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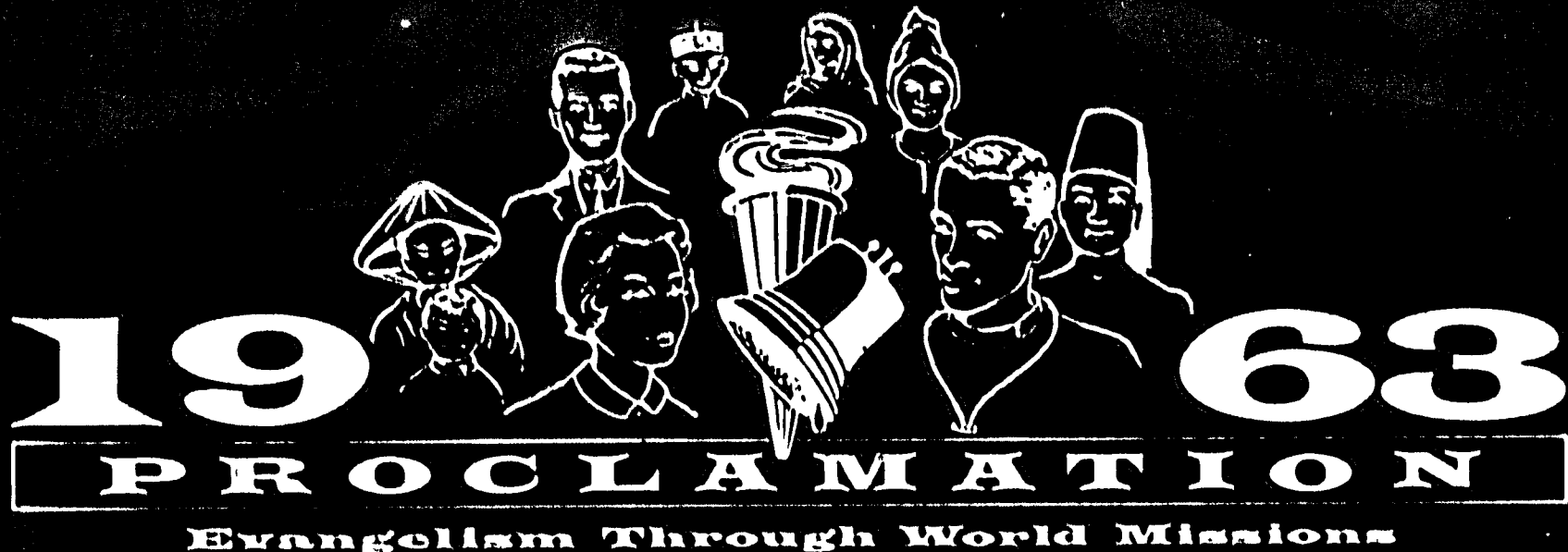
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For Christ  
In Brazil**

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# WORLD MISSIONS YEAR

## *Baptist Jubilee Advance*

WHEN the old year dies and the new is born, then is the time to examine the world we live in and to think again of our mission. We are the Baptist churches with missions and missionaries in the far places of the earth. We are the Baptist churches who share with all Christians the responsibility for declaring the good news of God in Jesus Christ to all men in the world.

Our world is the world of man, who is of the same nature in America and Asia and Africa, in Europe, Australia, and the islands of the sea.

This man is enchanted with adventure in space. He reaches farther and farther into the unknown, eager to know more, fearful of what he will find, and even more fearful that another nation will get there first.

This man is obsessed with things. He wants the gadgets that our sincere efforts and technology have produced; he wants the suburban house with the green, grassy lawn; he wants every symbol that spells status or success.

This man knows at last that he is a person, and he wants other persons to respect him. No longer will he stoop down so that others may stand on his back to rise above him; he now demands a level place to stand with other men. No longer will he live and move and have his being as a slave to a machine; he believes that he was created to learn, to believe, to love, and to be loved; he wants opportunity to be merciful as well as the object of mercy. Man wants to change his lot, and often he chooses to make the change in violent ways. He follows blindly the man who promises to give him food and land but who does not tell him that the price of it is his enslavement. This man of the world does not know that there is one Lord who will make him free if he will become a servant of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, we proclaim 1963 to be a year of special outreach by our churches in world missions. In this year we shall deepen our understanding of the Word of God for the world. We shall study to learn the character of our world and the needs of the world's peoples. We shall obey our Lord in our daily living, so that our lives will illustrate God's Word even before we speak. We shall then speak the urgent word that our Lord commands us to speak, and we shall send missionaries and give our tithes and offerings to support them, so that people everywhere may learn of Jesus Christ and confess him as Saviour and Lord.

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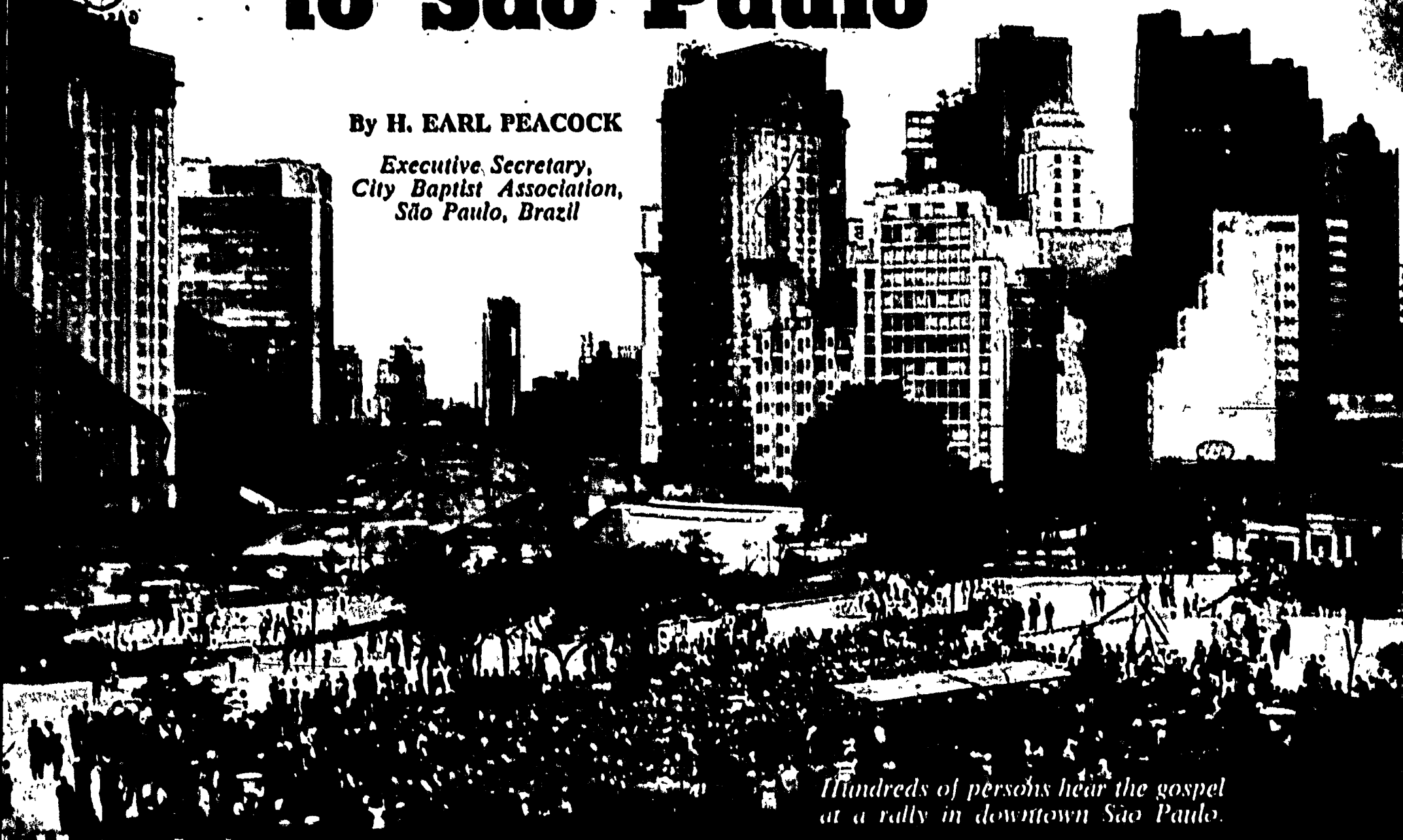
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# Bringing Salvation to Sao Paulo

By H. EARL PEACOCK

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*Hundreds of persons hear the gospel  
at a rally in downtown São Paulo.*

GENE H. WISE

A SIX-FOOT-TALL man, weighing more than 200 pounds, elbowed his way through the crowd. He looked angry, seeming to want to fight.

As he neared the speaker, I said to myself, "Oh, oh—this is it!" I expected the worst, for we had already encountered some trouble with Communists. Arriving at the platform, he stopped.

Luiz de Carvalho, a converted night club entertainer, was singing "How Great Thou Art." The music seemed to touch the big man's heart. He stood still for a few minutes, then slowly pulled his handkerchief from his hip pocket and started wiping tears from his eyes. When the invitation was given, he acknowledged Christ as his Saviour.

Another day, a barefooted shoe shine boy with long hair, dirty face, and soiled, patched britches came along and stopped behind the crowd. In a little while he put down his box, soon sat on it, and listened to the

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**THE COVER:** Girls representing all the Baptist churches participating in the evangelistic campaign march in a parade after the closing rally attended by 35,000 persons.

sermon. At the invitation, another soul was saved.

These were only two of some 4,000 persons making professions of faith in August during a one-week simultaneous evangelistic campaign in the city and state of São Paulo. It was the largest such effort for Christ ever undertaken in Brazil, with 110 Baptist churches and 50 missions participating.

São Paulo is the industrial giant of Brazil and the fastest-growing city in the world, with 4,000,000 inhabitants and 3,500 new ones arriving each day. She is also one of the world's greatest evangelistic opportunities. Her people are open to the gospel message. When you preach they will listen; when you give them tracts they will read them, for they are not bound by strict religious traditions as are many of their cousins in the nation's vast interior. They are open; they are receptive. What an opportunity to win them to Christ!



Pastors and campaign evangelists meet at one of the daily breakfast sessions to give reports, share experiences, and hear messages by Eual Lawson of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Sitting at the head table are (left to right): Emeritus Missionary Paul C. Porter, who interpreted for Dr. Lawson (seated next); Rubens Lopes, campaign president and also president of the Brazilian and São Paulo Baptist Conventions; and Missionary Henry Earl Peacock, executive secretary and treasurer of the campaign.



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One thinks seriously of this multitude who do not know Christ as Saviour. They are as sheep without a shepherd—people in spiritual darkness whose salvation weighs heavily on the hearts of thoughtful Christians.

São Paulo's Baptist constituency is 11,000 believers in 90 churches. We are few in comparison with the great population, but "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."

Many times the question had been asked, "What can we do? The fields are white, but the laborers are few." Then the answer came, "Ask the Foreign Mission Board to help promote a great evangelistic crusade." The Board answered "Yes" and sent \$12,000 for the effort.

Eual Lawson, an associate in the Division of Evangelism of Southern Baptists' Home Mission Board, said "Yes, I will help you in your plans, preach in your churches, and direct your clinic on evangelism."

Rubens Lopes, president of the Bra-



David Gomes, executive secretary of Brazilian Baptists' Home Mission Board and the Department of Evangelism, preaches in the campaign's kick-off rally in March.



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Dr. Lawson holds a pre-campaign rally, interpreted by Mr. Porter.

zilian Baptist Convention and pastor of one of Brazil's outstanding churches, Vila Mariana, said, "Yes, I will serve as president of the executive committee for the campaign." The other pastors said, "Yes, we will co-operate; we will work." Missionaries said, "Yes, we will help." And a great host of God's people said, "We are ready; you can count on us."

Because of such enthusiasm by our Brazilian Baptist people and the splendid co-operation of our Southern Baptist Foreign and Home Mission Boards, we were able to branch out and invite two neighboring cities, Campinas and Santos, to share in the campaign with us. What a glorious endeavor—160 churches and congregations simultaneously taking a census, visiting, advertising, preaching and singing, and winning the lost. Finally, on the last day, all of them came together in a great rally.

For the campaign orientation, Missionary John B Stepp and I compiled



*Luiz de Carvalho, a converted night club entertainer, sings at a street service in Praça da Sé as Missionary James E. Musgrave, Jr., accompanies on the*

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*accordion, with Rubens Lopes, the campaign president, listening in the foreground. At the right is a part of the audience which averaged about 1,500 daily.*

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a manual, with our calendar of activities, places and types of rallies, committees and their responsibilities, and explanations about the census, visitation, conserving results, promoting special nights, and other information. Each pastor received a copy, and Missionary Harvey O. Headrick led a series of study courses on it for some 1,500 workers.

