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Spurning the Manger for Mecca

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THE NATIVITY SCENE—with Jesus in the manger, angels, shepherds, wise men presenting their gifts, and children singing “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”—turns our thoughts to the little city of Bethlehem in Judea where our Saviour was born.

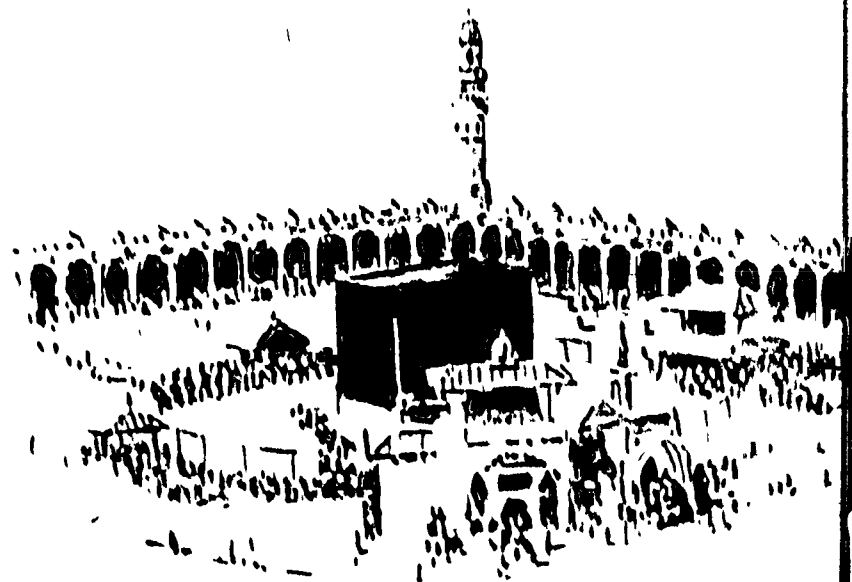
This season as we lift our prayers to God, thanking him for his abundant love and invoking his blessings for peace, let us offer a special prayer for the world's 425 million Muslims.

A recent experience I had in Nigeria typifies the Islamic attitude toward Christ. A Muslim selling Christmas cards said, “Christmas has no meaning for me outside the money I can make selling cards and curios.” His holy book, the Koran, recognizes Jesus only as one prophet among many.

For Muslims there will be no Christmas because they do not know Christ. They turn from the Baby of Bethlehem to Mohammed, the baby of Mecca. Islam, which literally means “absolute surrender to God,” has a powerful grip on them.

Muslims are very religious—servant in prayer, faithful in fasting, and generous in giving alms to the multitudinous beggars among them. From Islamic communities the untiring cry of their creed arises: “There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet.”

But, for all their religious devotion they are lost. Pray for Christians in Muslim lands as they witness for the Saviour, that the Holy Spirit may touch the hearts of these millions.



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A part of the congregation gathers on the front porch of Immanuel Baptist Church on the day of its organization.

NOTHING on earth compares with the thrill of being "labourers together with God." This was our experience in the days leading to October 22, the opening date of English-speaking Immanuel Baptist Church in Madrid, Spain.

Within the E-shaped auditorium of the four-story rented house were gathered a hundred people who felt certain that God had given them a church.

Those who witnessed the growth of Immanuel Baptist Church from its first timid beginnings say, "It fit together like the scattered pieces of a puzzle. This is God's doing."

Who can determine exactly when the first dreams of such a church were

born in the hearts of American people away from their homeland? Suffice it to say that for many years, particularly since 1953 when the first United States military personnel came to Spain, there has been a real need for an English-speaking Baptist church.

A look at the Baptist community in Madrid from 1953 until now is inspiring. It would be impossible to list all the faithful Baptist families who have been here and left behind a part of themselves to enrich the lives of many yet to come and to further the cause of Christ. A roll call of these faithful witnesses would include such names as Sparks, Johnson, Lovelace, Glass, Bryant, Stallcup, Lauen, Younger, Ellege, and dozens more.

The first distinctively Baptist English-speaking group was organized in 1955. This was a women's missionary group that met twice a month in the home of Commander and Mrs. R. E. Sparks on Calle Cinca, 38, in the section of Madrid called El Viso. It was known as the "Coffee Group," as some members feared that a Baptist missionary organization might be considered against regulations. That group continues but has become interdenominational in character.

Those first Baptist families went regularly to the Spanish churches in Madrid, and several moved their membership to Second Baptist Church. Little Judy Sparks was baptized in cold, winter-time water in the First Baptist

Castle for Christ in Spain

BY NELLA DEAN WHITTEN

Fraternal representative
to Spanish Baptists, Madrid



Mary Price, WMU president, polishes windows (at left) as other members of the church hang auditorium drapes.



Church building, which was being used by Second Baptist for their baptismal service.

Often Baptist people expressed the feeling that their spiritual needs were not being met in churches where they could not understand the language. They said they would like very much to have an English-speaking church, but obviously the time was not ripe.

In 1960 wishes for a Baptist church became insistent. A Woman's Missionary Society was organized in Royal Oaks, a Madrid housing area, in December that year. Thus the first wedge was driven in what had seemed to be a closed door.

The women were happy and excited, and their enthusiasm was highly con-

tagious in their homes. Soon the possibility of organizing a church became a common topic of conversation among men as well as women. In the meantime, as the Woman's Missionary Union youth organizations were set in operation, the obvious need was for a house in which to meet.

This need was voiced during a WMU meeting in August this year at the home of Ken and Lorraine Nichola in Alcala de los Henares, near Madrid. Someone raised the question, "Couldn't we have an English-speaking Baptist church in Spain?"

Quickly the answer came from a Southern Baptist representative, who had been in Spain since 1953, "You can if you want it!"

From there the dream took the form of a definite move. At a social meeting in Royal Oaks a few days later a small group stayed to talk afterward and to ask my husband Charles what they would have to do to set the project in motion.

During the same month Jack D. Hancox, Southern Baptist representative in France, came to Spain on vacation with his family. He had been sent to France by the Foreign Mission Board to work with English-speaking churches but, of course, did not know the possibilities for such work in Madrid.

Nevertheless, the small, interested group in Madrid called Mr. Hancox the first day he was in Spain, and he

Two members build a platform for the pulpit of the church.





Volunteer workers take time out for a "lunch break" while getting the church building ready for occupancy.

flew to Madrid for a few hours to meet with them. Learning of their needs and prospects, he expressed the opinion: "If you really want it, you can have a Baptist church in two weeks."

Mr. Hancox later confessed that he had argued with himself for some time about coming to Spain on vacation and really had decided to come "against his better judgment." He concluded, "Surely it was the hand of God that brought me here."

A representative study committee was named to make plans toward organization. With my husband as chairman, it included E. T. Brooks, secretary; Frederick Hansen, treasurer; Mildred Brooks, Jack James, Mary Price, Jack Potter, and Bobbie Willis.

Many times they met until midnight and still did not finish the business at hand. Besides laying plans, one important result of their meetings was keeping alive the entire group's enthusiasm and optimism.

They agreed that there were three points to consider:

- Discovering the attitude of American military authorities toward such a move.
- Securing permission from the Spanish Government.
- Finding an adequate building.

As was to be expected, some people connected with the chapel program at

the base felt that establishing an English-speaking Baptist church was unwise and altogether undesirable. At the first signs of difficulty, the group met and reaffirmed their desire to have such a church. Many made statements showing genuine conviction and a willingness to make whatever sacrifice was necessary to go on with the plans the committee had made.

One young man said, "I'm more a Baptist now than ever before, and I know we must have our church."

Another affirmed, "I've put in sixteen years with the Air Force. If it takes it to have a church, the U.S. Government can have back my sixteen years."

"We have eighteen years," said another family. "We feel the same way."

"God has done so much for me, how can I refuse to sacrifice for him?" stated one woman, visibly disturbed but firm.

THE DIE was cast. The group wanted a Baptist church, and it looked as if they would have it. There was a deep spirit of humility and a recognition of absolute dependence on God, who can open any door and make all things possible.

In a couple of days the military opposition died down, as those in authority recognized that any interference would be a violation of the great

American principle of religious freedom.

