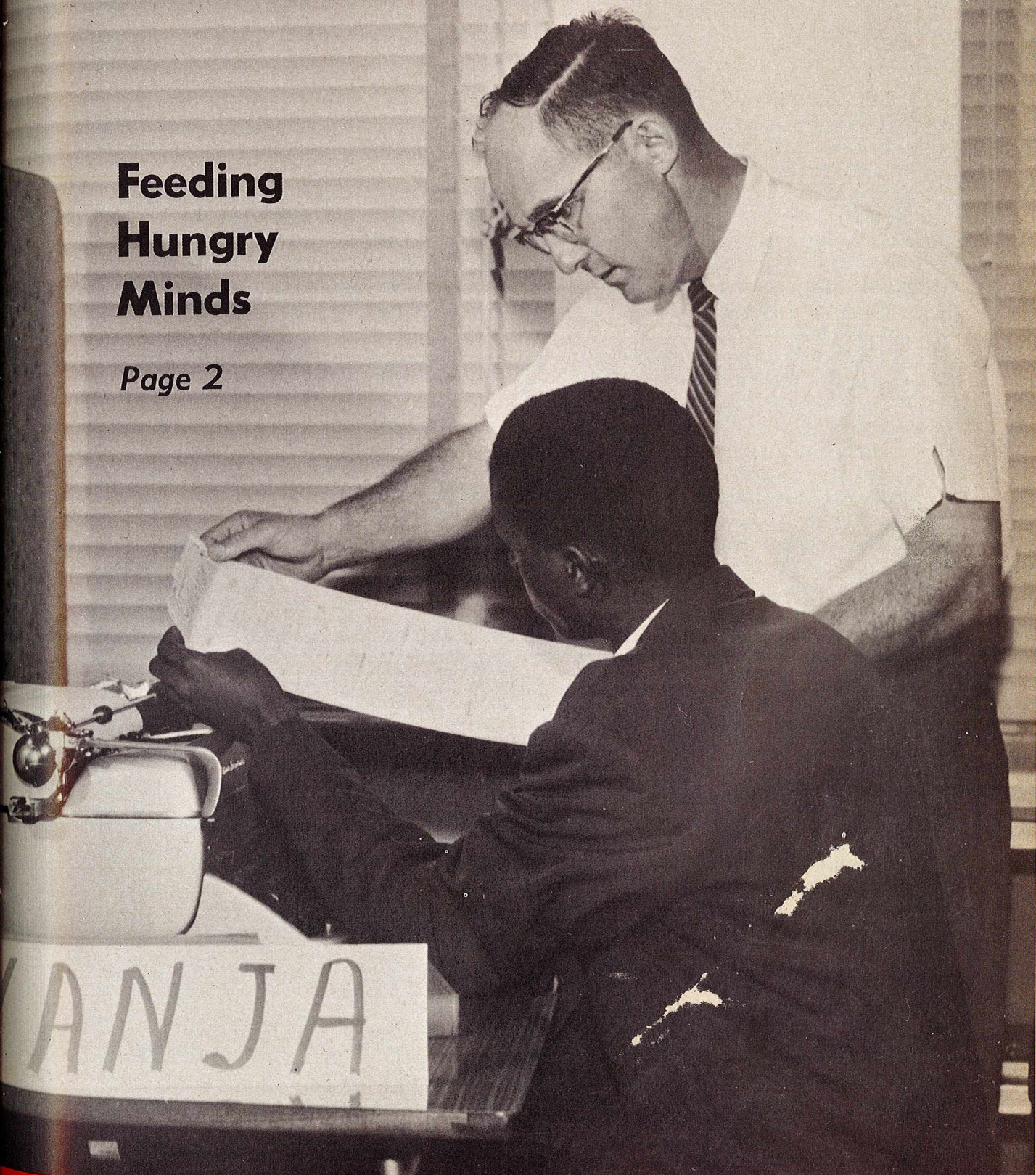


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# The Old, Old NEW Story

By EDWARD O. SANDERS

*Missionary field evangelist,  
Jogjakarta, Indonesia*

"TELL ME the old, old story Of Jesus and His love."

This song I have sung since childhood. And the story I have heard again and again, from the simple telling of it in the Sunbeams to the taxing exegesis of it in Greek at Southwestern Seminary.

I have preached the old, old story in outdoor country revivals and in big-city sanctuaries and have seen varied reactions. But on Easter Sunday last year, as I repeated these wonderful words of life, I witnessed the most heart-rending response.