Missionary Thurmon E. Bryant headed the visitation, conducting training courses on visiting and on evangelistic work in jails, hospitals, schools, etc. Missionary Paul C. Porter, a veteran of 40 years in Brazil now on retirement in the United States, served as interpreter for Dr. Lawson. Missionaries Stepp, A. Emelio Giannetta, and Robert E. Smith worked with promotion and advertising.

Our campaign was a co-operative venture between Southern Baptists and Brazilian Baptists to win a great city for Christ. The executive committee was organized in September last year, followed by a luncheon meeting with all the pastors to explain the nature and goal of the campaign.

A series of special rallies then took place. First came a giant kickoff rally, with messages by Herschel H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and David Gomes, executive secretary of Brazilian Baptists' Home Mission Board and a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. After giving the crowd

of 2,000 a stirring challenge for soul-winning, Dr. Gomes gave an invitation and about 200 persons, young and old, came forward announcing decisions.

This was followed by a men's rally in which Missionary James E. Musgrave, Jr., from the nation's new capital city of Brasilia, spoke to 900 men. Next were a ladies' rally, with Mrs. Ester Dias, president of Brazil's Woman's Missionary Union, as the speaker; a young people's rally, with Reis Pereira, a professor at South Brazil Baptist Seminary in Rio de Janeiro and executive secretary of the Guanabara Association; and a music rally, with Dr. Lawson and Rubens Lopes.

In addition, a series of street meetings were conducted during the week before the campaign.

And, for four days on the eve of the campaign, Dr. Lawson taught and preached in a clinic on evangelism in connection with the annual pastors' retreat in São Paulo state. The pastors studied evangelism principles and at night held special meetings in a large downtown theater.

**F**INALLY came the epochal evangelistic week itself. Each day Monday through Saturday began with a breakfast meeting, which from 150 to 200 preachers and other workers attended. National pastors and missionaries had come from all over Brazil to lead services. What glorious hours we spent

in fellowship and inspiration as we shared experiences and heard messages by Dr. Lawson! And how we praised God as we heard reports of what the Lord was doing in our churches! One church with fewer than a hundred members, for example, gathered 218 persons to Christ.

At noontime we held open-air street meetings in Praça da Sé, São Paulo's largest and busiest square. As many as 2,000 passersby stopped each day to listen to the music and gospel message, and about 500 responded to the invitations and accepted Christ as their Saviour. Among them were our friends, the tall and heavy man and the shoe shine boy.

Three television programs were also presented during the week, with free time given by the stations. These were arranged by João Batista, chairman of the campaign's radio and television committee—one of 17 committees working in the effort. We likewise received excellent newspaper coverage. Missionary Gene H. Wise, head of the South Brazil Baptist Mission's publicity and audio-visual aids department, made a motion picture of the events.

The week was climaxed on Sunday afternoon with a rally in a huge downtown parking lot, Roosevelt Praça. People came from all sections of São Paulo, with caravans from the nearby cities of Santos and Campinas. Dr. Gomes preached, a choir of 600 voices





*Counseling with converts at a street meeting is Djalma Cunha, pastor of Vila Pompeia Baptist Church. All persons accepting Christ filled in questionnaires which were distributed to the churches in the city.*

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sang, and a band of 70 played.

Can you imagine 35,000 persons, many with small children, standing for two and a half hours on a Sunday afternoon in August to hear the gospel? These did, and God worked in the hearts of many of them.

We had hoped to hold the rally in Pacaembu Stadium, but God closed the door to this plan. Then we realized why. He wanted us to have a parade

through the heart of São Paulo, and we could not have done so if the rally had been in the stadium.

First in the parade were flags, then girls dressed in white, representing the participating Baptist churches. After them came a float with a large Bible, the executive committee, the pastors and evangelists, the choir, the band, and about a hundred boys carrying posters that had advertised the cam-

paign. Finally came a most marvelous sight—the 35,000 people who had attended the rally.

I was thrilled to look back and see the street filled with people marching and singing, many with Bibles in their hands. I can still hear them singing, "Glory, Hallelujah!"

As we passed through the center of the city, many apartment dwellers, who came down to see what was going on, joined the parade. It is estimated that we picked up an additional 5,000 marchers this way.

We paraded to Praça da Sé for still another meeting, our closing one. What a joy it was seeing the park overflowing! After a brief message by Rubens Lopes, prayer, and singing, the São Paulo Baptists went their ways to their churches, closing Brazil's greatest evangelistic campaign.

On the same Sunday, the Baptists in Santos also held a parade. When the Catholic bishop heard about the plan, he announced by radio that the Catholics would have one the same hour. As both parades marched down parallel streets, the Baptists sang and the band played so loud that the Catholics deserted their parade and joined the evangelical group, taking with them the objects they always carry in their processions.

After the campaign, Dr. Lawson

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*The crowd of 35,000 at the closing Sunday afternoon rally begins to form the parade after the service in Roosevelt Praça. The girls representing the participating churches are seen in the foreground.*



# FROM AFFLICTION TO FAITH

PASTOR JAMES OLAWAIYE read from the fifth chapter of Mark: "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." A serious young man sitting in the front row of Lockett Memorial Baptist Church listened, thinking of the "great things" the Lord had done for him.)

The occasion was a farewell service at the Baptist-operated Ogbomosho Leprosy Settlement in Nigeria. Matthew Oyesile was leaving. The doctor had told him his Hansen's disease was arrested and pronounced him well.

In the three years since Matthew had come to the Settlement, he had been changed both physically and spiritually. He had become a Christian—a useful, humble, and respected young man. The church members that day were saying farewell, expressing their love for him.

Matthew was born with the name Mufutua and brought up in Abeokuta and Ibadan. His father, a Muslim, worked for the Nigerian Railway, but his mother, one of four wives, had died when he was a young boy. His father wanted him to finish school, so he completed class four (similar to high school) and attended a commercial college in Lagos.

For about eight years Mufutua was a clerk in a large trading company in Lagos and was successful by most standards. But he certainly was not the least interested in the Christian message. And he had no reason to believe his life would soon be any different.

In October of 1958, Mufutua discovered he had contracted the dreaded Hansen's disease. His father sent him to a colony at Katsina in the north, but this did not work out. He came to the Ogbomosho Leprosy Settlement bitter—resentful at having the disease and annoyed with other patients, many of whom were illiterate and pathetically handicapped. After a few days he was determined to leave, knowing all the while how unacceptable he would be in any village.

But another patient, a teacher in the Settlement's day school, persuaded him to stay and invited him to

Lockett Memorial Church on the grounds. Mufutua began attending. When the pastor then in charge, a seminary student, gave an invitation two months later, he made a profession of faith.

After he was baptized, Mufutua asked his friends to call him Matthew, as his old name was distinctly Muslim. When non-believers become Christians in many areas of Nigeria, they take new names.

So BEGAN a completely new life for Matthew. He became a teacher in the school, where some forty young patients attended. He began visiting the "camps"—residence units—and witnessing to non-Christians. As his illness improved, he went into small villages nearby, witnessing in his quiet, friendly way.

Matthew also became a teacher in the Sunday school and leader of the Baptist Training Union. Mr. Olawaiye, also a student at Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary in Ogbomosho, then became the pastor and began teaching Matthew to play the church's small, portable organ.

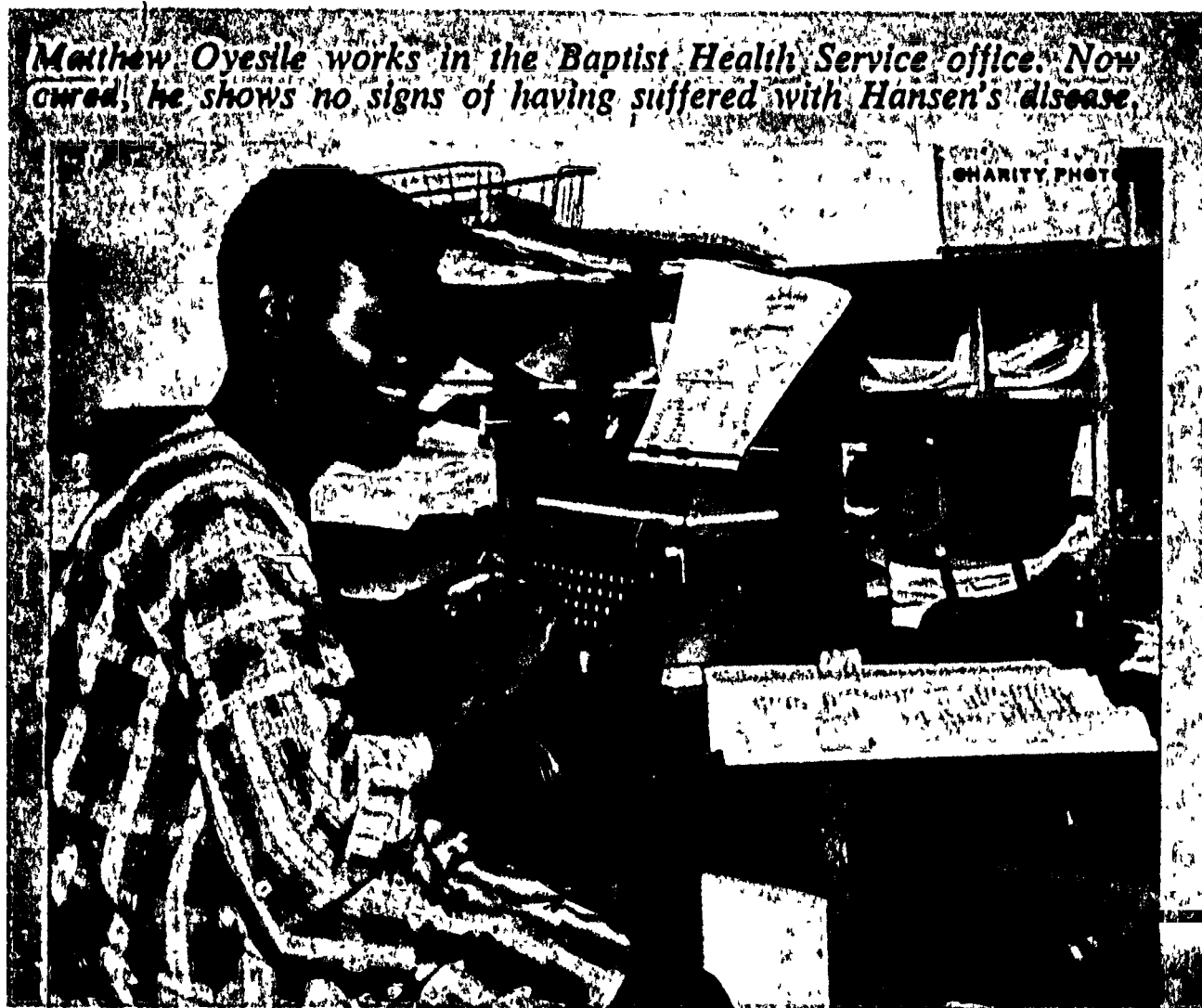
BY ALICE GAVENTA

Missionary homemaker,  
Eku, Nigeria

Matthew was friendly with all types of patients. "I didn't like the people here when I first came," he said. "I wanted to come to blows with them when they vexed me. Now I seek them out to make friends—all because Christ Jesus has changed me so much."

In the church's farewell service on a Sunday afternoon, the members presented him a new Bible. Matthew had great difficulty saying his speech. Tears flowed down his face as he stumbly said, "I am very, very grateful I had to come to this Settlement. Though I hated it at first, here I found Jesus Christ, and being a follower of him is the most important thing in my life now. For me, my disease has brought a blessing."

The words from the book of Mark





struck with deep personal significance to Matthew. He was going home and taking a certificate that his disease was cured. Even more, he was taking a message of the "great things" the Lord had done for him.

He returned to his family and began trying to win his father and other relatives to Christ. So far his father has not accepted the Saviour, however.

Soon after going home, Matthew wrote to us in Ogbomosho:

"It was over three years ago I have seen my people. So every one is anxious to have a glance at me. The reason was, they have heard it as a rumour that I have been badly deformed, and could not come out again. So when they heard that I have come, some didn't believe. They are Thomas Didymus. They too also said, 'Except

I see him face to face and I see his fingers and toes I will not believe.' When they saw me, they marvelled and I told them 'It was Christ who has done this.' That was why I told the doctor that I would like to go home first.

"I told them also that I am no more a Muslim but a Christian and I use [sic] to call them together and speak to them about Christ. I even told them the good which Christianity has brought to us in Nigeria, such as education, generosity and hospitals in which scarcely we can get one, brought by Muslim Religion. After which I distributed the pamphlets given to me when I was about to leave, to those who can read. I visited 5 places including Ibadan and Agege but now I am back to Lagos last week. . . .

"Glory be to God in making me to laugh at the difficulties and dangers which have befallen me some years ago. And to the American missionary doctors, who, not only cured me but have showed me the way to eternity, words are inadequate to express my gratitude. May the Lord of hosts continue to bless the mission."