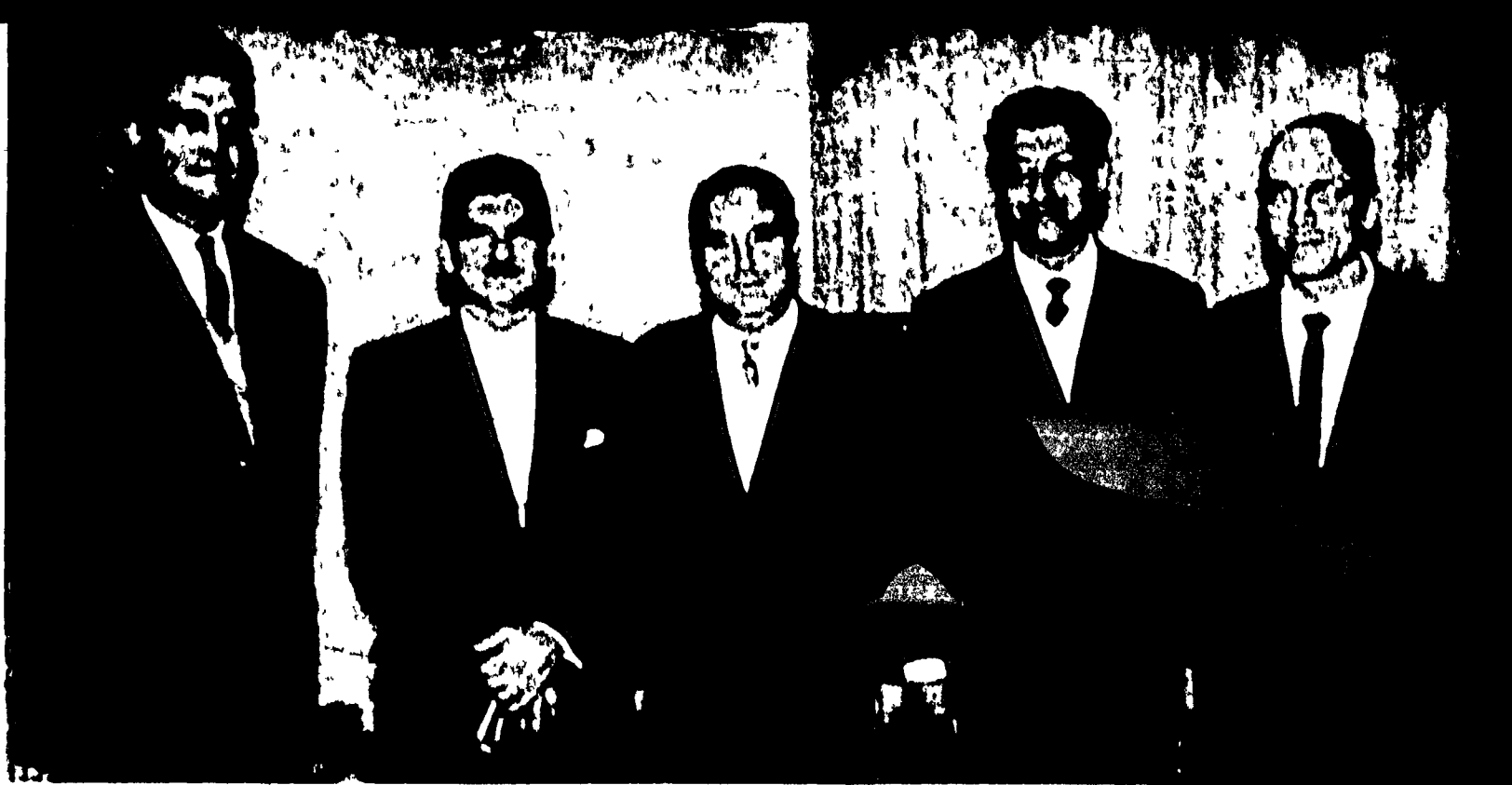
Next came the matter of getting permission from the Spanish Government. Charles had planned to seek this permission from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he had contact with one of the officials. When he went seeking an interview, however, most of the Government ministries were at their summer headquarters in San Sebastian.

One day Charles became impatient waiting for the return of the man he wanted to see, so he decided to go direct to the Ministry of the Interior, hoping to shorten the indirect route the request for permission had to travel. To his surprise he was cordially received by the secretary-general of the political section, who told him there was no reason why a petition for an English-speaking church would not be granted.

Unfortunately, a petition for a Spanish church would be delayed much longer or denied outright.

The group was encouraged by the favorable reply and expected the permit to come through immediately. Yet, as the old Spanish saying goes, "Matters of the palace move slowly."

Charles made countless trips to the Government offices. He later said his trips and much insistence made him feel akin to the importunate widow in



Organizing council are (left to right) Southern Baptist Representatives Joe W. Mefford of Spain and Jack D. Hancox of France; Sr. José Cardona, Spanish Baptist pastor; Sr. Juan Luis Rodrigo, president of Spanish Baptist Union; and Charles W. Whitten, interim pastor of Immanuel Church.

the New Testament. He soon became known by almost everybody in the area of the Interior Ministry. Even the elevator boys recognized him and would say, "Oh yes, you want to go up to the third floor."

Finding the building was no small task. Collectively, and individually the group's members searched for the "right" building. We found several but could not acquire them for various reasons—too expensive, not for rent, or the owners refused to rent their buildings for Protestant worship services.

Finally we found the house on Gregorio Benetiz, Number 8. It is an imposing four-story structure in an excellent location. The fact that it rented for \$380 a month and that a three-month advance payment was required made the need for money imperative. Then tithes and offerings began coming in from all members of the group—material evidence of their devotion to the Master.

No one was idle while waiting for the permit. "It will come," everybody said with assurance, though there were moments when we doubted.

Men, women, and children met at the church to work. There was much to be done: painting, making and hanging drapes, preparing the nursery, scrubbing floors, and cleaning in general from cellar to attic. Nobody seemed to hesitate in offering to work. Hearts were glad, and singing was heard despite tired backs and rough hands.

The written document of permission reached the anxious Baptist group just two days before the date set for organizing the church. As Charles stated in a prayer meeting that week, "It seems that God has permitted it this

Members and teacher of a Sunday school class proudly pose on organization day.



way in order to try our faith. We must learn to walk by faith and not by sight."

Finally the long-awaited day arrived! Never had "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" sounded so good, so majestic, so worshipful.

The organizing council itself was impressive, with representatives from France, the Spanish Baptist Mission, and the Spanish Baptist Union. The words of Jack Hancox, moderator of the council, carried weight as he spoke from his personal experience as a chaplain and as a Southern Baptist fraternal representative.

Sr. Juan Luis Rodrigo, president of the Spanish Baptist Union, charmed the group with a greeting in English, expressing the best wishes and prayers of the Spanish people for the new English-speaking church that would

become a part of the Union. Southern Baptist Representative Joe W. Mefford brought the inspiring charge "Preach the Word" to the church and to Charles, the interim pastor. At the close of the service he sang a medley of "Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know" and "The Love of God," accompanying himself with the accordion.

October 22, 1961! What a day to tuck away among our heart treasures. How much to remember about the day Immanuel Baptist Church became a reality.

One member said, "I've never in my life seen two two-hour services pass so fast. My heart can scarcely retain the joy I feel."

Through months of waiting, praying, and working God had prepared us. Then he gave us a church.

JOY to Mother Hsieh's World

BY ERICA MORRIS
Missionary in Singapore



JOY TO THE WORLD! the Lord is come," rang the happy carol of the congregation on the Sunday before Christmas last year at Calvary Baptist Church in Singapore.

But through the open windows came some discordant notes. Looking out, I saw a funeral procession with the usual band of musicians and mourners.

Among the mourners were two of our Sunday school pupils, for this was their grandmother's body being taken to the graveyard. How sad that while our singing of the Saviour's coming brought joy to us the day meant hopelessness and sorrow for this family living within the shadow of our church. Only the grandchildren in the home had been reached with the message of salvation.

This and similar incidents of illness and death in families touched by the church placed a burden on the hearts of many members for the aged residents of our community. Was it possible that our English-language group could minister to these people, many of whom could not understand English?