I had met 17-year-old Nanie at the *pasar* (market place) and invited her to our Bible study class. When she came we noticed that everything was strange to her. On turning to the Scripture we quickly saw that she needed help in finding the place. She had never seen a Bible before.

As we related the story of God's love that had sent his son Jesus Christ to earth, she was obviously intrigued. When we asserted that Jesus never sinned but lived a perfect life, she was amazed. Hearing the story of his trial, death, and entombment, her face displayed in succeeding stages feelings of surprise, shock, and disappointment. Her eyes reflected sorrow.

But as we recounted the resurrection, her countenance possessed new life. She radiated the fact that she was deeply pleased. This was her first time to hear the old, old story. To Nanie it was new.

Within a few miles' radius of Jogjakarta there are more than two million prospects, such as Nanie, for the Christian faith. We Southern Baptists have just one couple to open evangelistic work in this area.

Before leaving that Sunday evening, Nanie expressed her response: "I want to believe."

And so will others if only they are told.





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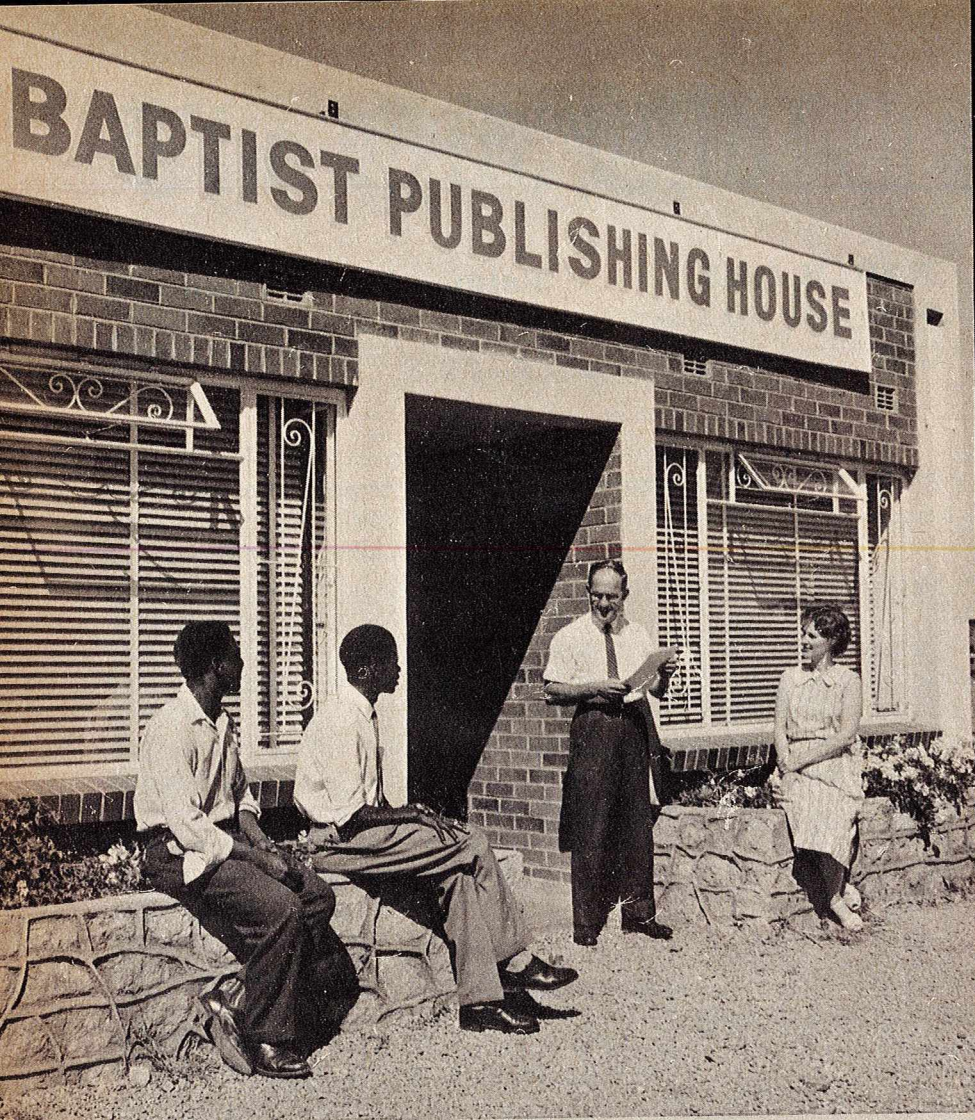
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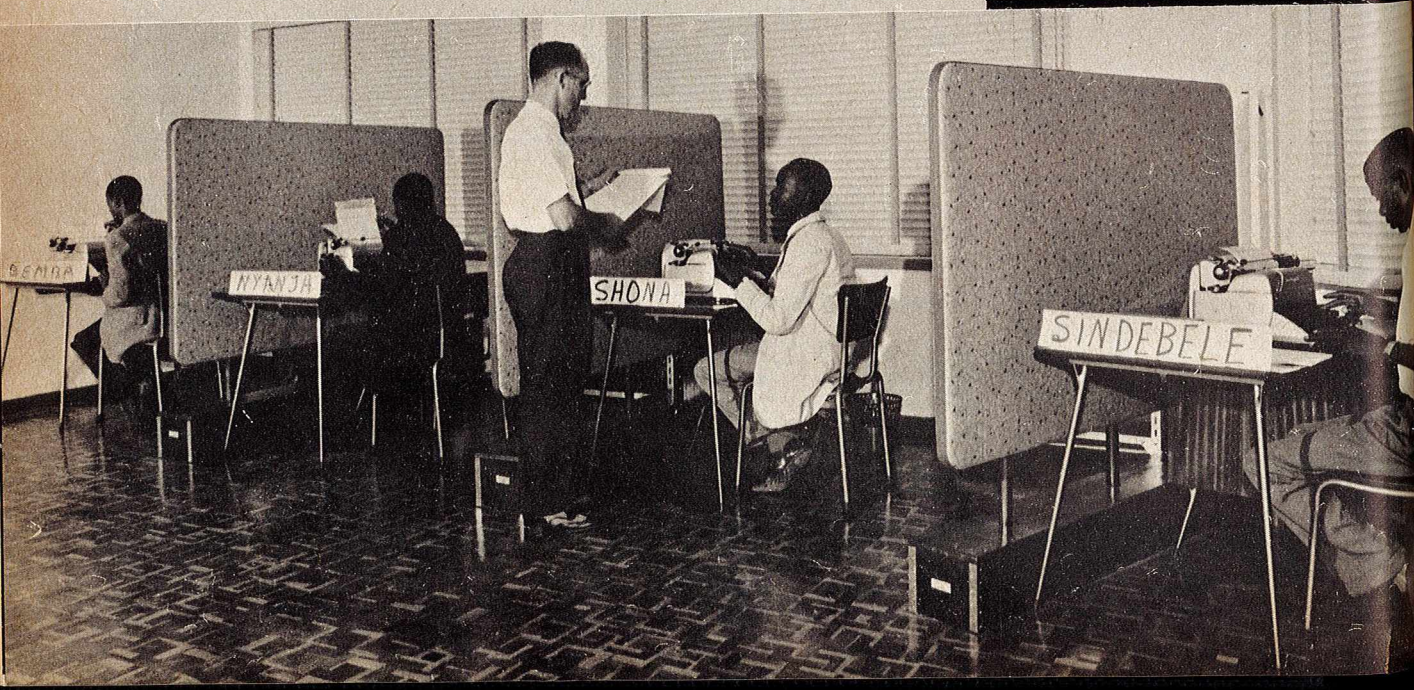
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*Above, Missionary Logan C. Atnip, Publishing House director, chats in front with his wife Virginia and national employees.*