A FEW MONTHS later, Matthew visited the Settlement one Sunday. At that time, while my husband Bill was director of the Baptist Health Service, which operates the Settlement, we were without a clerk for the office. We remembered that Matthew had worked as a clerk before contracting Hansen's disease, and we asked whether he would care to come and serve with us. He was delighted.

Besides working in the office, Matthew resumed his active part in the church. He is also a tremendous help in orienting new patients, as he himself was so resentful when he came and then discovered what the medical care and Christian nurture could do for a discouraged leper.

Hansen's disease in Nigeria, it should be noted, is becoming much less a menacing problem than in years gone by. This is one of the few countries of the world where statistics on leprosy are constantly decreasing. The Baptist Settlement had more than a thousand patients ten years ago. It now has about three hundred.

It is still a disease with much social stigma, however. Leprosy patients are feared and outcast. Children as well as adults are afflicted. But new medical treatment has brought hope sooner than in previous years.

In the Ogbomosho Leprosy Settlement, the fully organized Lockett Memorial Baptist Church is the center of community life. Matthew's story has been repeated similarly in other lives through its ministry, proving again that the Lord often makes blessings of great burdens.

Pastor Olawaiye (left) and Matthew [sic] records of youngest patient, 11, and a long-time patient who teaches in Sunday school.





# Bapti in

BY EVERLEY HAYES

Missionary surgical nurse,  
Baptist Hospital, Kediri, Indonesia

*At left, Pastor Leo Pormes of Semampir Baptist Church baptizes a new Christian of the Blitar group.*

*Below, Mrs. Soemartho discusses world missions in Semampir Church.*

**T**HE SWIMMING POOL in Blitar, Indonesia, was closed earlier than usual on a Saturday afternoon, and a group gathered at the side.

As they began singing "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," some of the swimmers leaving the pool sat down on the grassy banks to listen. It was a time of joy for the new Christians who were preparing to follow their Lord's example in this first baptismal service of the Baptist group in Blitar. After the pastor spoke to the white-robed candidates on the significance of the ordinance, they were buried with Christ in obedience to his command.

The story behind this service goes back six months earlier, when a faithful member of Semampir Baptist Church in Kediri was transferred with her husband to Blitar. Both of them worked in the Bank of Surakarta.

At first she tried to come back to Kediri for Sunday services, as Blitar had no Baptist church, but this proved too difficult. Soon, however, she started a Bible study group in her home.

Several months later, she came to Kediri seeking advice. A pastor in another denomination, realizing her zeal and ability, asked her to teach a Bible class in his church. She hesi-





# sm Blitar

At right, candidates for baptism gather at the swimming pool for directions before going into the water. Local residents watch the Christian ceremony, a new one to them. Also pictured observing the event (at right) is Missionary C. Winfield Applewhite, a doctor at Baptist Hospital in Kediri.

Below, members of WMS from the Semampir Church in Kediri are shown in their program.

tated, not knowing just what it would involve. Her fellow Baptists in Kediri encouraged her to continue the meetings in her home.

The Bible study enlarged to include a Sunday school and then a preaching service. As the group grew, services were started on Sunday evening, led by the pastor of Ngadiluwih Baptist Church. Soon the Woman's Missionary Society from Semampir Baptist Church, of which a lady named Mrs. Soemartho was president, paid a visit to present a program. The meeting was attended by twenty adults and by twenty-five children, who didn't want to be left out.

The first time an invitation was given in a preaching service, twelve persons came forward acknowledging Christ as Saviour. Later, several more made professions of faith. Among the new Christians now being baptized on this Saturday afternoon were Mrs. Soemartho's three sons and her mother.

Thus we were witnessing results of the Holy Spirit's working through the faithfulness of a dedicated Christian life in bringing victory for the cause of Christ—the spreading of the kingdom of God.

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# EPISTLES

FROM TODAY'S APOSTLES AROUND THE WORLD



**Paul Box**  
*Singapore, Singapore*

## Christmas Is Time for Joy, Prayer, Giving, Dedication

"CHRIST IS BORN." This is the message of Christmas. It brings joy which only we who know the love of Christ can understand. Wherever we are—in solitude or in crowds—peace fills our hearts. This mystery is for the Christian to know, for Christmas means to us "Christ is born."

Since coming to Singapore, we have had a new experience at this season. Power seems to fill our lives. Our churches show progress. What is it?

We are aware that this is the time when members of churches at home in America study the needs of the world, gather for intercessory prayer, and come to the Lord's altar—many for the first time—to present their gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as an expression of love for the Lord Jesus. Thereby also many come to say to our Lord, "I give myself."



**Lois (Mrs. Charles W.) Shirley**  
*Rosario, Argentina*

## Christmas Custom Makes Day Happy for Newcomers

APPROACHING our third Christmas on the mission field, we find ourselves reminiscing about our first one here two years ago.

It was our first Christmas away from home and family. I halfheartedly began making preparations, feeling a deep dread that it would be a sad and lonely holiday for us. However, the season gained momentum, as it always does no matter where you are, and before we had time to pronounce the word "homesick," it was Christmas Eve.

Then the phone rang, keeping time with the doorbell, and we became aware of a lovely Argentine custom. On Christmas Eve, one greets all his friends by phone or personal visit.

At the end of the evening, just before our family devotions, we began to think it all over. A young Mormon couple had stopped by to see us, and while they were here a Catholic family came. Before either had left, a Baptist deacon and his family visited. There were many others, but we thought especially about these.

Just before she left, my Catholic neighbor said, "We've just passed our first Christmas Eve together. I hope we will pass many more. Who knows what changes may come in the years that we live here, close by each other?" I didn't tell her, but the change I most wanted

to see was that of her and her family coming to know our living Lord and the joy only he can give to their lives.

Along with these thoughts in the evening's summary, we agreed that this had been one of the best, if not *the* best, Christmases we'd ever had. Somehow, God always makes up twice over for any lack or disadvantage in his service. He had done it again in our lives.



**Elaine Hancock**  
*Kowloon, Hong Kong*

## Millions Yet Don't Know Messiah Lived, Still Lives

AS THE CHRISTMAS season approaches, our hearts are glad because we know that the Messiah has come. He has lived on this earth, he has died for our sins, he has risen from the tomb—he lives!

But my heart is burdened when I remember that millions of people around me here in Hong Kong, across the border in China, throughout Southeast Asia, and in all the countries of the world are living without joy or hope, as though the Messiah had never come. They have never heard the good news that was proclaimed by the herald angels, because we have failed to tell them.

My heart is glad when I think of Southern Baptists' love for the lost people of the world, manifested by your giving freely of yourselves in prayer and in money to carry on the work of preaching the gospel. And yet it is not enough. None of us had given enough. Please pray that we will be compelled by the love of Christ to give of ourselves more completely to the service of these lost people for whom Christ died. Continue to give your prayers, time, and money that the kingdom of God may advance there at home, here in Hong Kong, and around the world. Pray that revival may come in all of our hearts, that we may be lights in this dark world.



**R. Kenneth Evenson**  
*Montevideo, Uruguay*

## Best Weapons Against Evil Are Prayer, Participation

WE ARE REMINDED daily of the urgency of our task. It is almost unbelievable how active and aggressive are the Communists and Socialists in their drive to capture control of the South American continent. This great city of Montevideo is literally flooded with propaganda as the national elections draw close. Our Uruguayan Baptist Theological Institute was recently painted with the common slogan, "Yankee murderers—get out!"

We trust that Christian people in America will sense, from the recent Cuban crisis, something of the relentless determination of this evil force, which has been an ever-



present reality to us for the several years of our missionary service. We need to realize that our best defense is a spiritual offense of prayer and personal participation in the evangelistic ministry of the gospel.



Maxine (Mrs. Jean H.) Law  
*Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika*

## U.S. Race Strife Prompts Threat of Missionary Ban

FOR THREE DAYS the main headlines of the leading newspaper here in Dar concerned the race situation in Mississippi. We cannot be proud of everything which comes from America. The editor of the Swahili paper for Dar told one of our missionaries that the Government was going to stop admitting missionaries who come from churches in America where segregation is practiced. His statement may or may not have been true, but at any rate that is the thinking of some Africans.



Ervin E. Hastey  
*Torreón, Coahuila, Mexico*

## Does Our 'Much' Blind Us To Great Need of Others?

MANY PEOPLE have suffered from lack of food because of a drought in this section of Mexico.

My wife Ruth prepared some of what we called the "bony" pieces of chicken on the farm in Oklahoma for a family we have known a long time and have tried to help. Their little four-year-old boy ran up to the car and, on discovering the dish of chicken among the other items, asked with childish delight, "You mean this is for us?"

At times I wonder whether the "much" we have blinds us to the great need of others. Could it be true also that we who have ready access to the gospel of Christ become so accustomed to it that the urgent Macedonian call never reaches our ears? God forbid!



Joyce (Mrs. Donald R.) Heiss  
*Aomori, Japan*

## Japanese Observe Holiday, But Christ Is Left Out

AS CHRISTMAS is now widely observed in Japan, some of the people have a difficult financial problem. The old customs of gifts and celebrations at New Year's continue, and, along with them, Christmas celebrations are necessary for the children. Every store has its suggested gifts for both Christmas and New Year's.

It is proper to give cakes to friends for Christmas. We received four large ones last year and were thankful we had a freezer to put them in so they would not spoil.

Most Japanese do not celebrate Christmas as the birthday of Christ. The Christians do, of course, but others observe it as a day to remember good things that have

happened to them in the past year, to give to charitable organizations, to have parties, and just to have fun.

We were amazed to learn that the local Buddhist kindergarten has a party every Christmas for the children, with a tree and gifts. And it is not uncommon to walk down the street and hear from loudspeakers the voice of Bing Crosby singing Christmas carols.



Charles B. Clark  
*Maracaibo, Venezuela*

## Wished-for Bible Shows Man the Way of Salvation

MARQUÉS VILORIA lives in an Andean town 150 miles from Maracaibo, where "La Hora Bautista" ("The Baptist Hour") is broadcast. He wrote that he had "received much orientation for a spiritual life now that I know that Jesus Christ is our advocate . . . and that his blood cleanses us from all sin."

He stated that he had longed for a Bible but had not secured one for lack of money. "Here in Betijoque there are 6,000 inhabitants, all of whom are Catholics," he said, "and I do not believe that anyone knows the Bible." I was able to visit him and give him a Bible, hymnbook, and tracts. These were made possible by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Marqués wrote to thank us for the Bible, which "has indicated to me the way of salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. . . . I have found that it is a light in the darkness. God's word shines near our feet to keep us from stumbling, and it shines in the distance to give us direction. In other words . . . I have found guidance, help, instruction, and the best bearings for my future."



Edith Vaughn  
*Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil*

## Bible, Prayer Are Welcome When Communist Man Dies

I REMEMBER the day Sr. José died. I hadn't known him long. He was a Communist, and although he lived close to the good will center I had never seen him until one rainy day I was called to his home.

Marina, a Spiritualist neighbor of mine, told me he was suffering from leukemia and was ready for some Christian help. She said she had no one in her religion to call upon, and she and Sr. José's wife had decided that the Catholic priest could not help him.

Never have I been better received in a home. I presented Jesus by reading some choice verses from John and prayed with the couple. It was the first time Sr. José had ever heard the Bible. Although there was time for me to visit him only a few times, he never failed to show his interest and pleasure in hearing about Jesus.

At the hour of his death his sister, with tears coursing down her cheeks, clutched her rosary and begged someone to read something from a little black Catholic book. No one could find the passage she wanted, so I asked to read John 14, which her brother had liked so much. We

all knelt around the bed as I read and then prayed. At the close of my prayer the family and friends joined me in the Lord's Prayer. When we said "Amen," Sr. José had already slipped away into eternity. It was the sunset hour of one of the most meaningful days of my life.



**Frances Greenway**  
*Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia*

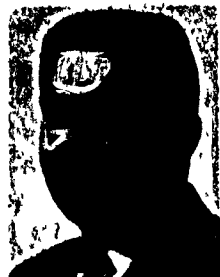
## **Real Victories at Hospital Are in Patients' Salvation**

SINCE DISEASE is no respecter of persons and ours is the only medical work (excluding witch doctors) on either the Sanyati or Gokwe Reserve, we minister to a representative cross section of the people. This physical ministry affords an unequalled opportunity for Christian witnessing.

One surgical case was that of Baba Tom Dube, an elderly man who had a run-in with an angry ox and came to our hospital to be reassembled. He arrived about twelve hours after the accident, his abdomen bound with long blades of grass in an attempt to prevent further evisceration. His rapid physical recuperation was indeed thrilling. The real victory, however, was his spiritual salvation.

Then there was Baba Samuel Marza, who died of cancer. "Treated" by an African doctor until he was beyond hope, he came as a last resort, as many patients do. The final weeks of his life were miserable, although he obtained much relief from narcotics and sedatives.