Members of the Woman's Missionary Society and Brotherhood began by preparing small, personal Christmas gifts for residents of the home for the aged just across the road from the church. These gifts were presented on Christmas Eve during a caroling program by the young people.

A faithful Christian resident of the home told us that very little was being done for the old people's spiritual welfare. Soon afterward, with the assistance of Chinese-speaking pastors, we secured permission to hold regular services.

Some of the residents began attending worship services at the church. Although they could comprehend little of the spoken message, love and understanding were languages that did not need translation.

Along with the burden for these who had no home of their own came an awareness of a responsibility for aged parents living in the homes of some of

ABOVE: Members of WMS plan Christmas project for the aged.

LEFT: Missionary Charles H. Morris, the pastor, greets residents from home for the aged.

our church families. Some members felt complete hopelessness about them. "Grandmother has been a Buddhist all her life; it is useless to disturb her," was a typical remark.

In some instances young people and adults used elderly parents as an excuse for their unwillingness to follow Christ. They felt it was their filial duty to perform the "last rites" and participate in the ancestor worship that followed.

Two months after Christmas a wealthy Chinese contractor and his wife professed faith in Christ and were baptized. With them lived his seventy-seven-year-old mother who had come from a small village near Shanghai to live her last days in the home of her eldest son. Hsieh Chang Sun said, "I wish someone could speak with my mother about the Lord."

As there was no Christian witness who could speak to his mother in her village dialect, he himself began reading and explaining the Scriptures to her. He gave her a Chinese Bible, which she read through twice.

Some months later he came to the pastor saying, "My mother is ready to profess Christ, but I am afraid her health will not permit her to profess publicly." She had not been out of the home for about ten years because of illness.

My husband Charles, the pastor, assured him that the Lord would understand her physical limitations and not expect her to attend church if that were impossible.

"But my mother is very stubborn. She wants to come to church and tell everyone she is trusting in Jesus as her Saviour."

Mother Hsieh prayed for several days to have enough strength to come. The following Sunday when the invitation was given, she hobbled down the church aisle on the arm of her son. Close behind was her sixteen-year-old grandson who also had decided to follow Jesus.

What a time of rejoicing for the entire family! Now the elderly mother

began insisting upon baptism. Because of her physical condition the family said, "God will understand if you are not strong enough to be baptized."

"But I wish to be baptized, and I believe God will give me strength," was her answer.

On a recent Sunday evening she was the first of thirteen candidates to step into the baptismal waters, limping on little knots of feet that had been bound in childhood. Her action not only testified of her trust in Christ but demonstrated that with God nothing is impossible.

Others baptized that night included an English woman whose husband is in the Royal Navy, a Burmese girl, two university students, and other Chinese young people.

When Charles gave the invitation at the close of the service, one of the blackest Indians we have ever seen—a Tamil—came to give his heart to Jesus. Then came a brown Malayan Indian, and then a white, forty-two-year-old British Navy officer.

What a thrill to see these people meeting together, seeking the same Lord, and finding sweet fellowship together! In that service we had six different races of people, not including at least seven clans of Chinese.

As we sing "Joy to the World!" again this Christmas it is with a prayer of gratitude that the Lord has come into the hearts of some who live in the sunset days of life and of those who were born of different colors but find brotherhood through Christ.



ABOVE: Madam Hsieh Wong Chi-Jen stands with son and grandson.

RIGHT: Young people's choir leads the singing of Christmas carols at Calvary Baptist Church.



"Missionary Kid" Missionaries

By AUDREY ROBERSON

Missionary in Saigon, Vietnam

AT THAT BIG MOMENT when a missionary is appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, he steps forward on the platform to tell some of his highest expectations and dreams about his service in a far corner of the earth. I have often thought about the things I said then and have had to adjust some of my dreams to realities.

I frequently remember my outlook in going to the mission field with a family—a husband and three "missionary kids." I had said, "I know now why it has taken God all these years to work out my call. If I had gone as a younger woman I would have gone alone. Now I go not only with my husband, with whom I can do far more

than I could have ever accomplished alone, but we take with us three little Christian witnesses."

I have often wondered whether our "three little missionaries" are really being the witnesses I had hoped they would be.

Recently my greatest expectations were fulfilled as our second child's teacher in Saigon American Community School reported what happened in her first grade classroom on the first school day after Christmas vacation last year.

As the children gathered in a semi-circle around the teacher, she asked each one to tell what he or she had received for Christmas. There were re-

ports of dolls, guns, fancy clothing, and much rich food. When Amelia's turn came she stood up, with a particularly cheerful gleam in her eyes.

Calmly she said, "The most wonderful thing happened to me at Christmas. In front of all the people who were in our living room I walked up and gave my life to Jesus."

There was a long pause before anyone else spoke, for each child seemed to sense, as did the teacher, that here was one among them who had discovered the true meaning of Christmas. The teacher found tears welling up in her eyes as she saw how real and vivid was the experience of our little girl's Christmas.

The Sunday after Amelia's baptism she brought a little nine-year-old friend to the Mission Center for our worship service in English. When the invitation was given she walked to the front, bringing her friend to accept Jesus as Saviour.

MKs are just like other people's children. They are not perfect, only normal and healthy. My apprehension about our maximum witness by *all* the family faded as I realized afresh that a little child often can innocently tell more of the true nature of Christ's kingdom than we adults can in our professional, matter-of-fact way.

Our three little missionaries can open doors to opportunity, break down barriers, and establish friendships that otherwise would never come about.



Playing checkers with her Vietnamese friends, Amelia witnesses to her playmates through her life as a Christian.

God



Won the Victory in My Life

BY SEVERINO GOMES
DE ARAÚJO

As told to Mattie Lou Bible, missionary teacher and student secretary, American Baptist College, Recife, Brazil

THE STORY of my conversion might be called common because it is much like that of others who have found in the gospel a source of satisfaction, joy, and equilibrium for the spirit. The Bible, whether in English or Portuguese, indicates one way—that of Christ.

I was born in the city of Petrolândia far in the interior of the Brazilian state of Pernambuco. When I was seven years old and a student in the Tenth of November Elementary School, operated by the Catholic Church, I took my first communion. This is a familiar tradition to the boys and girls of Brazil.

I remember getting dressed all in white, proudly wearing my first pair of long trousers. I handled the catechism, lily, and rosary well, and at my side stood the traditional bride—a little friend from my class. It was a beautiful service and could not but impress any seven-year-old child.

From that time until I was ten I was an ardent participant in the church of Rome's practices. But then I began to develop objections to certain attitudes held by some of the representatives of catholicism. Because I was opposed to any kind of persecution, I was revolted at the treatment given a small Pentecostal group by the Catholic missionaries who visited our little city each year.

When I finished elementary school my father's government job took our family to Recife, the state capital. There I enrolled in American Baptist College for the high school admission course, and upon completing junior college I left to do further study.

In this Christian school, however, I first began the battle with my conscience. For seven years I struggled with the two ways of life open to me: I could flee as a coward and remain indifferent or accept the truth and yield in the face of reality. I could accept a religion of mere traditionalism or embrace one that would give me certainty of an eternal reward.

And there was yet another problem: What would be my family's reaction if I changed my religious faith?

After many uncertain days while a student at American Baptist College I was able—finally—to discern between the right and wrong way. I was encouraged to make my decision both by the messages of Pastor Lívio Lindoso, the college chaplain, and by a classmate, Elmir Ramalho. As I visited his home I was so impressed by his whole family's zeal and dedication to the cause of Christ that I became willing to put aside all my fears and accept the gospel.

I knew that if I accepted this new life I would have to leave behind the

social customs and friendships of other days. I realized that I would be the only Protestant in my family group of more than a hundred people. I weighed the responsibilities that would fall on me after my conversion.

Then I put all these concerns aside and accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. I no longer worried about the reaction of my parents, brothers, cousins, uncles, aunts, and grandparents.

In September, 1955, Dr. José Munguba Sobrinho preached a message in Capunga Baptist Church on the subject, "God Is Love." He gave one invitation and received one profession of faith—mine. The seven-year battle was finally over. God had won the victory.