*Below, Mr. Atnip checks a manuscript in Chishona as translators work with materials in four Central African languages.*



the written  
word . . .

# FEEDING HUNGRY MINDS

By **LOGAN C. ATNIP**  
Missionary in  
Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia

Photos by Gerald S. Harvey





Virginia Atnip discusses literature on display with a staff member.

**W**HAT IS SPOKEN often flees, but what is written remains.

This thought has caused us in Central Africa to intensify our efforts to put the words and works of Jesus, as well as all Christian teachings, into written form. The task of Christian

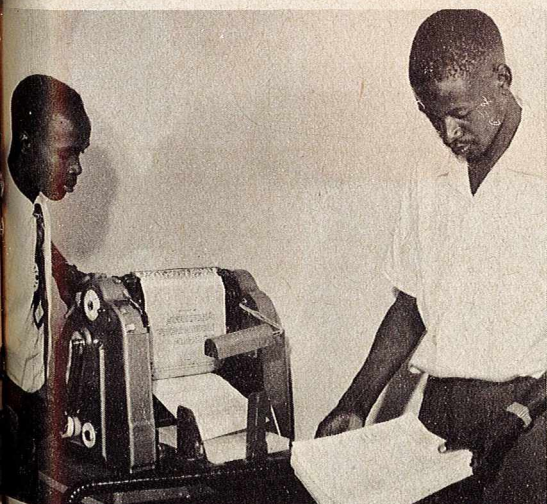
missions is to share these vital truths with the world.