When the end came, he had no friends to mourn and no family to bury him. Even so, as his body was placed in the cemetery near the hospital, our hearts were filled with joy and thanksgiving. During his days of hospitalization, Baba Marza had learned of Jesus Christ and trusted him as his personal Saviour.



**Alfred L. Davis, Jr.**  
*Kowloon, Hong Kong*

## **Late Caroling Contrasts With New Year's Rites**

ONE CHRISTMAS CUSTOM in Hong Kong is the singing of truckloads of carolers the entire Christmas Eve night. It gives Christmas a new meaning to hear Chinese youths singing softly at 2:00 A.M. about the birth of Yeso—Jesus. In the United States we might be annoyed by all-night singing, but here it is the custom if you are really happy about something.

A month later comes Chinese New Year, with three continuous days and nights of shooting firecrackers and Roman candles by non-Christians to ward off evil spirits. Flowers, mirrors, and red paper are placed in homes to bring fortune and good luck.

During my first New Year here I went with another missionary to a Buddhist temple to observe the celebration. Never have I been so sick at heart as when I saw ten thousand or more people butting their heads on concrete and on other things to drive out the evil spirits that might hinder their worship of Buddha.

On the way to the temple were all kinds of booths and tables with things for sale to be used for worship. Vendors were selling divining sticks and soothsayers telling fortunes. Then there were the money-changers. Even though this wasn't a Hebrew temple, I was reminded of the time Jesus went to the temple where similar selling and money-changing were taking place.

In today's world we think stubbornly and wrongly that such rites do not occur. Seeing these idol worshipers convinced me that Christians everywhere must work harder than ever.

The late arrival of carolers on Christmas Eve took on new meaning. They were showing that Christ had given them a song. Our God gave his Son Jesus, who brought love and peace to dispel superstition.



**Roberta (Mrs. David C.) Dorr**  
*Gaza*

## **Operation Illustrates Need For Hospital Personnel**

OUR NUMBERS at Baptist Hospital here in Gaza are dwindling down. When Mabel Summers returned to Lebanon in September, we were left with no one who can really understand and speak Arabic well. We have no replacement for Dr. Jean Dickman, who will be in the United States studying for two years—no replacement for Nurse Frances Crawford, who was transferred to Nigeria—no replacement for Edward and Anne Nicholas, who are having to spend two years at home because of Anne's tuberculosis—no replacement for Nurse Anne Dwyer, who could not get a permit to return to Gaza—no replacement for Carolyn Cate Farrah, also a nurse, who is now married and no longer a missionary but is carrying on until a replacement comes.

I have heard of urgent requests from the field and have wondered how urgent they were. Now I know. What does it mean?

I witnessed last night what it means. It was nine o'clock, and David had not come home for supper. Since we usually eat at six, I went to the hospital (almost in our side yard) to find out what was the matter. Marion, one of our Australian nurses, told me they were getting ready to do an emergency operation on a large Palestinian man. She asked whether I wanted to see it. For some reason I had never seen an operation, so I stayed.

Dr. Daniel, who was employed as an anesthetist but is working into surgery out of sheer necessity, was going to do it, with David assisting. The young male nurse on duty had scrubbed on only one other operation, so they had to keep reminding him that he couldn't touch that or lay this there because it was sterile. David had reviewed the instruments with him, and already the poor boy was a pool of sweat trying to remember everything.

Soon every head was bowed for prayer. Then Dr. Daniel made the incision. David patiently made suggestions from time to time, while Dr. Daniel constantly asked questions. Marion kept the student nurse from handing scissors when a retractor was called for and from putting bloody sponges back in with the clean ones.

Now don't think this operation wasn't proceeding smoothly; everything was done in an efficient, easy man-

ner. Not until afterward did I think of the patience it must have taken to be supperless after nine o'clock, as both David and Marion were, and still show no sign of frustration with the operation, along with a constant teaching process going on.

This is one way in which we feel the shortage of personnel; everyone has to be taught as we go along, instead of just getting down to the business at hand.



**Mary Jo Randall**  
*Tokyo, Japan*

## **Oriental Christmas Shows Universality of Christianity**

ONE OF THE HIGH LIGHTS of my Christmas season last year was that of telling the Christmas story to a group of underprivileged children in a mission of our church. There is no greater thrill than telling the story of Jesus to those who have never heard it before. It is hard to realize that a story so familiar to us that it sometimes has little meaning can be unknown to millions here.

After the program I had Christmas dinner with my pastor, the deacon and his wife who sponsor the mission in their home, and the young people who teach in the mission. You probably wouldn't think of serving bean curd, bamboo roots, and pounded fish in a stew called *oden*, but this was one of the nicest Christmas dinners I ever had.

I made my debut in Japanese drama last year when I took part in our Christmas pageant. Since I'm almost a head taller than the average Japanese man, you can easily imagine that I played a man's part. I had only about three lines, but it was a thrill to be the only foreigner participating. Of course, I looked and sounded different from the Japanese, but I didn't feel different.

The pageant had an Oriental touch in costuming and make-up, with Herod looking more like Genghis Khan and the Wise Men more like Kabuki actors. But the message it portrayed of the advent of God into human history was the same, and it revealed to me anew that truly in Christ there is no East or West.



**Shelby A. Smith**  
*Guayaquil, Ecuador*

## **Economic, Spiritual Needs Call for Praying and Giving**

SOME OF OUR Baptist Theological Institute students have economic problems that the American mind cannot comprehend. Three have never owned a suit. It is a Latin American custom that a man have on a coat and tie when he enters the pulpit, so these articles are frequently borrowed. I have seen the same coat and tie "preached in" on several occasions by different men.

We have requested an Institute building for the past three years, but money has not been available. The church building at Garay stands only half completed; thus, we hold services in the incompleated educational unit and have almost outgrown it. These are among the thousands of needs presented to your Foreign Mission

Board each year from around the world.

What you can do? You can pray. Pray earnestly for these needs every day. Pray for the conditions in Ecuador—severe conditions of poverty which easily become hotbeds of communism.

Fathers and mothers, many of whom attend our churches, walk the streets every day looking, begging, for some type of employment. They are hungry, their children are hungry, their clothes are rags, their housing conditions are unbearable. There seems to be continuous political unrest as the people live on hopes and promises that conditions will grow better. At the same time the leaders, who are usually the small, rich class, do little toward changing the situation.

Spiritual conditions here will make any consecrated Christian weep. Robbery and immorality have practically become an accepted way of life. In one section of this city are more than 100,000 people without a church or mission of any kind—Catholic, Baptist, or Protestant. Our church work is young, but the fruit of our labors is reassuringly rewarding.

Secondly, you can support your home church program by your faithful attendance, prayers, work, and offerings.

Thirdly, you can support our great denomination, making your Cooperative Program gifts as large as possible to uphold all mission causes.

Finally, you can make plans to support your foreign mission work in a special way through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. I challenge you to give a dime in honor of each of your more than 1,600 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries. If you cannot give a dime, then how about a nickel or even a penny?



**Betty (Mrs. Orby L.) Butcher**  
*Bangkok, Thailand*

## **Pageants, Carolers Bring Deep Christmas Meaning**

BEFORE WE KNEW IT, it was the week before Christmas. Our sons Mike and Steve were excited, for each was to play the part of a shepherd in his school program.

I sat with misty eyes as Mike's blond head and fair skin stood out among the black heads and brown skins. As the children repeated the Christmas story and the lines of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All Men," I saw afresh men of all nations and their great need of the true peace and joy in Christ Jesus. I shall also never forget the sweet, ringing voice of the little Thai girl, whose father is our caretaker, as she sang, "Gloria in Excelsis."

This was only the beginning of a meaningful Christmas week. Later came the carolers. One night we saw "walking candles" coming toward our gate. We hurried to the porch and found a group of Christians who had come from fifty miles away to carol to the Christians in Bangkok. The air was warm — no snow or cold wind here. The trees and grass were green. But in the faces of these dear people was a radiance found among true Christians everywhere. A year earlier, some of these people had not known real peace. What a thrill it was to hear them singing of God's peace at Christmas!



## Please Refer Those Appeals

**A**LTHOUGH anti-American feelings have been stirred to a high pitch in numerous foreign countries, many of their young people still look toward the United States with longing. In recent months there has been an increase in the number of appeals sent by nationals to individuals or churches here in America. Most of these have been requests for material assistance in some form; sometimes it is for money to buy Bibles, but more often for funds to help someone come to the United States for study.

Some of these are sent by deserving young people, but some are not. Now and then there is evidence that some of them have written several letters, apparently using every name and address they have been able to secure, possibly from Southern Baptist publications or discarded envelopes and post cards. They must have believed that the more contacts made the greater the likelihood of a response.

There have been those who, instead of trying to get to the United States, have sought assistance in the form of scholarship funds for educational pursuits in their own country.

Most of our Missions overseas, as well as some of the national Conventions, have scholarship programs and are able to investigate and determine the eligibility of each applicant. The final decisions are usually made by Convention or Mission committees established for that purpose. We recommend that any such inquiry and request for assistance be forwarded to the Foreign Mission Board, addressed to the attention of the area secretary related to the country from which the request has come. Dr. H. C. Goerner serves in this capacity for Africa, Europe, and the Near East and can readily refer such items to the proper Missions and national Conventions. In the same manner would Dr. Frank K. Means handle such appeals from the Latin American countries and Caribbean islands where our missionaries serve. All other appeals would, of course, be from the Orient and should be referred to Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for that area.

We suggest this procedure without any intention to curtail the free action of any Southern Baptist church or individual. Instead, we bring it to the attention of our readers so that they can help prevent possible abuses of Christian generosity by opportunists. There are many deserving young nationals on our foreign mission fields for whom every effort is being made to derive for them scholarship opportunities through their national Conventions of Baptists or through the scholarship resources administered by the Southern Baptist Mission organizations in those countries.

## Centennial for an Apostle

**O**NE HUNDRED years ago December 17, Erik Alfred Nelson was born in Orebro, Sweden. As we observe his centennial it seems incredible that so little has been written about him. He was one of God's giants of faith and courage, who spent himself for Christ in opening up a mission field that is yet today one of the world's most challenging. We shall ever be indebted to the late L. M. Bratcher, also a missionary to Brazil, for writing Nelson's biography. It was published more than a decade ago by Broadman Press under the title *The Apostle of the Amazon*. We recommend that it be placed high on the reading list of every person whose heart beats for missions. For adventure and inspiration Nelson's life story provides everything a biographer could want for keeping reader interest high. It rules out the need for fiction.

From Belém to Manaus and far beyond into the upper reaches of the Amazon Valley, there now stand churches whose beginnings occurred with Nelson's preaching and colportage visits. When he first landed at the port of Belém he found himself in the midst of a raging yellow fever epidemic. He had been warned ahead of time that the conditions were dangerous, but he was not to be deterred. He immediately began preaching the gospel to the crews of the many ships docked there and ministered tirelessly to those who had fallen ill with the fever.

He went to Brazil in 1891 on his own as a colporteur, having no church or mission board committed to his material support. Selling Bibles wherever he went, he depended upon the meager earnings for his basic subsistence. His wife with skilful fingers made and sold dresses at times to supplement the inadequate income.

Having at first to depend upon commercial craft for his missionary journeys and later depending on first a canoe and then a motorboat for penetrations into the interior, Nelson finally had a dream fulfilled when a Kentucky church provided him a motor launch equipped with a powerful engine, sleeping quarters, and kitchen facilities. Nelson and his launch "The Buffalo" became legends along the banks of the rivers and the shores of the lakes. He plied the waters from preaching point to preaching point, always pushing farther and farther toward the remotest outposts, and even to some of the Indian tribes near the back borders of Brazil.

Neither time nor space allow us to relate any details of how Nelson and his wife, with their six children, faced and triumphed over difficult problems of health, organized resistance, and many other adversities that would have withered an ordinary person's courage and faith. But the Nelsons were not ordinary people.

Since his death in 1939 Erik Nelson, though being dead, yet continues to speak through the story of his life for the evangelization of Brazil and the whole world. We pause to thank God for such a man.

# A Year for Greater Gain

BY BAKER J. CAUTHEN

**S**OUTHERN BAPTISTS are now ready to enter 1963, designated World Missions Year. Much preparation has been made for this important emphasis, and great expectation fills our hearts.

We approach the year with gratitude to God for his blessings. We witnessed sustained advance in world mission labor during 1962. This year is closing with the appointment of 35 missionaries, bringing the total appointments for 1962 to 140, including associates.

Our hopes are high as we look into the year ahead. For one thing, we are expecting that Southern Baptists will obtain more knowledge of the world and its needs than ever before. Many are only moderately concerned about world missions, because they are not aware of the realities people face in many lands. A deep understanding of the basic spiritual needs of our fellowmen will come about through this focus of attention.