My family did not criticize and condemn me as I had expected. My mother, staunch Catholic that she is, even gave me words of love and comfort. This made me stronger and more secure in the stand I had taken. Today I can say with peace and joy: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

My heart is filled with a prayer of thanksgiving to God for saving me, for American Baptist College, for the Christian teachings of Pastor Lindoso, for the influence of the Ramalho family, and for Dr. Sobrinho who told me more of God's love.

1,554 Missionaries

The Foreign Mission Board appointed ten missionaries in December, and the number under appointment as of December 14 totaled 1,554.

BRAZIL

Hocum Heads Social Service

Missionary Merna Jean Hocum has been elected director of the department of social service for the Baptist convention in the state of Rio Grande do Norte, effective January 1. Her responsibilities will include starting a good will center in Natal, the state capital.

This will be the third Baptist good will center in North Brazil. The first, started in 1954 in Recife, capital of Pernambuco, now enrolls 1,700 children and adults. Miss Hocum has been its assistant director since June, 1957.

The second center was opened in 1958 in Caruarú, Pernambuco, with a Brazilian as director.

ECUADOR

Agricultural Venture Begins

Missionaries in Ecuador have begun a unique agricultural experiment, reported Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America, to the Foreign Mission Board in November.

The Ecuador Baptist Mission obtained one hundred goats and three thoroughbred bulls and placed some of them on several acres of good pasture at the Baptist encampment grounds. The missionaries distributed others to farmers' co-operatives which will return an equal number of kids and calves to the Mission for redistribution.

"The missionaries consider this an excellent way of meeting certain of Ecuador's economic needs, while at the same time creating good will for the gospel and the missionaries," Dr. Means said.

Other Baptist ministries in Ecuador include, besides churches, a student center, a theological institute, and a consulting medical dispensary. The six missionary couples now in the na-

tion are stationed in Quito, the capital, and in Guayaquil, the largest city and chief port.

GERMANY

English Church Aids Mission

A German Baptist mission was organized October 29 in the building of English-speaking Bethlehem Baptist Church at Bad Kreuznach.

This is the second time a church in Germany belonging to the English-language Association of Baptists in Continental Europe has given direct assistance in beginning a foreign-language mission. Bethel Baptist Church of Frankfurt earlier sponsored a Spanish-speaking mission, in co-operation with the German Baptist Union.

The Bad Kreuznach mission is sponsored by German-speaking Zions-Kapelle Baptist Church of Wiesbaden, in co-operation with Bethlehem Church. Ray Hume, Bethlehem pastor, serves the group as youth director and Sunday school superintendent.

Bethlehem Church is planning joint Saturday evening activities for German- and English-speaking young people, and Hume is teaching German to the American members so they can communicate with and assist Germans attending the mission.

At the mission organization Pastor Gideon Dreisbach of the Wiesbaden church and James G. Stertz, fraternal representative to German Baptists, explained the co-operative ministry of the German Baptist Union and the Foreign Mission Board.

GUATEMALA

Baptists Set Goal To Double

The Guatemalan Baptist Convention in November set a goal of doubling the number of Baptists in Guatemala in five years. Membership in the twenty-two churches now totals more than 1,700.

Messengers from twenty of the churches attended the sessions at Jerusalem Baptist Church in Santiago Atitlán. They reported 269 baptisms for the past year, exceeding 260 for the third year in a row.

The Convention admitted two new churches: New Gethsemani of Guatemala City and Peniel of San Lucas.

Francisco Melendez, pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church in Escuintla and a professor in the Guatemalan Baptist Theological Institute, was elected executive secretary.

Guest speakers were Clyde L. Davis, Sr., Brotherhood secretary for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and Juan Arrellano, professor in the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary.

HONG KONG

Hospital To Begin Building

A building contract for Hong Kong Baptist Hospital was signed November 7, and completion of the first unit, providing about forty beds, is expected next September. The contract includes a clause saying there is to be no work on Sundays, "a rare thing in Hong Kong building," Missionary Thomas S. Adkins said.

Ground was broken at the hospital site in April, 1959, but difficulties delayed construction. Hong Kong Baptists hope to increase the hospital's capacity to one hundred beds as funds are available.

INDONESIA

Missionaries Enter Sumatra

Rev. and Mrs. Ancil B. Scull arrived with their four children in Palembang, Sumatra, in November to begin Southern Baptist mission work on a second island of Indonesia.

The ten-year-old mission program in the country was previously confined to Java, the largest and most densely populated island. The Sculls had served since 1955 in Bandung.

Sumatra is the second-largest island, with a population of 14,200,000. Palembang, in the south, has 340,000 people, among whom Christian work is relatively small. Negotiations are now under way to buy land for a church.

Plans for Sumatra include medical work in a year or two, probably by experienced personnel from the Baptist hospital in Kediri. Evangelistic work will be increased as soon as missionaries are available.

Expansion to Sumatra, planned by the Indonesia Baptist Mission several years ago, would have been made sooner had the missionary staff in-

creased as expected, said Winston Crawley, Foreign Mission Board secretary for the Orient. Plans also call for entering Borneo, Bali, and other of the country's more than three thousand islands.

Although the Sculls will be the first Southern Baptist missionaries on Sumatra, British Baptists had a few missionaries there in the early 1800's.

About 90 per cent of Indonesia's 92,600,000 people are Muslims. However, freedom of religion is guaranteed by the constitution, and Christianity has met greater response there than in any other predominantly Muslim country. Even so, only about 2.4 per cent of the people are evangelical Christians.

LEBANON

English Church Organized

University Baptist Church in Beirut was constituted November 12 with twelve charter members, and three other persons joined that day.

The English-speaking church hopes to minister to the students and faculty of the American University of Beirut, a few blocks away, as well as to the city's other English-speaking people. Approximately two thousand Americans are in the community.

Missionary J. William Trimble, who arrived in August to supervise English-speaking work, was called as pastor. Missionary James K. Ragland began English - language services in 1953, and Missionary David W. King later led the program.

MEXICO

Associations Hold Institutes

The fifteen Baptist associations of Mexico held evangelism institutes in November, preparing for the Baptists' first nation-wide simultaneous revival effort March 4-11.

Helping nationals and Southern Baptist representatives were five visiting Southern Baptist preachers, one for each of the teams organized for one-day meetings in three associations. They were Earl R. Humble of Fort Worth, Texas, T. D. Hall of Hurst, Texas, James A. Langley of Washington, D.C., Ira H. Peak of Shreveport, Louisiana, and W. D. Lawes, secretary of evangelism for the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

The Mexican Baptist Convention has held two nation-wide evangelism



Ishmael Sibale, the first ordained African Baptist minister in Tanganyika, baptizes a convert.

conferences in central locations, but this was the first effort to cover the country by associations in one week.

Gospel Caravan Visits Villages

An evangelism caravan is spreading the gospel through villages around Torreón.

The program began last summer when eleven towns with no evangelical witness were visited by Southern Baptist Representative Pat H. Carter and four students from the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary. They spent four days in each village visiting, showing films on the life of Christ, and preaching. Each resulting mission was left in the care of a nearby church, whose laymen had received a week's training preceding the campaign so they could take up the work when the caravan moved on.

The Baptist association in Torreón has voted to employ a man for full-time, year - round operation of the caravan.

TANGANYIKA

Seminary Expects 17 Students

Among seventeen students expected for the January 15 opening of the Baptist Theological Seminary of East Africa in Arusha is the first African Baptist minister to be ordained in the five-year history of Southern Baptist mission work in the area. Most of the others have been working as Baptist evangelists for two or three years.

The men, representing several tribes of Tanganyika and Kenya, will enrol in a three-year course designed to prepare them for urgently needed lead-

ership in Baptist churches of East Africa. Wives of eleven of the students will also study.

The ordained minister expected to enrol is thirty-four-year-old Ishmael Sibale, who was ordained in May in the Dar es Salaam Baptist Church. A native of Nyasaland, he moved to Tanganyika several years ago and has been associated with Baptist work in the capital city for three years.

As opening day nears, the first phase of construction is being completed on the one-hundred-acre campus. The administration building is central, with two duplex classrooms on each side. Student housing, providing fourteen individual units, is set on the side of the hill. There are also two missionary residences.

