. Jack Newberry Young, Aug. 10, 1950. Children: Kathy Lynn, 1952; Niki Jack, 1957; Timothy Gene, 1958.

SOUTH BRAZIL

**TRIMBLE, JAMES WILLIAM (BILL)**

b. Haynesville, La., Dec. 21, 1925. ed. La. College, B.A., 1946; N.O.B.T.S., B.D., 1949, M.R.E., 1951, further study, 1951-54. Pastor, Latanier Church, Lecompte, La., 1945-46 (half-time), Pisgah Church, near Forest Hill, La., 1945-47, Oak Grove Church, near Prairieville, La., 1947-49, McNeil, Miss., 1949-51 (half-time), & Johnston Station, Miss., 1949-53 (half-time); professor's fellow, N.O.B.T.S., New Orleans, La., 1951-53; pastor, Hebron Church, near Smithdale, Miss., 1951-53 (half-time), Trinity Church, near Hammond, La., 1953-56, & Stevendale Church, near Baton Rouge, La., 1956-61. Appointed (special) for Lebanon, March, 1961. m. Vivian C Paulk, Aug. 30, 1945. Permanent address: Rt. 1, Box 85A, Deville, La.

LEBANON



**WOLFE, KENNETH ROY**

b. Winfield, Kan., July 9, 1927. ed. Univ. of Wichita, 1946-47 & summer 1948; Okla. Bap. Univ., B.A., 1949; Central Bap. Theol. Seminary, B.D., 1954, Th.D., 1960. Pastor, Goins Mission, Purcell, Okla., 1948-49 (half-time); interim pastor, Argonia, Kan., 1949-50; pastor, Gilliam & Fish Creek Churches, Gilliam, Mo., 1950-54 (half-time each), & Valley Mem. Chapel, Kansas City, Mo., 1954-61. Appointed for South Brazil, March, 1961. m. Glenda Ruth Burk, Sept. 23, 1948. Permanent address: 532 S. Washington, Wichita, Kan.

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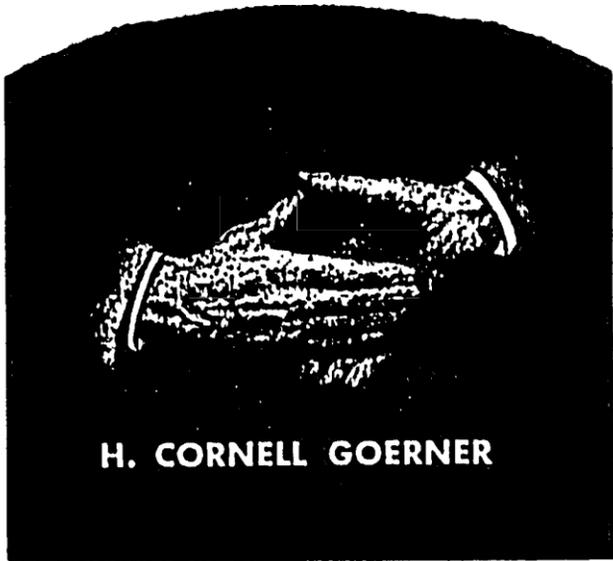
**YOUNG, JACK NEWBERRY**

b. Verona, Mo., July 10, 1930. ed. Southwest Bap. College, A.A., 1950; Okla. Bap. Univ., B.A., 1952; S.W.B.-T.S., B.D., 1956. Pastor, Fair Grove, Mo., & Rocky Mt. Church, Eldon, Mo., 1949-50 (half-time each), Union Hill Church, Purcell, Okla., 1950-51, Pleasant Valley Church, Norman, Okla., 1951-52, First Church, Cumby, Tex., 1953-56, First Southern Church, Durango, Colo., 1956-58, & First Church, Thornton, Colo., 1958-61. Appointed for South Brazil, March, 1961. m. Betty Jean DeVore, Aug. 10, 1950. Permanent address: 10405 Irene, NE., Albuquerque, N.M.

SOUTH BRAZIL



# HANDS ACROSS THE SEA



H. CORNELL GOERNER

## Hands Across the Sea

By H. Cornell Goerner

Convention Press, 85 cents

This detailed survey of Baptist work in Europe, written by the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, gives Adults a clear and impressive picture of the important role Southern Baptists have played and are now playing in the history of Christian evangelism and missions in Europe. Each chapter contributes toward a better understanding of how European Baptists work.

In his first chapter Dr. Goerner introduces the reader to more than one million Baptists who work together in twenty-two national bodies. In the next he traces the origin and history of Baptists in each of the European countries. The next two chapters emphasize the notable contributions made by Baptists of the United States. The last pictures today's religious situation in Europe and reminds Southern Baptists of their responsibility to keep extending "hands across the sea" to support the gospel.

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The teacher's guide was written by Ruth Paddock Goerner.