In many places, however, the written word has gained entrance while its messenger has been denied access. William Carey, an early Baptist missionary to India, had much difficulty

in getting the people to hear his message of Jesus, but he was able to reach many through printed translations of the Bible.

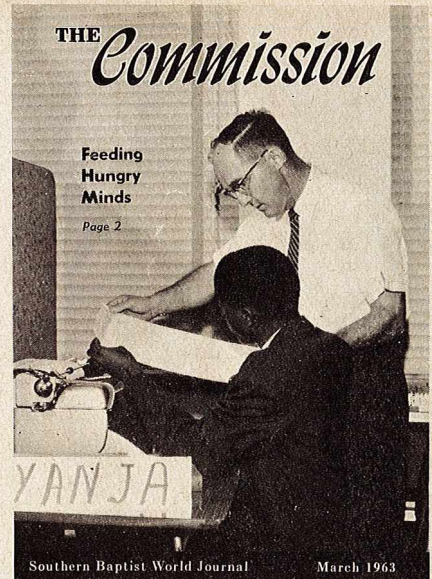
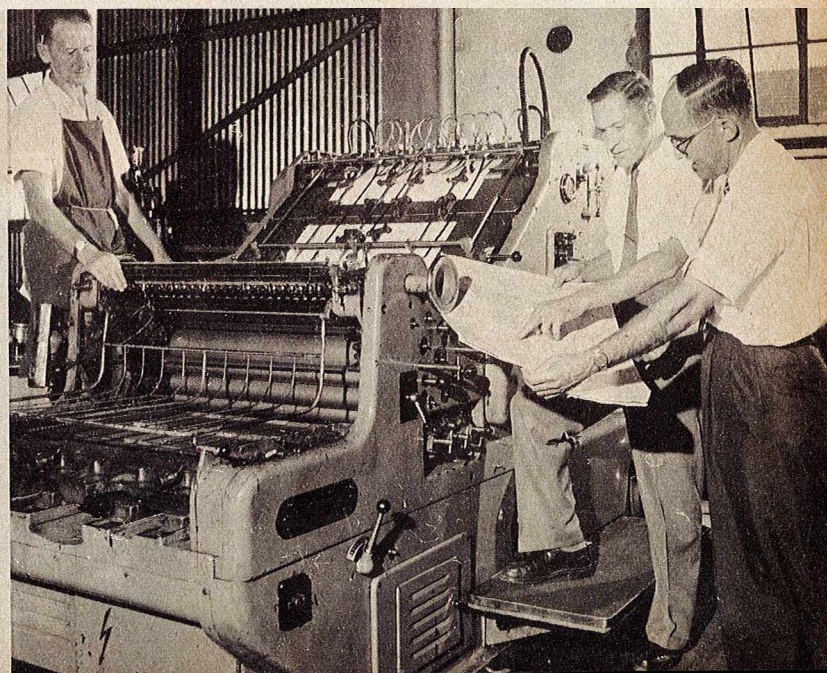
In Central Africa, as is true in many parts of the world, there is an increasing demand for education.

National employees produce some educational materials by mimeograph, while Missionary Atnip looks over proofs with printers of the Rhodesian Christian Press, a company owned and operated by European Baptist laymen.