Nation Gains Independence

Tanganyika's green, black, and gold flag replaced the British Union Jack at midnight December 8 as the newest independent African nation was born.

During formal celebrations and merrymaking on independence eve, Baptist churches and other Christian groups held services to ask God's blessings upon the new country.

Baptist pastors preached sermons on Christian citizenship and freedom, giving their people opportunity to re-evaluate their obligations toward building a Christian nation in the light of their relation to Christ, reported Mrs. G. Webster Carroll, missionary in Dar es Salaam, the capital.

The East African country of 9,250,000 people was a German colony from the 1880's until World War I and then a British colony until 1946, when it became a British-administered United Nations trust territory. It gained internal self-government last May.

THAILAND

Surprising Number Respond

At least fifteen adults and three older teen-agers have accepted Christ during recent months in Bang Plee Noi village. Among them are a grandmother and seven schoolteachers.

"Never before have we heard of such a response to the gospel in this area of Thailand," said Missionary Robert R. Stewart, who has been making evangelistic trips to the village only since February.

Even though they are laughed at, the new Christians witness to their

loved ones and friends. "Some who laughed at the first believers are now believers themselves," the missionary reported.

In Mr. Stewart's headquarters town of Chachoengsao, a two-week evangelistic campaign was held recently in the new Baptist church building. At least 1,500 people heard the message of salvation, many for the first time.

UNITED STATES Award To Benefit Volunteers

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has established a \$5,000 scholarship program to benefit foreign mission volunteers. Called the Adoniram Judson Scholar Award, it will begin for the 1962-63 academic year.

A similar program, the Luther Rice Scholar Award, is designated for students who feel their ministry is to be carried on in the United States. Five \$1,000 grants will be made under each program.

Students qualifying for admission to the seminary next fall may apply for the scholarships before January 15. Awards will be made on the basis of academic achievement, leadership ability, and churchmanship.

The funds will be given when the students matriculate. Announcement of the winners will be made March 15.

Medical Bulletins Are Planned

Occasional medical bulletins are being planned by Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant of the Foreign Mission Board, to provide information and news about the medical work of Southern Baptists on foreign mission fields. They will be circulated primarily among interested medical professional personnel.

Every Baptist physician, dentist, nurse, hospital administrator, technologist, or any other person vitally interested in receiving the bulletins should send his name and address to:

Franklin T. Fowler, M.D.
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Richmond 30, Virginia

Emeritus Missionary Honored

COLUMBUS, GA. (BP) — A retired foreign missionary is one of two persons recently receiving special citations from the Georgia Baptist Convention.

A. Scott Patterson of Norcross,



To so reach our world that every knee would bow;

To so wrap it with our witness that every tongue would confess;

To so fully extend ourselves that all men everywhere would proclaim our Saviour, Christ, as Lord—

This is our contemplated gift of a task fulfilled,

A gift that should soon be laid at our Master's feet.

Georgia, former missionary to Nigeria, was honored both for his work with the Foreign Mission Board and for organizing churches in the Atlanta area since his retirement.

Program in Chinese Planned

FORT WORTH (BP)—The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission will begin producing in 1962 packages of one- to two-minute radio features and modified worship services in Chinese.

The Hong Kong Baptist College choir and Chinese students in this country will provide music.

Expect Opposition: Cardinal

DALLAS (BP)—Action against Protestant missionaries can sometimes be expected in countries where Roman Catholicism is dominant, the foremost cardinal from the Vatican said here. Amleto Cardinal Cicognani, the Vatican secretary of state who ranks next to Pope John XXIII, expressed the view in a press conference.

A newsman asked the cardinal about protests of Roman Catholic abuse of evangelical missions in such countries as Spain and Italy that were raised during the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He replied that the Catholic Church did not wish to fight those who think differently and seek to promote truth.

However, he added, "Suppose you go into an all-Catholic city. Suppose one Protestant comes and disturbs this traditional atmosphere. Religion is the right of any man. But man sometimes abuses this right toward others."

URUGUAY Church Celebrates 50th Year

First Baptist Church in Montevideo celebrated its fiftieth anniversary recently with a two-hundred-plate banquet, a baptismal service for five new believers, and a three-and-a-half-hour Sunday afternoon service.

From its beginning in 1911, when six people organized the church, Baptist work in Uruguay has grown to twenty-two churches and several mission points with about one thousand members.

VIETNAM Converts Total 41 in Saigon

Forty-one Vietnamese have professed faith in Christ as a result of the Saigon Baptist chapel's once-a-Sunday preaching service in the national language. This is an average of eight a month since the first profession was made at the first Sunday service.

The house-chapel in Vietnam's capital seemed large to Southern Baptist missionaries when they began the program for nationals. But five months later seventy-one people crowded into a room that would normally seat forty. Others were standing outside, and still others left for lack of space. Large attendance at Bible classes also continues.

"It is obvious that if we had enough missionaries and national workers in Vietnam at present we could have six to twelve such chapels with similar response in every major city throughout the country," said Missionary Audrey Roberson. "Our prayer is that we may be able to win a sufficient number of people quickly enough to allay the onslaught of communism and destroy the cancerous roots it has already planted throughout the land."

Missionary Families

On the Field

APPOINTEES (December)

ATCHISON, Bill Campbell, Tex., & Carol Ann Eden Atchison, Tex., *North Brazil*.
BECKETT, Charles Austin, N.C., & Jeanne Marie Plunkett Beckett, Va., *East Pakistan*.
GILSTRAP, Robert Edward (Eddie), Sr., Ga., & Hazel Elizabeth Ditsworth Gilstrap, Miss., *Guatemala*.
HUNT, Bob Wright, Ala., & Rosalie Ann Hall Hunt, Hawaii, *Taiwan*.
THOMAS, Clifford Eugene, Okla., & Betty Lou Lynn Thomas, Okla., *Northern Rhodesia*.

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SATTERWHITE, Dr. & Mrs. James P. Ichijo-dori, Muromachi-Nishi, Kamikyo-ku, Kyoto, *Japan*.
SMITH, Rev. & Mrs. Howard L., Ghana Bap. Press, Box 1979, Kumasi, *Ghana*.
SMITH, Rev. & Mrs. Winifred L. (Wimpy), Mansilla 3815, La Lucila, Buenos Aires, *Argentina*.
SPARKMAN, Louise, Box 13, Ede, *Nigeria*.

A. Ray Milligan, missionary to Kenya, spoke recently for Missions Day at the 162d Street Chapel, Fort Hood, Texas, where his chaplain brother, Capt. Jack R. Milligan, served as host minister. It was the first time the brothers had taken part together in a worship service for six years. An offering of \$46.75 was taken for the Baptist High School library in Mombasa, Kenya. Shown with the brothers afterward are Missionary Milligan's wife Imogene and his mother, Mrs. Elna Milligan of Slidell, Texas.

Earlier, the missionary was made an honorary member of the 6th Infantry after addressing officers of the 1st Armored Rifle Battalion, the unit to which Chaplain Milligan ministered before his present assignment.

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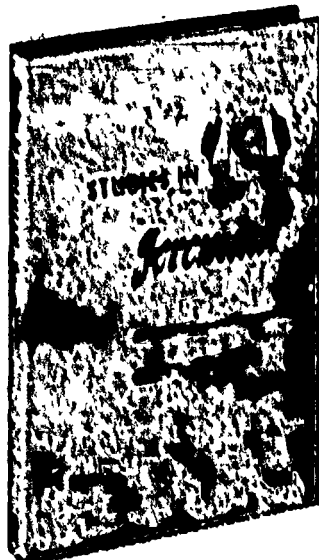
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DEBORD, David Humphrey, foster son of Rev. & Mrs. Samuel A. DeBord (Tanganyika), born Sept. 16, adopted Sept. 16.

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THE WORLD IN BOOKS

Genevieve Greer

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

African Encounter

By Robert Collis
Scribners, \$4.50

"Of all the children I have ever known the Nigerian child is the most endearing," says the author in this book about his medical work in Nigeria. A native of Ireland, Dr. Collis became head of the pediatric department at the University College of Ibadan.