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## Your Guide to Europe

By Rosalind Allen Barker

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Mrs. Barker, who lived in England for a number of years and has traveled extensively throughout the Continent, makes the reader her main character in this study book for Young People. Using a direct approach, she gets him right into the middle of things at the outset when he arrives in Southampton, England, to begin a tour of European Baptist work.

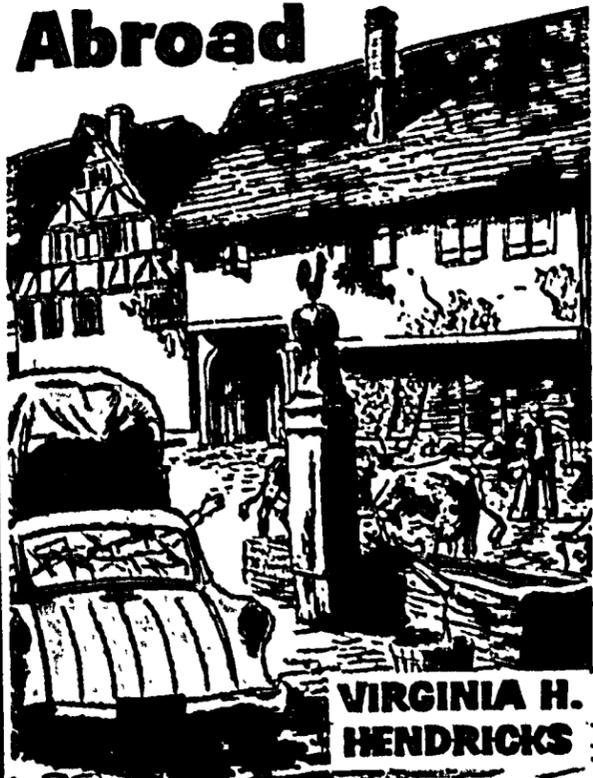
Covering six countries — England, Holland, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Switzerland — she introduces some of the Young People active in the Baptist churches. The reader's visiting several sites of Baptist beginnings and seeing some of the landmarks, such as William Carey's house in Leicester, England, and Johannes Oncken's grave in Marburg, Germany, makes him in-

tensely aware of his heritage and grateful for the courageous pioneers whose sacrifices provided that heritage. Mrs. Barker also introduces European Baptist leaders and Southern Baptist missionaries serving in that part of the world.

An outstanding feature of her book is the great number of human interest stories told by some of the Young People the reader meets. Mrs. Barker has written her book in a direct and personal way, and because of this "it lets you really get involved," as she says, "in what Baptists are doing in Europe."

The teacher's guide is by Mary Lee Rankin McCollough.

## Teen Traveler Abroad



**VIRGINIA H. HENDRICKS**

### Teen Traveler Abroad

By Virginia H. Hendricks  
Convention Press, 50 cents

Intermediates, get ready to take a sightseeing tour across Europe in a green station wagon with the five members of the Hendricks family!

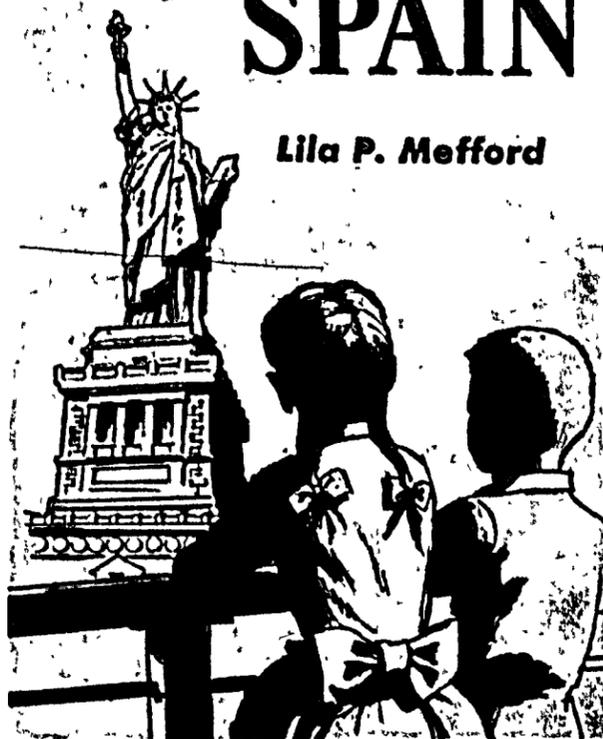
Thirteen-year-old Bill Hendricks is the "teen traveler" in this lively book based upon true experiences of the author and her family. Living in Europe during the postwar years because of Major Hendricks' Air Force assignment, the family — Bill, his parents, and two brothers — enjoy a cross-continent trip filled with varied adventures.