There should also be gained a clearer understanding of mission work—its fruitfulness and value. Many may be surprised to find how extensive is the labor and how comprehensive are the ministries of evangelism, church development, Christian education, seminary training, publication of Christian literature, medical work, student evangelization, radio and television, and a great array of other work. Many will be gratified to learn of the extent to which fruit has been borne and the manner in which strong bodies of Baptists are merging in many parts of the world.

The year will undoubtedly bring a deeper conviction of our Lord's expectations. We will focus attention not only upon current needs of the world but upon the teachings of our Lord as found in the Scriptures. When we are firmly convinced of his expectations and of our responsibility as his witnesses, we will have deep-rooted convictions out of which long-range labor will develop.

As 1963 progresses, there will come a wider understanding of the part each Baptist can have in worldwide missionary service. We will begin to see what our gifts laid upon the altar mean. Our giving can take on a new note of joy as we come to appreciate how widely those gifts bring ministries of preaching, teaching, and healing to thousands of people whose faces we will not see until we gather on the other shore. We can be sure our Lord will see to it that the resources, even though they seem as limited as the five loaves and two fishes, will be used in his hand to bless multitudes.

**I**N THIS emphasis, there will come a new sense of the relevance of each organization in the church from the standpoint of world missions. We will see afresh that this task is the responsibility of the entire church, and every organization has an important role. One of the most encouraging aspects of 1963 is that each church unit and each institution, agency, and organization in every state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention is planning to emphasize anew its part in world missions.

Through this process the channels of missionary giving will be strengthened. The Cooperative Program will stand forth as the lifeline of world mission efforts both at home and abroad. We will observe that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions are vital reinforcements to the Cooperative Program. They not only provide essential financial support but make a profound contribution to the motivation for missionary giving, out of which arises the flow of gifts into the Cooperative Program throughout the year.

Large-scale efforts in evangelism will be made in many parts of the world. Baptists of Japan are making extensive plans for the greatest evangelistic undertaking in the history of



that country's Christian work. Other lands of the Orient, Latin America, and Africa also are planning widespread campaigns. Baptists of Europe and the Near East will be visited by hundreds of young people going to Beirut, Lebanon, for the Baptist World Youth Conference in July.

It is expected that we will witness advance into new fields of labor in 1963, even as we rejoiced this year to enter Uganda, the Dominican Republic, British Guiana, Trinidad, Sumatra (Indonesia), and India. We are particularly concerned that entry be made into some of the newly independent countries of Africa where we have no Baptist work.

One of the most significant parts of World Missions Year will be the experience of intercessory prayer. It is our hope that prayer can be made so vital that family altars will take on a new sense of relationship to the whole world and that the names of missionaries will be called repeatedly before the throne of grace. Every family needs to find its own way to gather for prayer. Some discover that around the breakfast table is the best time, while others set aside a period in the evening.

We may discover that many of the problems and tensions which disturb us in our Baptist ranks will be resolved as we engage in a real experience of intercessory prayer for God to thrust laborers into his harvest, pour out power upon his servants in

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**ISRAEL**



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**CENTRAL AFRICA**

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**CENTRAL AFRICA**



#### **HESTER, JAMES EDWARD**

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**ITALY**

#### **HESTER, ETHEL EUGENE TACKETT (MRS. JAMES EDWARD)**

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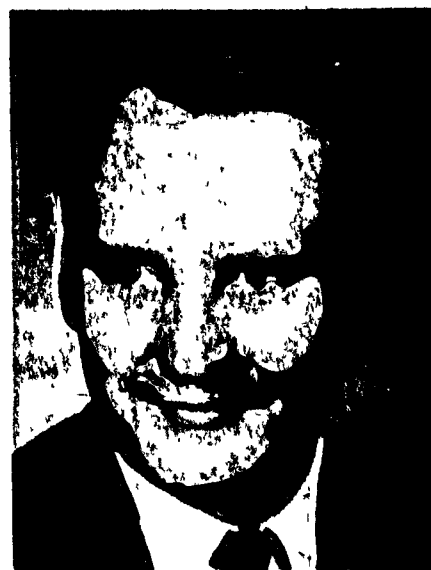
b. Lamar Co., Miss., Dec. 25, 1930. ed. Miss. State College for Women, 1949-50; Miss. Southern College (now Univ. of Southern Miss.), B.S., 1952, & further study, 1953. Elementary school teacher, Sumrall, Miss., 1951-53, Hub, Miss., 1953-54, Jefferson Co., Ky., 1954-57, & Jones Co., Miss., 1959-60. Appointed for Italy, Oct., 1962. m. Robert Ames (Bob) Holifield, May 31, 1953. Children: Mary Elizabeth, Oct. 30, 1955; John Nathanael, Aug. 29, 1957; Deborah Jane, Apr. 15, 1959; Martha Ruth, June 25, 1962.

ITALY

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**KAMMERDIENER, MEREDITH JOYCE RUCH**  
(Mrs. Donald Ralph)

b. Kansas City, Mo., June 28, 1935. ed. Okla. Bap. Univ., B.S., 1958. Oil co. employee, Kansas City, 1945-57. Appointed for Colombia, Oct., 1962. m. Donald Ralph Kammerdiener, Aug. 24, 1957. Children: Carol Jean, Nov. 26, 1958; Joyce Ann, Feb. 12, 1960.

COLOMBIA



**NANCE, JOHN IRVIN**

b. Oklahoma City, Okla., May 11, 1934. ed. Okla. Agricultural & Mechanical College (now Okla. State Univ.), 1951-54; Okla. Bap. Univ., B.A., 1956; SEBTS, 1956-58; MWBTS, B.D., 1961. Teletype setter, Stillwater, Okla., 1951-54; summer missionary, Home Mission Board, Mo., 1953, & Home Mission Board & Okla. BSU, Alaska, 1954; pastor, Douglas, Alaska, 1954-55; clerk-typist, Juneau, Alaska, 1954-55, & teletype setter, 1955; pastor, Aurora, Bayboro, Vandemere, & South Creek, N.C., 1957-59 (part-time each); machine operator, Kansas City, Mo., 1959-60; grader, MWBTS, Kansas City, 1960-61; associational missionary, Northwest Bap. Association, Mo., winter 1962; pastor, Mound City, Mo., 1960—. Appointed for Indonesia, Oct., 1962. m. Mary Winifred Moore, June 4, 1956. Permanent address: c/o Mrs. Bertha Nance, Box 247, Perkins, Okla.

INDONESIA



**NANCE, MARY WINIFRED MOORE**  
(Mrs. John Irvin)

b. Elk City, Okla., Sept. 2, 1935. ed. Okla. Bap. Univ., 1953-56; Meredith College, 1956-57; SEBTS, 1957-58. Telephone operator, Shawnee, Okla., 1953-56, & Raleigh, N.C., 1956-57; substitute teacher, Aurora, N.C., 1958-59; professor's sec., MWBTS, Kansas City, Mo., 1959. Appointed for Indonesia, Oct., 1962. m. John Irvin Nance, June 4, 1956. Children: Mary Elizabeth, Dec. 18, 1959; John Matthew, Feb. 18, 1962.

INDONESIA



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## ARGENTINA

### Smith To Begin Student Work

The Argentine Baptist Convention has asked Missionary W. L. (Wimpy) Smith to begin work among Baptist university students.

Two Baptist student homes will be opened next March in Córdoba and La Plata, the two most important university centers. Two more homes are planned for Rosario and Buenos Aires by 1964.

A leadership conference will be held in January to prepare counselors and part-time student directors. Basic literature and a monthly bulletin will be published.

## COLOMBIA

### Official Guarantees Freedom

BUCK HILL FALLS, Pa. (RNS)—Colombia's top legal officer has guaranteed religious liberty for evangelical groups in that country, a Latin American expert reported here.

Andres Holguin, Colombia's attorney general, has held that the country's constitutional guarantee of religious liberty applies to all religious groups unless they violate "Christian morals" or the country's laws, said Howard W. Yoder, executive secretary of the National Council of Church's Committee on Cooperation in Latin America.

Religious proselytism and the dissemination of religious literature are permitted in all parts of Colombia, Holguin was said to have declared in a special report to Colombian President Guillermo Leon Valencia.

Yoder termed the attorney general's report "a significant step forward" for Protestant groups. Over the years, evangelicals have complained that civil authorities, at the insistence of Roman Catholic leaders, have suppressed their activities.

Holguin also said in his report to the president that some phases of The Agreement of Missions of 1953 between Colombia and the Vatican are "unconstitutional and inadvisable," adding that the agreement as "a true

international treaty" still requires the approval of Congress.

## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

### Opportunities Are Numerous

"Even though we do not yet have a building for formal Spanish services, there are many opportunities to witness and make friends for our Saviour," Missionaries Howard L. and Dorothy Shoemake have reported.

They arrived in late summer at the capital, Santo Domingo, oldest existing settlement of white men in the Western Hemisphere. The city has a population of more than 350,000.

The Shoemakes hold a cottage prayer meeting once a week in their home and are taking advantage of opportunities in radio evangelism. "La Hora Bautista," the Spanish version of "The Baptist Hour," has been broadcast over one station since their second week on the island. In early November the largest station in the capital, which reaches the entire republic, offered 30 minutes Sundays.

"Please pray that the Lord shall lead in each step we take to open this field for his glory," the Shoemakes requested.

## EQUADOR

### 110 Earn T.U. Course Awards

The three Baptist churches in Guayaquil and their five missions participated in a city-wide Training Union study course in November at First Baptist Church. The week-long course enrolled 138 persons and granted 110 awards.

It was the first time a course for each department and age group had been offered city-wide, reported Missionary Shelby A. Smith, who directed the study. A course for Sunday school will be given in January.

Serving with Smith on the faculty were his wife, the two other missionary couples in Guayaquil (Rev. and Mrs. Archie V. Jones and Rev. and Mrs. William R. Hintze), and two students at Baptist Theological Institute of Guayaquil.



HOWARD L. SMITH

## GHANA

### Sixth Minister Is Ordained

J. O. Olaleye was ordained November 25 at First Baptist Church in Dunkwa, the sixth ordained national Baptist minister in Ghana. All six are from the Yoruba tribe, said Missionary Ada Mae Smith.

Olaleye has served Ghana Baptists for several years, first as a pastor in Dunkwa and for the past three years as field worker for the Sunday school and Training Union departments of the Ghana Baptist Conference.

Co-workers conducting the service were J. A. Imosun, president of the Ghana Baptist Conference; Missionary Douglas C. Cather, Conference general secretary; Missionary W. Eugene Verner, president of Ghana Baptist Seminary in Kumasi; M. O. Oyarinde, field worker in Ghana for the Nigerian Baptist Convention; Missionary Marjorie Jones, director of the Ghana Woman's Missionary Union; and Missionary Adviser Maurice Smith.

## GUAM

### Church Lost; Gobles Unhurt

Typhoon Karen, which struck Guam in November, rocked the temporary building of English-language Calvary Baptist Church off its pillars and badly damaged the house and furnishings of Missionary Pastor and Mrs. Harry A. Goble.

The Sunday of the typhoon was to have been a big day for Calvary, having just completed a revival week. But services were canceled, and Goble spent the morning securing the building as much as possible, nailing plywood on the windows of his house and making sure his family had candles, flashlights, food, water, and

a full tank of gas in the car.

By 3:00 P.M. no one was allowed on the streets unless going to a public shelter. The Gobles decided to ride out the storm at home.

The roof was blown off their house at the peak of the storm about 8:30, and the family spent the next 10 hours on the bathroom floor, sheltered from the rain by a piece of board.

"Much of the time we spent praying," Goble said. "We sang hymns and choruses and quoted verses of Scripture to each other."

At daybreak the Gobles made their way to a neighbor's house. They spent two nights there and two with church members while a temporary roof was put on their house and the inside was made to look "like a home again."

Although the church building is declared a total loss, the furniture is in fair shape, and the congregation plans to start a permanent, concrete building (typhoon-proof) as soon as possible.

## GUATEMALA

### 280 Baptized: a Record High

Baptist churches baptized 280 persons during the past year, reaching a record high, according to reports at the 15th annual meeting of the Guatemalan Baptist Convention. Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Society enrolments also increased.

The Convention admitted messengers from two new churches, bringing to 24 the number of co-operating churches, with memberships totaling more than 2,000. The sessions were held at Luz y Verdad Baptist Church in Guatemala City.

Messengers elected three missionaries to head departments: Hubert N. (Ted) Lindwall, Training Union; Chester S. Cadwallader, Jr., visual aids; and A. Clark Scanlon, publications, which includes the Baptist book store and national Baptist paper, *Neuva Era*. The Convention also approved continuation of Missionary Charles A. Allen, Jr., as director of Guatemalan Baptist Theological Institute.

## HONG KONG

### Kathryn Bigham To Teach

Kathryn Bigham, a member of the faculty of Carver School of Missions and Social Work for twelve years and

a former missionary to China, will teach at Hong Kong Baptist College for the second semester of the 1962-63 school year and the following fall semester.