Through this book he takes the reader with him—to use his own words—"into the wards of the hospital, among the children, then here, there, and everywhere right around the country, meeting the people I met, seeing what I saw." He does this superbly in the first three sections. Then, in the last section, he assesses "the problem which Nigeria presents today to herself and to the rest of the world."

After getting the pediatric department started, Dr. Collis made a three-thousand-mile car trip through Nigeria, visiting many of the same cities Southern Baptists know through their mission reports, including "Ogbomosho of the Baptists."

His graphic account of medical need should interest any doctor or nurse. Also helpful are end-page maps.

Christmas Stories from Many Lands

By Herbert H. Wernecke
Westminster Press, \$3.95

Here is a treasure house of Christmas tales from around the world, told by various authors. So vividly are the stories narrated that they seem to transport the reader to the thirty-five countries mentioned, permitting him to share in the Christmas celebrations.

Interesting to read and fascinating to tell, most are suitable for children, but nine are especially fitting for adults. For all ages the book is a delightful source of pleasure and information.

Pia's Journey to the Holy Land

By Sven Gillsater
Harcourt, Brace & World, \$3.50

This picture book is delightful—for young or old—and excellent for mission study or other church groups as well as for individual use. Some of the photographs, in glowing colors, cover a full page—and the pages are large.

Pictures and text follow the author's daughter Pia on a tour of the Holy Land from the air approach over the Mediterranean Sea to a camel ride in the Negev

Desert. They include scenes from Nazareth, Cana, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, Mount Hermon, Jericho, the desert, and others. Pia sees the people of today at work in their shops and fields, at school, and in their homes.

The author, a Swedish photographer, originally published his book in Swedish. The text is written simply, although there are some words children cannot read. Even Primary-age children will enjoy looking at the pictures.

Ropes to Burma

By Saxon Rowe Carver
Broadman, \$2.50

In this story of Luther Rice, the author skillfully takes the reader along the years and miles of travel with this man in whom foreign and home missions met. The story includes much about the Judsons in Burma and something of the Pecks in the United States.

Although written for eleven to fourteen-year-olds, and sure to be enjoyed by them, the book has lessons for adults, too. Those who have had to accept what they consider second best to their desired careers, those who complain about "all work and no play," those who find it difficult to surrender their lives fully to Christ, can find inspiration in this fictionalized biography of a dedicated American Baptist of the nineteenth century.

Christian Faith and Other Faiths

By Stephen Neill
Oxford University Press, \$4.25

The author, a noted scholar, goes into the heart and spirit of other faiths in this Christian dialogue with other religions. Like others he has written, this book bears out the detailed and careful study he brings to every manuscript.

His summary statements of the world's major faith add to one's prior knowledge, especially in the case of nascent Hinduism which the author knows well from his tenure as bishop of Tinnevely (South India). The questions he poses about the world's faiths are matters of deep concern to thinking Christians.

Considering the involved nature of his subject matter, any reader can bear sympathetically with the details of such a discussion. Before Neill finishes, the reader senses at least some of the deeper aspects of the nature of the Christian dialogue with non-Christian faiths.

REVIEWS IN BRIEF

In *The Gospel in the Old Testament* (Baker, \$3.95), Don Brandels reverses the usual manner of studying the Old Testament for Christians by presenting the New Testament in the light of the Old Testament.

The Gospel of John, by V. Wayne Barton (Baker, \$1.75): a stimulating guide to the study of John's Gospel, with unusually good footnotes.

Our Dependable Bible, by Stanley E. Anderson (Baker, \$3.95): a highly readable, well illustrated book on the reliability of our Bible, offering a wealth of factual material and inspiration to all who have found the Bible a "lamp unto their feet." Well indexed, with a good bibliography.

He Will Answer (Doubleday, \$1.00): a book of inspirational cartoons by widely known Jack Hamm, proving once again that "one picture is worth a thousand words." An excellent gift suggestion as well as a good witness in waiting rooms.

Two more helpful and stimulating volumes in the "Proclaiming the New Testament" series (Baker) are *The Gospel of Mark*, by Ralph Erle (\$2.50) and *The Book of Acts*, by Ralph G. Turnbull (\$2.75).

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Written for the eleven- to fourteen-year-old, *The Tinker's Armor*, by Gladys H. Barr (Broadman, \$2.50), is the story of the boyhood and youth of John Bunyan.

Bible Atlas, by Charles F. Pfeiffer (Baker, \$7.95): an excellent detailed reference volume that should prove invaluable on the library shelf of teachers, pastors, students, and laymen. Contains twenty-six colorful maps as well as hundreds of photographs and illustrations.



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CAVE, JOHN DAVID

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EMANUEL, Grace Marie, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Wayne E. Emanuel (*Japan*), Oct. 18.
HAMPTON, Laura Leigh, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. James E. Hampton (*Tanganyika*), Oct. 23.
KIMLER, Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Eugene B. Kimler, Jr. (*Venezuela*), Nov. 30.
SMITH, Jo Nell, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Paul S. C. Smith (*Jordan*), Oct. 30.

SPURGEON, Ruth Ann, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Harlan E. Spurgeon (*Taiwan*), Nov. 15.
STEWART, Karen Denise, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Robert R. Stewart (*Thailand*), Dec. 5.
TUMBLIN, William Lewis, son of Dr. & Mrs. John A. Tumblin, Jr. (*North Brazil*), Oct. 12.
WASSON, Homer Douglas, son of Rev. & Mrs. Melvin K. Wasson (*Nigeria*), Nov. 28.

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ARNOLD, Jesse Zerah, father of Evelyn (Mrs. John N.) Thomas (*Colombia*), Dec. 5, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.
ESTES, Mrs. Emmet F., mother of Dr. J. R. Estes (*Ruschlikon*), Sept. 21,

Louisville, Ky.; & Emmet F. Estes, Father of Dr. Estes, Nov. 23, Louisville.

FERGUSON, Sanford G., father of Jo Ann (Mrs. H. Eldon) Sturgeon (*Mexico*), Dec. 4, Sonora, Ky.

FIELDER, Dr. John Wilson, emeritus (*China*), husband of Maudie A. Fielder, emeritus (*China*), & father of L. Gerald Fielder (*Japan*) & Florence F. (Mrs. Landrum G.) McKinney (*Hong Kong*), Nov. 30, Houston, Tex.
O'CONNER, Timothy Carol, son of Rev. & Mrs. Louis O'Conner, Jr. (*Korea*), Nov. 2, Seoul, Korea (died soon after birth).

PIERCE, Nellie Miner (Mrs. L. W.), emeritus (*China*), & mother of Dr. Ethel M. Pierce, emeritus (*China*), Nov. 17, Brownwood, Tex.

RETIREMENT

CARSON, Grace S. (Mrs. W. H.) (*Nigeria*), Dec. 1.

TRANSFER OF FIELD

HALTOM, Rev. & Mrs. William E., *Hawaii to Bahamas*, Nov. 9.

EPISTLES

FROM TODAY'S APOSTLES AROUND THE WORLD



Hobson L. Sinclair
Kowloon, Hong Kong

Missionary Is a Witness, Not an Amused Spectator

I HAD BUSINESS recently in one of the predominately Chinese sections of Hong Kong. As I tried to talk with the shopkeeper I heard a commotion outside. Down the street I saw floats and heard band music. "What celebration is this?" I asked.

"It is a funeral," was the answer.

A funeral in Hong Kong is a colorful, loud affair. As the brass bands blared and the floats passed by I thought: "How fortunate I am to be here to see this bit of local color."

Suddenly I heard something that caused tears to come to my eyes. One of the bands was playing "There's a Land That Is Fairer than Day." The tune was hardly recognizable, for I had not expected to hear a hymn played by a brass band. Then I felt ashamed. I was enjoying a "show," which was in reality a group of Chinese Christians conducting a Christian funeral.

I did not see the rest of the parade, for my head was bowed in respect for a Christian brother. Searching my heart, I asked: "Am I here to laugh at strange customs or to help these people answer the craving in their hearts for the true God?"



Eda (Mrs. James G.) Stertz
Russelsheim/Main, West Germany

Servicemen and Dependents Are Fertile Field for Work

WE'RE BEGINNING to understand a whole new way of life involving American dependents abroad. In the States "dependents" was just a word in the newspapers. Now they have become people we know, representing thousands of women and children—strangers in lands strange to them. Many live in good Government-provided apartments—others in German housing, much of which is depressing.