They learn much about mission work as they visit five countries — France, Spain, Italy, Germany, and Switzerland — and talk with many of

the Baptist leaders and missionaries who work in those countries. At trip's end Bill talks with a distinguished, "silver-haired" Baptist leader, Dr. George W. Sadler, and makes a commitment to "be a good ambassador for his country and for his Lord."

The guide for teachers was written by Betty Brewer.

## SYLVIA GOES TO SPAIN



Lila P. Mefford

### Sylvia Goes to Spain

By Lila P. Mefford  
Convention Press, 50 cents

Juniors will take a trip to Spain with eleven-year-old Sylvia Mefford as she and her family begin their evangelical duties in that very old but exciting country. Sylvia's mother, a Southern Baptist representative, wrote the book, based upon actual experiences in the lives of the Meffords and told from the standpoint of Junior-aged Sylvia.

Juniors will enjoy the boat trip with Sylvia as she and her family sail for Spain. They will share the thrill of her other adventures in a land where Baptist churches must not look like churches. Sylvia, along with her nine-year-old brother Tony, learns what it is like to be a Baptist in that country where one is not always free to worship as he pleases. She begins to appreciate the opportunities that she and her family have in giving the gospel to people who are not privileged to hear it otherwise.

One of her biggest thrills comes when she and Tony give their play-

mate, Pepito, a Bible of his very own. She also enjoys going on field trips with her daddy, who preaches in churches that have no pastors, and visits courageous Spanish Christians who are willing to be put in prison for Jesus' sake.

Sylvia is sad when she and her family leave for America on furlough but looks forward to going back after a year in the United States to a country and people she has come to love with all her heart.

Dorothy Green Napier is the author of the teacher's guide.

## A Present for Dino



MARYLU MOORE

### A Present for Dino

By Marylu Moore  
Convention Press, 50 cents

Primaries will visit the George Boardman Taylor Orphanage in Rome, Italy, and meet Dino, a little Italian boy who lives there with a hundred other boys and girls.

In an attractively designed picture book, Dino's story — written by a daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries in Rome — will help Primaries understand what it means to live in an orphanage where Christian love and care abound.

When Dino heard for the first time the story of the baby Jesus, God's present to the world on the first Christmas night, he knew he wanted to show his love and appreciation for Jesus by loving and helping someone. So he asked for a very special present: a little brother to take care of.

The guide, containing five additional stories about Dino for teachers to tell, was prepared by Elsie Rives.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**  
Elizabeth Minshew

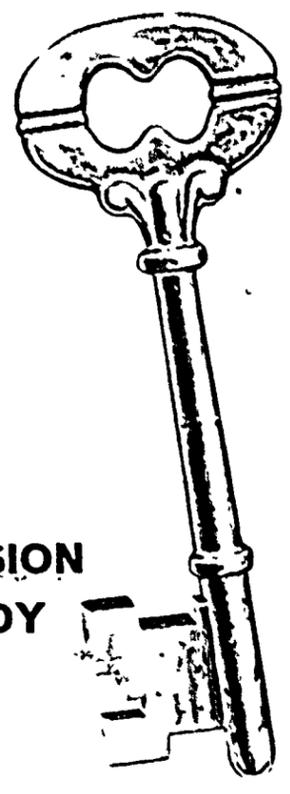
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H. Cornell Gorman, Secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East

### Europe

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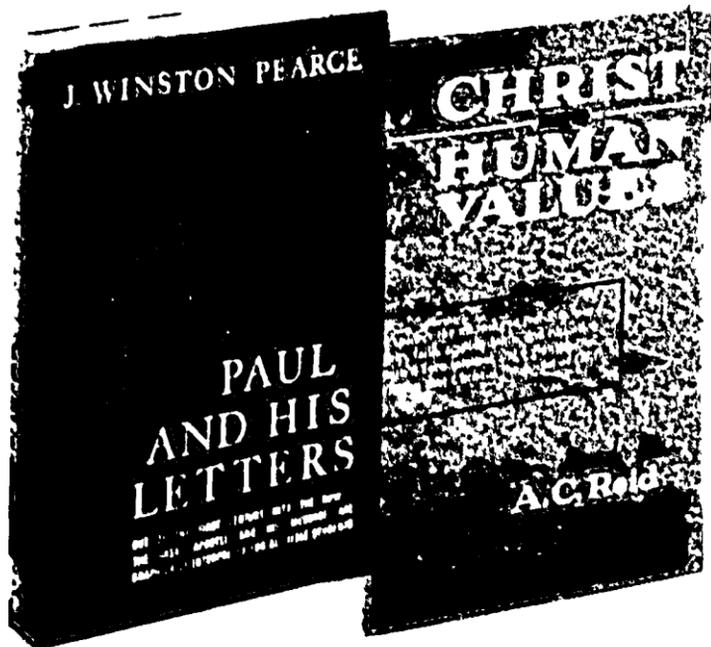
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