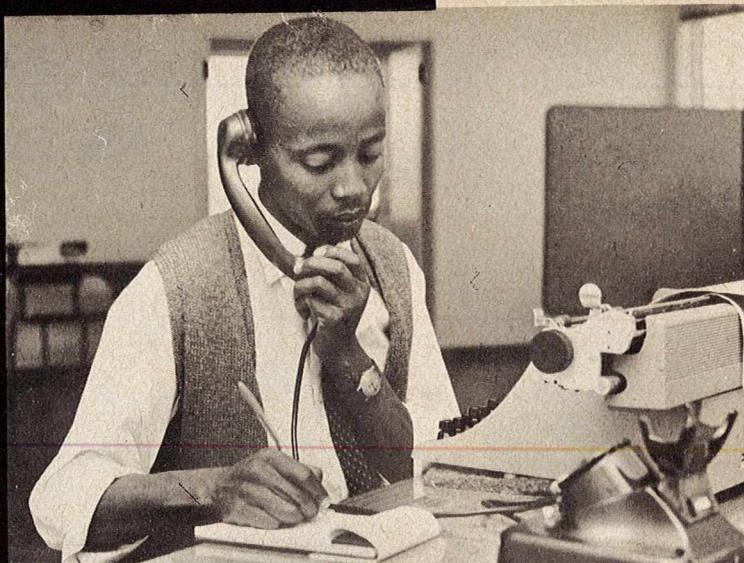
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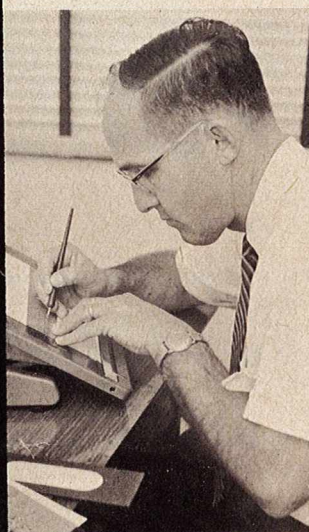
**THE COVER:** Southern Baptist missionaries and Central African national Christians work together in producing religious educational literature in five languages, including English, for Southern and Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Missionary Logan C. Atnip is pictured conferring with a translator.





*Above, a national staff member takes a literature order for the Baptist Publishing House.*

*Below, Missionary Virginia Atnip serves as a clerk, preparing orders, keeping accounts, and typing manuscripts.*



*Missionary Logan C. Atnip stencils in headings for literature produced by the mimeograph method.*



*Missionary Atnip writes a delivery order as a national employee packs literature (left) and others load a bicycle for local delivery in Bulawayo (at right).*

Children seeking admittance to the existing schools, with the help of their parents, think that this is the most important thing in life. When they don't get in, they cry for more schools to be built. We hope that in time the government will be able to provide adequate facilities.

Teaching a person how to read is important, but making sure he has the right kind of literature may be even more important. Many of the books and other printed materials coming into the hands of our African people are detrimental to their character and integrity. But, with their intense desire to read, they will take any kind they can get.

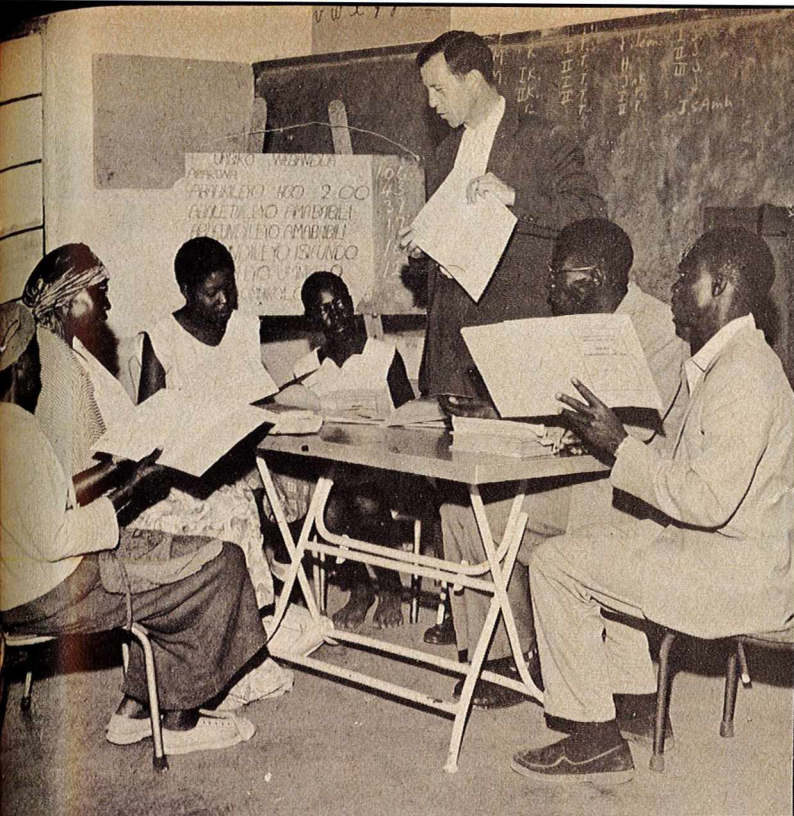
I have been thrilled to see some of the Christians reading their Bibles during their break time from work. And on one recent occasion, a missionary paid a man for some work he had done, at the same time giving him a gospel tract. The man immediately began reading it and seemed as happy receiving it as he did the money.