Many of these people are devoted Baptists who have spiritual happiness and opportunities of service in their post chapels. Others have organized and support sixteen Baptist churches and missions, because they want to have a church "like the one at home."

The majority of the servicemen and their families are neither in chapel nor church. Add to these military families the numbers of other Americans in Germany for business, professional, or political reasons, and you

see that there is no limit to English-language work here. We hope to combine church ministry to these Americans with co-operative efforts of church expansion with German Baptists, who labor often under difficult conditions as a zealous minority.

We need not step beyond our door for everyday opportunities to witness. There was the electrician who said, "I'm a Christ, but not a good Christ." A delivery man, who spent six and a half years in an East German prison and lost all his family, immediately accepted an invitation to church. He rode his bike twelve kilometers to our house on Sunday morning, bringing fresh flowers for our table. Of the nine families in this building we are the only church-goers.



James E. Giles
Call, Colombia

Nationals Now Participate In Planning for Advance

THE SPREAD of the gospel in a new area develops through various stages. When the pioneer missionary arrives in a country, his first task is that of winning converts. As he wins a few men and women to Christ, he prays that the Lord will call from among them capable leaders to help in expansion. During this stage the missionary is more or less "boss," and the national Christians look upon him as authoritative and sometimes infallible.

The time comes when the national Christians become capable of helping make decisions about new areas to enter and the way in which Mission money is to be spent. It is natural that national Christians be interested in the advancement of the gospel in their own country. Many times they understand conditions much better than the missionary, who is a foreigner. These factors, coupled with the movement of nationalism, make it imperative that the missionary accept the role of the national Christians in the advancement of the work.

Baptists entered Colombia some twenty years ago. We are just now entering the second stage of development. This year, for the first time, fifteen nationals and fifteen missionaries met for ten days to discuss plans for the immediate advancement of our work, placement of missionary personnel, and preparation of the 1962 operating budget. We are grateful for the prayers of our Christian friends, for the meetings were conducted in a spirit of harmony and confidence. It is too early to judge the final results of this undertaking, but we trust that the Lord will use this step to advance his kingdom here.

Our main task as missionaries is that of helping develop self-supporting, self-governing, self-propagating churches. It is thrilling to see the growth in these three

areas in our own church. Mary Nell and I are members of the second-largest church in Cali. We have an adequate educational building, provided by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Last year the church used the Forward Program of Church Finance for the first time. As a result, offerings have increased 30 per cent.

Our church has three missions. Lay members of the congregation and students from the seminary in Cali conduct the services. Recently a young couple made a day's journey from their home in the mountains to our church to be baptized, returning on Monday to their small farm. They are the fruit of one of our missions.



Marshall E. Phillips
Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika

Spiritual, Physical Needs Cannot Be Overstressed

DAR ES SALAAM is beautiful; coconut palms and flowers are everywhere. Although the city is modern in many respects, the African settlements are primitive. We have watched the people wash clothes, bathe, and drink out of the same little water hole. I never knew so many people could exist under these conditions. It makes your heart go out to them, but you feel helpless in doing anything, especially in trying to tell them about Christ.

I do not know how to describe the conditions and needs here. We feel like grains of sand in the ocean. There are so many people, and they do not know the freedom Christ gives. I know it is said many times that a missionary overstates conditions and needs, but let me emphasize them *even more*. If Southern Baptists could realize there are so many people without Christ, perhaps they would give more to missions.



Britt E. Towery, Jr.
Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Free China Needs Revival To Bring True Freedom

THIS IS THE golden anniversary year of the founding of the Republic of China. Fifty years ago Chinese revolutionaries, led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, defeated the ruling dynasty, and the Republic was born.

From its beginning there have been few years of rest and peace. First the warlords slowed the complete unification of China; then the Japanese war kept Free China's forces busy on three fronts. All this has been combined with a constant fight against the Communists.

Since the Communists gained power in western China twelve years ago, the Government of the Republic of China has had headquarters on its island province of Taiwan (Formosa). A mere hundred miles off the China mainland, Taiwan has become well known in recent years because of Red China's constant threats to utterly destroy the Republic.

We who live here know that the only desire of the Communists is world domination. This dream of Red China and her big Russian brother has become a nightmare to freedom-loving people in Asia and Europe. This nightmare is not going to fade away. Just as the people of Free China, South Korea, South Vietnam, and West Berlin today face this threat, so must the people of our United States recognize the growing threat to their freedom.

In the Old Testament the fiftieth year was a special time of dedication and holiness unto God. We pray this might also be a revival year in Free China—a year when the masses will come to know God in a real way.

Free China must have a vital experience with God before the enslaved people on the mainland will ever be set free. The same is true if America and the free world are to remain free. The answer is not in bigger fallout shelters but in a deeper commitment to God.



Eulene (Mrs. Robert E.) Smith
Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil

Birthday Party Provides Audience for Gospel Story

ONE SUNDAY AFTERNOON Bob went with Missionary Paul Porter to the home of one of our church members to celebrate the birthday of the man of the house. Brazilians usually make more of birthdays than we do, and evangelical Christians use them as an opportunity to reach people with the gospel.

On this occasion the man's son had his girl friend and her family present. The girl's father and twenty-one-year-old brother were in the living room with us. In the course of conversation it developed that neither of them had ever heard the gospel before. With simplicity and tact Missionary Porter presented the gospel to them and gave each person a tract. They were warmly receptive and promised to attend services at the church.



Ira P. Singleton, Jr.
Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia

Churches' Growing Pains Are for Their Own Benefit

IN THESE early days on the field we have tried to survey the situation and develop a kind of missionary philosophy for going about our work during the three years we are to serve as area missionaries for Gatooma.

One goes to the mission field because God has given him or her a sensitive heart that responds to the needs of others. One great problem facing every missionary is that he sees nothing but needs on every hand and cannot meet them all. The task of selecting which he can meet is perhaps the greatest cause of frustration.

Care must be taken so that what we do is actually meeting a need. It is easy to rush in to do something

when it would be more profitable to a young church's growth to do it themselves. To be sure, this is not always the church's wish. But real love for a child is not expressed in a parent's always rushing in to say, "Here, let me do that for you."

The work to be done here is not child's play, and the importance a missionary places on something being accomplished may or may not prove to be the wisest decision. It is not easy to turn a deaf ear to the pleas of pastors and church leaders when we have the resources to help but, instead, to encourage their participation as a means of "growing up."

The agony of some missionaries is to hear, "You do not love us like Missionary ———." In reality it may be just the reverse. As our Lord said, "Wisdom is justified of her children." It may take another generation to see the fruits of our labor.



W. O. Hern
Jerusalem, Jordan

Only Prayer Can Open Opportunities in Holy City

WE ARE IN NEED of special prayer for our work in the Holy City. Although our English-speaking services have been well attended, few people come to our Arabic services. We continue to believe, however, that God intends to have a New Testament church in Jerusalem composed of nationals. We also believe this is possible only if you will pray for us daily.

We have many obstacles that only prayer can overcome. Please continue to ask the Lord to give us wisdom to deal with these matters in accordance with his will. Pray that he will provide a qualified national pastor for our mission and give us special guidance as we begin a visitation program. Finally, pray that he will give us wisdom to present the truth, that many will accept the message of his dear Son.



James O. Teel, Jr.
San Juan, Argentina

Catholic Pressures Ban Evangelical Broadcasts

WE HAVE high hopes for our Baptist work in Argentina, but we must make greater efforts in this strategic Latin American nation.

Riding the wave of development is the Roman Catholic Church, opposed at times by other Argentine Governments, which enjoys the disgrace of being the State religion. If this Government is to succeed it must cooperate with the Church. There is supposed to be a degree of religious freedom here, but many of our believers put it another way: "What we have is religious tolerance, not religious liberty."

We have felt the reins of Catholic pressure tightening in the short time we have been here. The Baptist churches of San Juan had successfully carried on a weekly radio program on the Government station here for six years but recently were abruptly cut off because there was "no time available." A Catholic priest now occupies the time we had. Our people's continuous efforts to secure radio time have been in vain.