Miss Bigham, who came to Carver in 1951, formerly served at the University of Shanghai.

### Joseph Lam, Dentist, Dies

Joseph Lam, young Hong Kong Baptist dentist, died of a heart attack November 17. He was the son of Lam Chi Fung, prominent Hong Kong businessman and Baptist layman.

Dr. Lam took his premedical and medical studies at Baptist institutions in the United States and returned to Hong Kong about two years ago.

## KENYA

### 50 Teachers Attend Clinic

Nearly 50 Sunday school teachers from churches and preaching points in Nairobi and Nyeri met at Nairobi's Shauri Moyo Baptist Church in November for a Sunday school clinic.

Subjects discussed included organization, literature, records, and visitation, with conferences also on lesson preparation and presentation.

## NIGERIA

### Student Receives Recognition

Vincent Amachree, a Nigerian Baptist studying in America at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, has been accepted for recognition in *Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. He will complete work for the Bachelor of Arts degree in January.

Nominees for *Who's Who* are selected on the basis of scholarship, participation and leadership in academic

and extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to their schools, and promise of future usefulness.

In recommending him, OBU President James R. Scales said in part: "Mr. Vincent Amachree is a superior history student. He reads widely, speaks with wit and cogency, writes with felicity and clarity. In his gracious person he is the embodiment of the Christian gentleman."

Amachree was a Baptist teacher, headmaster, and principal in Nigeria's Eastern Region for 11 years before coming to the United States for further preparation in history and international relations.

## PARAGUAY

### Chaplain Serves Three Ways

A threefold chaplaincy program started in March at Baptist Hospital in Asunción effectively serves patients, hospital personnel, and churches.

"Ministering to the sick during crisis periods has been more rewarding than ever anticipated," said Missionary James O. Watson, the chaplain (photo), who came to Paraguay from field evangelistic work in Argentina.

Besides personal witnessing, the ministry includes music and devotional messages over the hospital intercom system and literature for each patient in his own language. Bibles are available in Spanish, English, German, Russian, Polish, Czechoslovakian, Arabic, Chinese, and Japanese.

For the staff, Watson holds devotional periods with the personnel groups, such as nurses, kitchen workers, and office employees. Dr. Donald E. McDowell, one of the missionary physicians, directs a weekly Bible study class for doctors. The entire staff meets quarterly for a program.

In a ministry to the Baptist

Chaplain Watson directs devotionals with hospital laundry staff. WANDA PONDER







*Watson counsels with a patient.*

WANDA PONDER

churches, Watson gives the pastors lists of patients from their areas. Church members then visit the persons, many of whom were introduced to the gospel for the first time while hospitalized. Mrs. Ursulina González, a hospital visitor, also calls on patients after their release.

## PHILIPPINES

### Baptist Student Center Opens

The Baptist Student Center of Manila opened in late summer in a building near Far Eastern University and the University of the East, two of the city's largest.

Among Manila's students—an estimated 100,000 within a few blocks of the center—are about 40 identified with Southern Baptist mission work, representing 20 colleges and universities and varied fields of study. "They are the hope of our Baptist work in the country," said Missionary William R. Wakefield, one of the center's directors.

The Baptist students first met August 5, the day the center opened. They have organized a city-wide Baptist Student Union and begun a program of activities, including several of an evangelistic nature.

The Wakefields began Baptist student work in Manila last June. Working with them are Mr. and Mrs. Rolando Raganas, who will return next year to Davao to do student work.

## PORTUGAL

### Baptism Ratio 1 to 12 Members

Sixty-six messengers from all but one of the 23 churches in the Portu-

guese Baptist Convention attended the Convention's 28th annual meeting recently in Lisbon.

Reports for the past year showed a ratio of one baptism for every 12 church members and a 70 per cent increase in mission giving over 1961.

Dr. João Antonio Marques, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Lisbon, was elected Convention president.

## TANGANYIKA

### 80 Begin 3rd Mission Point

About 80 persons recently attended the beginning of Baptists' third preaching point in Anga.

It is on the Lugongo sisal estate, with more than 2,000 laborers, most of them from Mozambique, reported Missionary James E. Hampton.

## THAILAND

### Baptist TV Series Lauded

A Thailand committee on the control of juvenile delinquency recently recommended a Baptist television series for its fine influence on the morals of youth. Their statement was reported in a Thai newspaper.

The programs are Thai versions of "The Answer," sponsored each Monday afternoon by the Thailand Baptist Mission and a dairy company. It is carried over the army station in central Thailand.

"The Answer" is produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

## UNITED STATES

### Convention Elects Mullins

HONOLULU (BP)—The Hawaii Baptist Convention elected as new president Charles D. Mullins, one of Southern Baptists' 16 remaining foreign missionaries in the state. He is pastor of Waiānae Baptist Church.

Since a 1958 action of the Southern Baptist Convention and later arrival of statehood, the Hawaii Convention has been in a period of transition. Responsibility for the former foreign mission field is gradually being transferred to the Convention, with an organization similar to those on the mainland. Both the Foreign and Home Mission Boards are now help-

ing support Baptist work there.

In his Convention sermon, Dan H. Kong of Honolulu urged Hawaii Baptists to carry out the work started by the Foreign Mission Board.

A record 575 baptisms during the past year were reported. The previous yearly high was 464. Membership of co-operating churches in the islands has increased to 6,767.

### Effect of Prejudice Scored

SHAWNEE, Okla. (RNS)—Calling for "an honest look" at changes in today's world and in Christianity, Mrs. William McMurry, retiring director of the Woman's Missionary Union division of promotion, described the effects of racial prejudice on missionary efforts in an address to the Oklahoma WMU annual meeting.

"The day of the proud superiority of the white man is gone, and along with it that brand of Christian missions masquerading as a benevolent, paternalistic ministry to the colored peoples of the world," she said.

"The arrogance of the white man in his claim to superiority has been more obnoxious to the African and Asian than the claim itself," Mrs. McMurry declared. "Humility is a Christian virtue to which we have paid only lip service in our conduct toward the dark-skinned people."

"Every unfortunate incident involving racial discrimination in the United States is played up in the newspapers of the world," she pointed out. "The significant changes which have taken place for the betterment of race relations usually go untold."

"The treatment of the Negro in the United States has not only been a hindrance to our foreign policy but has proved to be a stumbling block to the work of the missionary overseas," she continued.

### 250 Learn of Medical Work

"We do all we can, but it is the Lord that does the healing," nearly 250 medical and nursing students from Texas and Arkansas were told in recent Baptist Medical Missions Conferences. The statement was made by Dr. Sam Cannata, Jr., a missionary to Southern Rhodesia.

Meeting at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Encampment near Dallas and at Quillian Memorial Center in Houston, young people from more than 20 medical and nursing schools heard



LOUIS R. COBBS

*Dr. Sam Cannata speaks in the final session of the Medical Missions Conference at Quillian Center in Houston.*

several medical missionaries describe their work. The conferences were sponsored by the Division of Student Work of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the medical division of the Foreign Mission Board's Department of Missionary Personnel.

In the opening address at Mt. Lebanon, Dr. Kathleen Jones said more than 50,000 patients were treated last year at the 100-bed hospital in which she serves in Kediri, Indonesia. It is the only hospital qualified to do surgery among three and a half million people, and the doctors can operate only on those who need treatment most.

"All who come are given a chance to hear the Word of God," she explained. "If we remember it is the Lord's work, he will give us many wonderful opportunities to witness for him."

Dr. Cannata said medical missions shows people in other lands that Christianity is relevant to life, because Jesus used healing as part of his ministry. One impression the world has of Christianity is that "we just talk about it," he stated. "But when they see it in our lives, it becomes real."

Mrs. J. Edwin Low, wife of a missionary doctor in Nigeria, said the missionary's first requirement is spiritual dedication to Jesus Christ.

In the Sunday worship closing the Mt. Lebanon conference, Kenneth Chafin, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, told the students, "Be confident that if God leads he will accomplish more through you than you ever expect."

Other missionaries speaking at one or both of the meetings were: Doctors Low and John C. Abell, Jr., of Nigeria; Nurses Ruth Porter of Paraguay and Mary Evelyn Fredenburg of Nigeria; and new appointees Dr. Jack E. Tolar, Jr., William R. O'Brien, Paula Kortkamp, and Beverly Lutz.

Also participating were Edna

Frances Dawkins, FMB associate secretary for missionary personnel; W. F. Howard, director of the Texas student division; Louis R. Cobbs, associate in the division; and Russell Ware and Roy Harrell, Baptist Student Union directors in Texas. O'Brien also presently serves as a BSU director.

The conferences were among several taking place in other states during the current school year.

### Board Member Williams Dies

CARMI, Ill. (BP)—S. Otho Williams, a member of the Foreign Mission Board and superintendent of the Illinois Baptist Children's Home, died November 17 of a heart attack. Death came at Harvey, Illinois, where he was conducting a revival.

Survivors include his widow, a son, and two daughters.

### Former Treasurer Passes

Ernest Perry Buxton, 83, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board for 23 years before his retirement in 1950,



died Nov. 12 in Richmond, Va.

A native of Jackson, N.C., he attended Wake Forest College and received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1903 from Richmond College. After working in business firms as an accountant, bookkeeper, and teacher of business English, he became the FMB treasurer on April 1, 1927, and subsequently handled more than \$60,000,000 in mission funds. He also served many years as a deacon in First Baptist Church of Richmond.

Mr. Buxton is survived by his wife a son, Dr. Ernest P. Buxton, Jr.; two daughters, Mrs. Alton L. Howell and Mrs. Virgil Smith; and five grandchildren.

### Past Employee Succumbs

Frank Moody Purser, 73, assistant educational secretary of the Foreign Mission from 1913 to 1918, died Sept. 12 in Oxford, Miss.

He was a graduate of the University of Alabama and held the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. After his tenure with the Board, he served as a chaplain in World War I. Later he was pastor of First Baptist Church in Oxford for 30 years.

### Mrs. Gill Leaves Book Fund

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)—A \$5,000 endowment to the library at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary was given recently from the will of the late Mrs. Everett Gill.

It is to buy mission books in the memory of Dr. Gill, who died in 1958. Southeastern's associate librarian, James D. Sistrunk, estimates the endowment will provide some 65 books annually.

Mrs. Gill and her husband were missionaries to Europe for 39 years, and Dr. Gill was the Foreign Mission Board's first representative in Europe, serving from 1921-39.



**O'BRIEN, WILLIAM ROBERT (BILL)**  
b. Ft. Worth, Tex., Nov. 24, 1933. ed. Wayland Bap. College, 1952-53; Hardin-Simmons Univ., B.S., 1955; SWBTS, B.C.M., 1961, & further study, 1962—. Minister of music & education, Central Church, Pampa, Tex., 1952-53; minister of music, First Church, Childress, Tex., 1953-55; minister of music & youth (later assoc. pastor), S. Main Church, Pasadena, Tex., 1955-58; minister of music, First Church, Carlsbad, N.M., 1958; interim youth dir., Highland Church, Dallas, Tex., 1958; minister of music, Wilshire Church, Dallas, 1959-61, & Paramount Church, Amarillo, Tex., 1961-62; interim BSU dir., Arlington (Tex.) State College, 1962—. Appointed for Indonesia, Oct., 1962. m. Dellanna Pauline West, Aug. 23, 1952. Permanent address: c/o Chester O'Brien, Jr., Paramount Bap. Church, Amarillo, Tex.

#### INDONESIA

**O'BRIEN, DELLANNA PAULINE WEST**  
(MRS. WILLIAM ROBERT)

b. Wichita Falls, Tex., July 20, 1933. ed. Wayland Bap. College, 1952-53; Hardin-Simmons Univ., B.S., 1953; SWBTS, 1962—. Elementary school teacher, Abilene, Tex., 1953-54, Pasadena, Tex., 1955-57, Carlsbad, N.M., 1958, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1958-59, & Dallas, Tex., 1960-61; sec., San Jacinto Church, Amarillo, Tex., 1962. Appointed for Indonesia, Oct., 1962. m. William Robert (Bill) O'Brien, Aug. 23, 1952. Children: Paula Denise, Feb. 11, 1955; Erin, Feb. 20, 1960.

#### INDONESIA



**POWELL, ARTHUR JAMES**

b. Frostproof, Fla., Sept. 20, 1932. ed. Mars Hill College, A.A., 1952; Stetson Univ., B.A., 1954; SBTS, B.D., 1957, & further study, 1958-61. Drugstore clerk, Frostproof, 1945-50, & Carpenteria, Calif., summer 1951; painter's helper, Leaksville, N.C., summer 1952; library worker, Stetson Univ., De Land, Fla., 1952-54; member, Stetson Univ. revival team, summer 1953; student center clerk, SBTS, Louisville, Ky., 1954-57; service station attendant, Daytona Beach, Fla., summer 1956; fellow, SBTS, 1958-62; pastor, First Church, Frostproof, 1957-58, & Mt. Pleasant Church, Todd's Point, Ky., 1960—. Appointed for Lebanon, Oct., 1962. m. Harriett Helene Stones, June 9, 1954. Permanent address: c/o C. G. Powell, Frostproof, Fla.