Having difficulty believing it was because of religious discrimination, I visited the two radio stations here. I took with me a recording of one of the best religious programs in Spanish—"La Hora Bautista," produced by Southern Baptists' Radio and Television Commission. I did not even get to play it for them. The program director at the first station was frank and to the point. "This is a Catholic radio station, and we do not broadcast religious programs that are not Catholic," he said.

The director at the Government station where we had our program before was more evasive. When he told me, "There is no space available," I said, "Can I make an application so that when there is some time available our program can be put on the air?" He replied, "There will be no time available."

This beautiful program with the simple message of Jesus will not be heard by the people in spiritual darkness in San Juan. In the larger cities the pressure is not yet felt so strongly, however. Some stations owned by businessmen there do not discriminate against non-Catholics.

We must reach the people — over all barriers and against whatever odds. This is our commission.



Mary Lou (Mrs. Wayne) Emanuel
Matsue, Japan

English, as Well as Church, Gives Chances To Witness

FROM THE TIME we arrived we have had a steady stream of students and young adults coming to our door asking us to teach them English, as we are the only Americans in the city and within one hundred miles. We have tried to direct them into one of three Bible classes at the city library, in our home, and at the church.

The first evening Wayne taught the Bible class at the library he walked into the room not to find the expected dozen but nearly two hundred people! Of course, the curious and amused thinned out, but a good-sized Bible class still remains.

English as a source of contact cannot be overlooked. There is considerable interest shown in these classes. Already one fine young man, thirty-two years of age and a bank employee, has decided to follow Christ. We pray there will be many others.

Our first purpose, of course, is to reach the lost through strengthening the church here and beginning new work. It takes time to build rapport with the Japanese, but we feel we have made a beginning. In fact, we are getting busier as time goes on. Since young pastors here usually serve five years before ordination, and they consider

ordination necessary for administering church ordinances, Wayne has the responsibility for baptism and the Lord's Supper. He also gives much time to church visitation with the pastor and preaches frequently.



James E. Hampton
Tanga, Tanganyika

Declining Interest Believed Due to Muslim Influence

I WISH I could tell you our work is progressing rapidly, but, on the contrary, it seems to us very slow. The adult work in Ngamiani is especially discouraging. For several months after beginning the work there the average attendance ranged between twelve and fourteen. We hoped attendance would increase steadily as the months passed, but the opposite has been true. Only a few converts come regularly.

I attribute much of this declining interest to the strong Muslim influence and pressures. One young Muslim, who frequently attended our services, told me he could no longer come because friends of his father had seen him at our services and reported this to the father. He was forbidden to return.

Africans have great respect for their elders and rarely go against their will. My only consolation regarding this young man is that I had the privilege of talking to him at great length one day about his relationship to Christ. I can only pray that the seeds planted in his heart will some day bear fruit.

However, there are a few encouraging signs at Ngamiani. Each Saturday afternoon we have a children's class, which averaged forty-eight one month. Many of these come from Muslim homes.

We are teaching them simple Bible stories and choruses. After the story they have a wonderful time coloring pictures we give them. On the back of each picture is the Scripture lesson and the story told that day. We encourage them to take the pictures home and show them to their parents.



Margaret (Mrs. A. Bruce) Oliver
Santarém, Pará, Brazil

Dedicated Girl Gives Up Home, Comforts To Serve

I WANT TO SHARE with you an example of dedication of a young lady. Aneth Pinheiro had completed three years of high school when the pastor of our church asked her to teach in a school of the congregation of Tapará across the Amazon. She has accepted the responsibility.

Aneth is the only teacher for seventy-two pupils in three grades. She also directs the Sunday school, prayer services, and preaching. Once a month the young people

from the Santarém church go to present a program. Bruce goes as often as his schedule permits.

Dedicated! This girl is. So that she may serve, she has left her family and what comforts of life Santarém has to offer to live primitively and receive a very small wage. If it were not for your gifts through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Cooperative Program she would not be there.



Helen (Mrs. Leland J.) Harper
Asunción, Paraguay

New Administrative Ideas Ease Hospital's Problems

DURING THE MONTHS since our return there have been problems, disappointments, and many rewarding moments. Our major problems have been legal ones with the hospital employees, but it seems that they are about to end. We are anxious to devote our time to realizing the true purpose of the hospital: healing sick and broken bodies and pointing souls to Christ. Please pray with us that this goal may be realized.

Leland is applying to our situation here what he learned last year on furlough. Our small hospital, with its poorly prepared workers and limited funds and equipment, is far-removed from Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, where he did a residency in administration. However, by using the same basic principles we hope soon to have our organization functioning more efficiently. Already, in spite of serious problems, there are many promising signs.



Robert E. Beaty
Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia

After Forced Relocation, Building Is Prayer Answer

WITH SOME MEMBERS of our African church we recently began a Baptist church in a new African township where ten to fifteen thousand people live. In the afternoon we baptized sixteen new Christians in a new building that was constructed in answer to prayer.

Here's the background: In November last year the Bulawayo District Road Council told us to move the school and church buildings that had been located there a number of years. They wanted this space for their equipment. Where could we move? Should we close the school or disband the church? Surely, this was not God's will. But there was no land to lease and none to be bought. The situation seemed hopeless.

After a period of waiting on God in prayer, a call came from a nearby farmer offering us a plot of land. Then many of the "mountains" began to be moved, and our faith was turned to sight.



Barbara (Mrs. Oscar D) Martin
Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil

'Language Barrier' Blocks Opportunities To Witness

SERVICES at Capon Bonita are held in an empty store just off the main street. While O. D. and I were there one Sunday a young soldier came near, stopped, and walked inside. At a lull in the service he asked if the people would read the twenty-third Psalm because it was his father's favorite passage.

The pastor asked whether he were a believer and he said he was not. He stayed a little while, listened, and left. When he did two of the men followed him out and began witnessing to him on the street. We do not know the result, but the incident is not isolated.

Opportunities abound everywhere. But the point that came from this experience is that here was a man who needed help, but there is little we can do for such a person except to give him a tract and hope that someone who speaks the language will take the opportunity.

The "language barrier" came to a sudden reality right there. We are to be missionaries of the gospel of salvation, but until we can break the "language barrier"—until we can speak Portuguese with the people—we cannot be effective missionaries. We request your prayers that we will be able to progress in our studies.



Darleen (Mrs. Sidney) Schmidt
Singapore, Singapore

Pagan Rite Demonstration Stirs Realization of Needs

RECENTLY we saw Satan unleash his power in witnessing more than one hundred Hindu devotees walking through a firepit. These were not warm coals but searing hot, over eight yards in length and a foot deep.

Demon possession is very real when we have opportunity to see something like this. Sid was standing only eight feet away where he could see the firewalkers when they had finished, and their expressions and actions were far from normal. Why do men do such things? To them it is an act of faith to their man-made idols, and it is done as a penance or in fulfilment of vows.

What could be done with Christian workers who have this much faith? Never let it be said that we do not have access to far more power than these men, for Christ himself said, "But ye shall receive power . . ." "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore . . ."

The feeling we had in our hearts as we saw this ceremony was mixed, yet real. We need more missionaries; we need to learn the language; we need more prayer; we need churches in our homeland that are strong in prayer and that support our missions through the Co-operative Program and, especially, during this Lottie Moon Christmas Offering time. We have come to this land assured of your prayers and your financial support.

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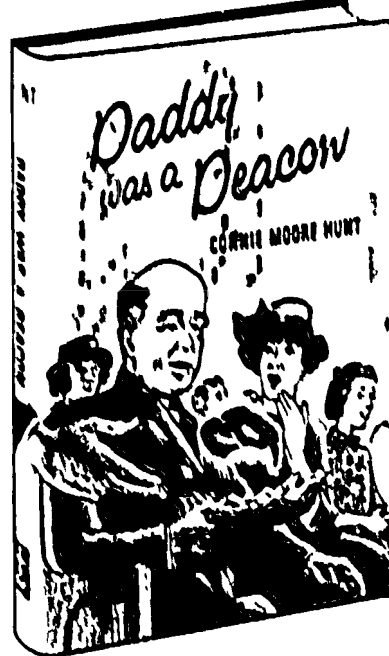
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