#### LEBANON

**POWELL, HARRIETT HELENE STONES**  
(MRS. ARTHUR JAMES)

b. Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 1, 1933. ed. Stetson Univ., B.A., 1954. Sales clerk, Daytona Beach, summer 1951; dormitory receptionist & hostess, dean's receptionist, & office helper, Stetson Univ., De Land, Fla., 1951-54; student center clerk, SBTS, Louisville, Ky., 1954-56 (part-time). Appointed for Lebanon, Oct., 1962. m. Arthur James Powell, June 9, 1954. Children: Charles Craig, Mar. 12, 1955; Gregory Scott, Mar. 2, 1957; Diana Marchelle, Aug. 12, 1958; Laura Lynn, June 21, 1962.

#### LEBANON



**PRICE, HAROLD LEE**

b. Ingleside, Tex., June 12, 1932. ed. Del Mar College, A.A., 1951; Univ. of Corpus Christi, B.A., 1953; SWBTS, B.D., 1956. Drugstore worker, Corpus Christi, Tex., summer 1946, & sales clerk, 1947-49 & summers 1954 & '55; summer missionary, Home Mission Board, Ark., 1952; asst. pastor & youth dir., First Church, Gregory, Tex., summers 1953 & '54; audio-visual aids worker, Bap. Book Store, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1955-56; asst. to pastor & minister of education & youth activities, Calder Church, Beaumont, Tex., 1956—. Appointed for Japan, Oct., 1962. m. Ruby Victoria (Vicky) Hardegree, June 25, 1955. Permanent address: 3601 Victory Dr., Corpus Christi, Tex.

#### JAPAN

**PRICE, RUBY VICTORIA (VICKY)**

**HARDEGREE (MRS. HAROLD LEE)**

b. East Point, Ga., May 31, 1932. ed. Bessie Tift College (now Tift College), B.A., 1952; Ga. Bap. Hospital School of Nursing, Atlanta, diploma, 1954; R.N., 1954; SWBTS, 1954-55. Nurse, Harris Hospital, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1954-55, Driscoll Foundation Children's Hospital, Corpus Christi, Tex., summer 1955, outpatient clinic, John Peter Smith Hospital, Ft. Worth, 1955-56, & for private physician, Ft. Worth, summer 1956; obstetrical instructor & supervisor, Bap. Hospital of SE. Tex., Beaumont, 1957-58; secretarial asst., Calder Church, Beaumont, 1959-60; asst. dir., Bap. Hospital of SE. Tex. School of Nursing, Beaumont, 1958, & instructor, 1962—. Appointed for Japan, Oct., 1962. m. Harold Lee Price, June 25, 1955. Children: Charlotte Diane, Dec. 26, 1956; Harold Lee, Jr., Dec. 1, 1958; Patricia Roxane (Patti), Aug. 8, 1960.

#### JAPAN







**TCHERNESHOFF, RHETA NELL THRASHER**  
b. Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 14, 1932. ed. Howard College, B.A., 1954; SWBTS, B.D., 1959. Butcher, Birmingham, Ala., 1951-52 (part-time); boiler fireman, Howard College, Birmingham, 1952-54 (part-time); aircraft mechanic, Birmingham, 1952-54; auto assembly mechanic, Arlington, Tex., summer 1955; aircraft engineering test analyst, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1956-60; pastor, Cunningham, Tex., 1958-60, & Welsh Neck Church, Society Hill, S.C., 1960—. Appointed for South Brazil, Oct., 1962. m. Rheta Nell Thrasher, Oct. 6, 1954. Permanent address: c/o C. G. Thrasher, Moulton, Ala.

**SOUTH BRAZIL**



**TCHERNESHOFF, RHETA NELL THRASHER**  
(MRS. PETER JOHN)

b. Lawrence Co., Ala., Oct. 13, 1934. ed. Howard College, B.A., 1954; SWBTS, 1956-60. Asst. bookkeeper, Birmingham, Ala., 1954-55; accounting office clerk, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1955-56; billing clerk, Ft. Worth, 1957-58. Appointed for South Brazil, Oct., 1962. m. Peter John (Pete) Tcherneshoff, Oct. 6, 1954. Children: Lyndon Mark, July 26, 1956; Timothy Alan, Oct. 18, 1958; James Michael, Nov. 7, 1961.

**SOUTH BRAZIL**



**WATTERS, JAMES LEE**  
b. Ada, Okla., Jan. 18, 1932. ed. E. Central State College, B.S. in Education, 1953; GGBTS, B.D., 1957, & Th.M., 1961. Newsboy, Ada, Okla., 1943-46; stock boy & clerk, Ada, 1946-53; clerk & millwright, Berkeley, Calif., 1953-54; pastor, First Church, Vanoss, Okla., 1951-53, First Church, Gridley, Calif., 1954-58, & First Church, Manteca, Calif., 1958—. Appointed for Japan, Oct., 1962. m. Dixie Darlene Ryburn, Sept. 16, 1950. Permanent address: 1320 Carolyn Ave., Escalon, Calif.

**JAPAN**



**WATTERS, DIXIE DARLENE RYBURN**  
(MRS. JAMES LEE)

b. Hugo, Okla., Jan. 26, 1931. ed. E. Central State College, 1949-52; GGBTS, 1960; Stanislaus State College, Turlock, Calif., 1961. Dept. store clerk, Ada, Okla., 1950-51 (part-time); substitute teacher, Manteca area, Calif., 1958-61; library asst., Manteca, 1961-62; kindergarten teacher, near Manteca, 1962. Appointed for Japan, Oct., 1962. m. James Lee Watters, Sept. 16, 1950. Children: Karen Leigh, Aug. 9, 1952; Kathryn Allene, Apr. 8, 1954; Georganne, May 4, 1956; James Douglas, July 13, 1958.

**JAPAN**

## **A Year for Greater Gain**

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many lands, and strengthen us for our part in a worldwide responsibility.

We should discover that we have a great common store of deep convictions and beliefs and that the places wherein we differ are relatively few. With the clarion call of our Lord's Great Commission ringing in our hearts, we will do well to reaffirm the great body of common conviction that binds us together and to march on under the banner of Christ, who has called us to be his witnesses. We will do well to honor one another as brethren in Christ and to assert with fresh assurance the Christian faith which we treasure and seek to share with mankind everywhere. Next year should close with a fresh sense of unity, purpose, love, and power surging through Baptist ranks.

With this high hope we expect to strengthen the base for long-range

**LUTZ, BEVERLY IRENE**

b. Memphis, Tenn., Apr. 20, 1934. ed. Memphis State College (now Univ.), B.S., 1956; SWBTS, M.R.E., 1961. Summer missionary, Home Mission Board, Kan., 1954, & Kan.-Neb., 1955; dietetic intern, Brooke Army Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex., 1956-57; dietitian, U.S. Army Hospital, Ft. Riley, Kan., 1957-58, 94th Gen. Hospital, U.S. Army Reserves, Dallas, Tex., 1958-62, & SWBTS, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1959— (part-time until 1961). Appointed for Paraguay, Oct., 1962. Permanent address: c/o Mr. & Mrs. Albert Lutz, 237 W. Norwood, Memphis 9, Tenn.

**PARAGUAY**



missions advance in 1963. The value of World Missions Year is not to be measured in any specific numerical gains, tightly contained within a calendar year. Rather, it is to be gauged in terms of profound motivation that will send us forward, convinced that God has brought us to this generation with distinctive responsibilities in his name which must be measured in terms of the whole world.



# Missionary Family Album

## ADDRESS CHANGES

### Arrivals from the Field

- LEWIS, Rev. & Mrs. Francis L. (Frank) (*Indonesia*), 812 S. Okmulgee Ave., Okmulgee, Okla.  
 MCKINLEY, Rev. & Mrs. Hugh T. (*South-ern Rhodesia*), 1491 NW. 37th St., Miami, Fla.  
 MORRIS, Rev. & Mrs. Richard E. (*Taiwan*), 303 East St., Somerville, Tenn.  
 NICHOLS, Rev. & Mrs. Gilbert A. (*Paraguay*), c/o Mrs. W. E. Marshall, Cabot, Ark.  
 THOMPSON, Dr. & Mrs. Cecil L. (*Argentina*), 124 Elmwood St., Knoxville 14, Tenn.  
 WHEAT, Ruby L. (*Korea*), 2210 Taylor St., Wichita Falls, Tex.  
 WILLIS, Miriam (*Paraguay*), 358 Pine-wood Ln., San Antonio, Tex.

### Departures to the Field

- ANDREWS, Rev. & Mrs. William P., Casilla 185, Temuco, *Chile*.  
 CHAMBLESS, Sr. & Mrs. V. Walton, Jr., Via Lactea No. 31, Col. Prado Churubusco, Mexico 13, D.F., *Mexico*.  
 CRAWFORD, Frances, Bap. Hospital, Ogbomosho, *Nigeria*.  
 DUKE, Rita J., Box 427, Taipei, *Taiwan*.  
 HOPEWELL, Gladys G., 43/1 University Rd., Tainan, *Taiwan*.  
 LAWTON, Rev. & Mrs. Wesley W., Jr., 169 Boundary St., Kowloon, *Hong Kong*.  
 SCAGGS, Josephine, Bap. Mission, Joinkrama, via Ahoada, *Nigeria*.

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## Correction

Rev. James D. Hollis (*Hong Kong*) received the Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1947, rather than 1957 as listed in *Missionary Album*, 1959 revised edition.

## Bringing Salvation to Sao Paulo

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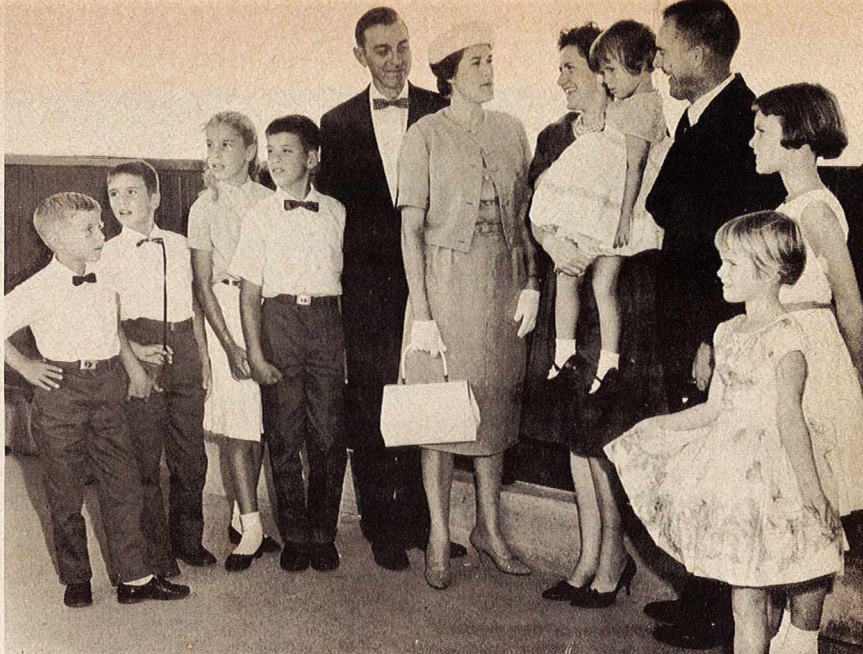
and I worked with Brazilian Baptists' Department of Evangelism in promoting six evangelism clinics. Traveling for a month with Dr. Gomes, we visited Rio de Janeiro, Belfort Roxo, Belo Horizonte, Salvador, Recife, Belém, and Carolina.

One night in Salvador, Dr. Gomes spoke on the necessity of winning Brazil in our time. Afterward, a man brought his watch and laid it on the table, saying, "I want to dedicate this to the winning of Brazil to Christ." Another brought a pen and pencil set, another a ring, and a lady brought her ear bobs. One lady gave a solitaire diamond ring, for which she had finished paying just that day and was wearing for the first time. What love, what consecration to our Lord!

Other stories are multiplied of changes in the lives of people touched by the gospel in this effort. During the campaign week, someone broke into the home of a Baptist in São Paulo and stole 20 *contos* (about \$40) and some household goods. The Christian had a good idea who it was and one day at a street meeting saw the suspected thief pass by. He said later his first impulse was to call the police and have the man locked up. But, on second thought, he said to himself, "No, I'll invite him to the revival meeting in my church."

That night the suspect attended and went forward at the invitation, a redeemed soul. When the meeting ended, he called aside the Christian who had asked him to come. He said, "God saved me tonight, and there is something I must confess. I broke into your house and stole 20 *contos*. Here is your money, with a little extra. Tomorrow I'll bring you the other things I stole."

What power God has to transform a life in a moment—in the twinkling of an eye! And he did it for 4,000 lives in São Paulo.



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## 7 Cousins Meet at Last

# Sisters Reunited after 11 Years

**T**WO MISSIONARY SISTERS, across opposite oceans from their Tennessee home, met in the summer for the first time in eleven years.

Harriett Parker is the wife of F. Calvin Parker, ministering in Japan as Southern Baptist missionaries, and Jane Clark is married to James Clark, teaching in the Republic of the Congo under the American Baptist Convention.

The sisters and their husbands reunited at Knoxville when the Parkers returned from Japan on a year's furlough. Their children—a total of seven—saw each other for the first time, as did the couples and their nephews and nieces.

The Clarks had been home since 1959. They had come also for a year's furlough but were unable to return when the Congo crisis broke out the next year. If it had not been for the civil war in the newly independent African nation, however, the sisters may not have crossed paths for many more years. Each couple serves for five-year terms, and their furloughs normally do not coincide.

The Clarks have now gone back to the Congo, teaching in an English-speaking school in Leopoldville. They were formerly stationed at Vanga, where they taught in French and Kilongo. Now they don't know how long it will be until they see the Parkers again.

The Parkers have been laboring since 1953 in Kanazawa, a sea port on the western edge of Honshu island. There Mr. Parker has engaged in preaching, organizing churches, and teaching Bible classes at two universities with total enrollments of about nine thousand students.

They came home for their first furlough in 1956 and have now chalked up

ten years as missionaries in Japan. They spent their first two years, 1951-53, studying the language in Tokyo.

The sisters both met their husbands while students at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee. Each couple married shortly after graduation, the Parkers in 1948 and the Clarks in 1951, soon before the Parkers left for Japan.

Mr. Parker received his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1951 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. While studying there he served as pastor of Hibbit Baptist Church in Whitesboro. During his 1956-57 furlough he earned the Master of Theology degree from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Harriett Parker also attended Southwestern with her husband. Before their marriage she had taught school in Tennessee and was a 1947 summer missionary in Illinois under the Home Mission Board.

Now, with three boys and a girl in the Parker foreign missionary family and three girls in the Clark clan of the Congo, the cousins had finally met.

Patsy Nell Parker was born first, twelve years ago. Then came along her brothers: Franklin, now 11; John, 9; and Andrew, 7. All three boys arrived in Japan.

On the Clark ledger are entered Betty Sue, 10; Jeanne, 6; and Sylvia, 4—the younger sisters born in the Congo.

When they all got together at the Knoxville airport, undoubtedly the happiest of the Parker's twenty-five greeters was Mrs. George Hale, the mother of two missionary daughters and grandmother of seven "missionary kids."





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

#### Portrait of India

By Bradford Smith  
Lippincott, \$5.95

Observant and articulate, the author gives a firsthand account of experiences in India during his three years as director of the Quaker International Center in Delhi.

He and his wife traveled about the country, using the common modes of transportation and sampling various living conditions. They rode crowded buses, slept in dusty hotels, and stayed in farm homes without modern facilities. "The common life," the author observes, "is always more interesting than the tourist sights because it is unrehearsed, authentic." They visited, among others, Prime Minister Nehru, spiritual leader Vinoba, a fruit farmer, and a Tibetan refugee home.

Mr. Smith knows how to let the reader see through his eyes and experience life through his senses. Although sympathetic toward India, he writes objectively. Readers get a broad view of physical conditions and a keen insight into the government and economy. A final chapter discusses India and the United States.

This is an ideal book for mission study groups who want general background knowledge of India. It has an index and a two-page map.—G.G.

#### The Missionary Nature of the Church

By Johannes Blauw  
McGraw-Hill, \$3.95

Written at the request of the International Missionary Council and the World Council of Churches, the primary aim of this volume is to give a survey and appraisal of recent work in biblical theology affecting the nature and necessity of the church's mission to the world.

The author, secretary of the Netherlands Missionary Council, examines the biblical foundation and motivation of missions based on modern theological research. He faces the question of "why" in missions in light of the most important research of the last thirty years. He emphasizes that this is not intended to be a new biblical theology of missions but a critical survey.

The first three chapters make a study of the Old Testament, with its emphasis on universalism, mission, and messianic hope. The fourth chapter examines the interbiblical period. Two chapters relate universalism in the Old Testament to that

of the New Testament. The final chapter discusses a theology of missions.

Students will find a wealth of enlightening and constructive material here. Thirty-five pages of notes are rich source material.—J.M.W.

#### Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours?

By Roland Allen  
Eerdmans, \$1.65

The real worth of this book is seen in the fact that, although this is the sixth edition in forty years, there has been no necessity for updating. The author has been writing of missionary principles from the time he was an Anglican missionary in China from 1895 to 1903. He compels us to scrutinize our traditional approaches and programs in light of the remarkable way Paul carried on his work.

The chapters on financial support, training candidates, and authority and discipline contain some of his most devastating criticisms. Many of the problems he faced years ago still plague us today. If we read the book honestly we are forced to hold up to close biblical scrutiny many of our modern techniques and structures.

But, like many writers with deep convictions, Mr. Allen seems to tie up too neat a package, oversimplifying the changes and complexities brought about in nineteen centuries. It takes more than human wisdom to indicate with final accuracy what Paul's approach would be in this nuclear age.—E.S.W.

#### Drawn in Color

By Noni Jabavu  
St. Martin's Press, \$4.50

Intensely personal and honest, this book gives an account of an individual African's experiences and impressions of the differences between East and South Africa in their contact with westernization. The author, an editor and prominent television figure, is the daughter of a former professor of Latin and Bantu at Fort Hare Native University in Cape Province, Union of South Africa. She is the granddaughter of John Tengo Jabavu, who founded the first Bantu newspaper in South Africa. Her husband is Michael Cadbury Crossfield, a British film director.

One of the virtues of the book is that, although it deals only with parts of South Africa and Uganda, it helps highlight the

fact that Africa is not one country with a single, integrated people. There are many African peoples, and their ways of living, loving, and looking at their worlds are different.—I.G.

#### Burmese Family

By Mi Mi Khaing  
Indiana University Press, \$3.95

Here is a thorough treatment of everyday life in Burma in terms of experiences and observations of a well-educated and perceptive Burmese woman. It is the first American edition of an attractive, well-written book published in 1945.

The author succeeds unusually well in communicating the true feeling of Southeast Asian life and customs. She leads the reader to understand more of how the world looks from the viewpoint of another culture. Although Southern Baptists have no mission work in Burma, many of the customs and physical surroundings she describes would also apply in a general way to Thailand.

The habits and viewpoints she explains are those of a previous generation, except in rural areas, and modern life is changing many of them. Thus, we would not expect young people today to share entirely these social values, relationships, and customs.—W.C.

### REVIEWS IN BRIEF

**Christmas Chimes in Rhyme**, by Ralph W. Seager (*Judson*, \$2.50): poems for the holiday season, accompanied by line drawings in sepia—all beautifully done.—N.W.

**Everyday Religious Living**, by Joseph Fort Newton (*Abingdon*, 95 cents): an excellent devotional book containing sixty-five brief sermons, each preceded by a few words from the Bible.—G.G.

**In Sermons from the Psalms** (*Baker*, \$2.50), the third volume of the "Evangelical Pulpit Library" series, Calvin P. Swank, a retired Lutheran minister, offers meditations and devotionals based on the Psalms.—J.M.W.

**The Goodness of God**, by R. L. Middleton (*Broadman*, \$2.50): twenty-one messages revolving around the theme of God's faithfulness and goodness.—J.M.W.

**The Minister's Law Handbook**, by G. Stanley Joslin (*Channel*, \$4.95): an excellent book for ministers, explaining in clear, concise language the often complex basic laws of the land.—J.M.W.

**Money and the Church**, by Luther P. Powell (*Association*, \$3.75): ways the church has grappled with the problem of financing the Lord's work on earth; a volume that will serve as a handy reference, a corrective to false thinking, and a guide to a deeper understanding of the discipline of Christian giving.—J.M.W.

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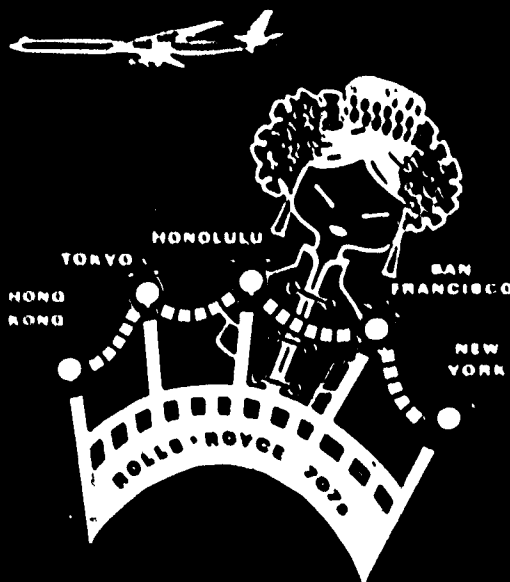


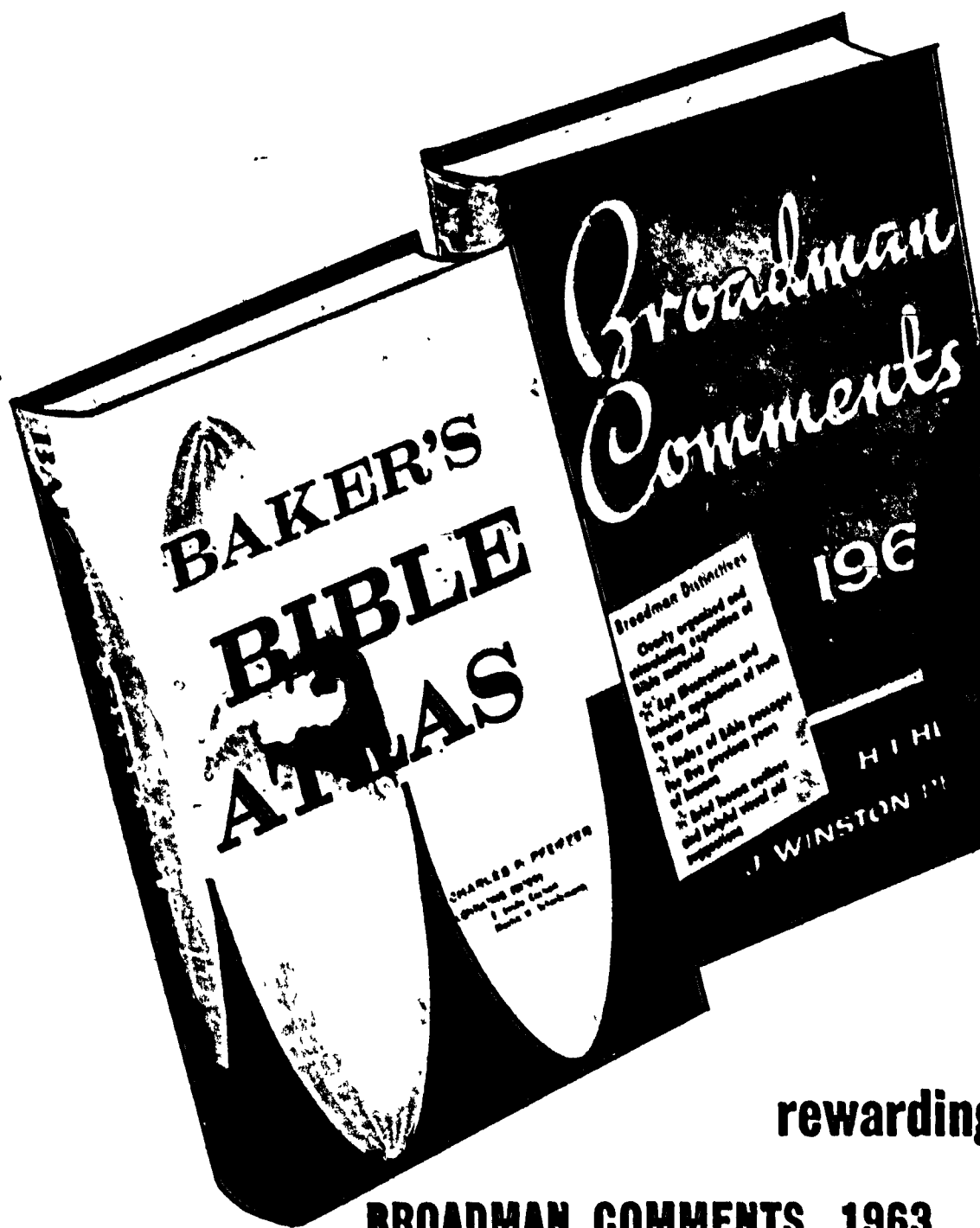
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