With such a challenge, we must not miss the opportunity of giving these people Christian literature to read. Training the mind of a person in order that he may better serve his people will not fulfil his greatest need unless he learns the teachings of Christ and Christian principles.

Our publication work would be much easier if we could take our excellent literature produced by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and have it translated into the various African languages for our churches. But it is not that simple. Much of the



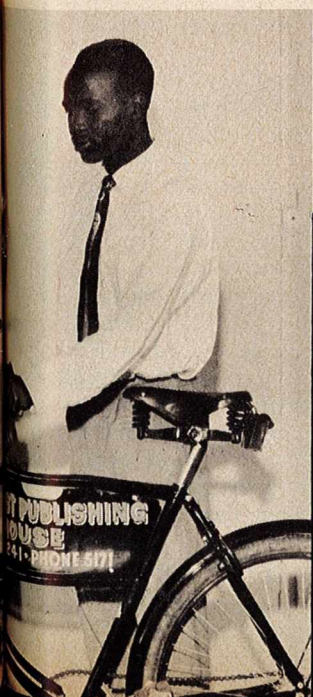




*Missionary Robert E. Beaty explains Sunday school record system to teachers and officers in Bulawayo.*

material is helpful to us, but it must be adapted to meet the experience and needs of the people here.

The Baptist Publishing House in Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, which we opened in November, 1960, translates and produces all the literature for Central Africa. Our scope of work includes lesson and program materials for Sunday schools, Woman's Missionary Societies, Girls' Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassadors, and Sunbeams, plus study course books, manuals, tracts, hymnbooks, and other items.



*At right, Missionary Virginia Atnip and a WMS member of Bethel Baptist Church in Bulawayo present Christian literature during a visitation trip in the church's area.*

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*A student at African Baptist Theological Seminary in Gwelo, Southern Rhodesia, views tracts printed in various languages.*



*A Royal Ambassador performs a mission project of reading Woman's Missionary Union literature to WMS members who are illiterate, in order that they may learn their program parts to present at their church in Southern Rhodesia.*







*Above left, Missionary Gerald S. Harvey distributes lesson leaflets to an open-air Sunday school class. Above right, Pastor Noah Sithole of Sanyati Baptist Church (when pictured) tells Royal Ambassadors of literature.*



*Above, Women's Missionary Union members discuss plans with Missionary "Ginny" Cannata.*

*Below, Dr. Wana Ann Fort crowns a Girls' Auxiliary Queen—a result of Baptist literature use.*



Our Literature Committee is made up of subcommittees responsible for planning the Sunday school curriculum and writing lessons for the age groups. At present we are preparing lessons and teachers' helps for Beginners, Juniors, Intermediates, and Adults, and we plan to add materials for the other age groups. We also have subcommittees for WMS, GA, RA, and Sunbeam programs and materials.

Our urban areas are made up of people from many tribes who have come to the cities seeking work, especially in Southern Rhodesia. Thus, different languages and dialects are spoken among them. They have strong tribal feelings and possess a deep sense of pride for their own language.

This means we must prepare our materials in several languages, especially those of the major groups. We are working with four such Central African tongues: Chishona and Sindebele for Southern Rhodesia, Chibemba for Northern Rhodesia, and Chinyanja for Nyasaland.

Of course, there is an overlapping, since many people from Nyasaland come to work in the cities and mines of Southern Rhodesia. In addition, we prepare everything in English for those who prefer it.

At present our printing is done by a local commercial and religious press owned and operated by some very fine European Baptist laymen, who do our work at below cost. Adequate

train and transport facilities make it possible to efficiently distribute the finished products to the three countries of Central Africa.

We have given permission to three other denominational groups to use our Sunday school literature. The South African Baptist Missionary Society, for example, is interested in using our Sunday school lesson materials in the African churches with which it works. We rejoice that this provides a greater outreach.

The goal of our program is only partially reached through preparing and distributing the literature. One big task remains: to help the churches realize the value of it and use it effectively in their teaching. We feel that this will come through training our leaders.

We believe that the changing conditions in Africa present an unprecedented opportunity to spread the gospel. Much of the progress in raising living standards will be conditioned upon increasing literacy among the people. This makes our work even more important as we attempt to help meet spiritual needs through the written word.

In many of the African languages very little writing has been done, especially of religious materials. Filling this vacuum presents a tremendous challenge to those of us engaged in preparing, distributing, and promoting Christian literature.



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The Margie Shumate Memorial Publication Building, with Calvary Baptist Church next door, receives finishing touches.

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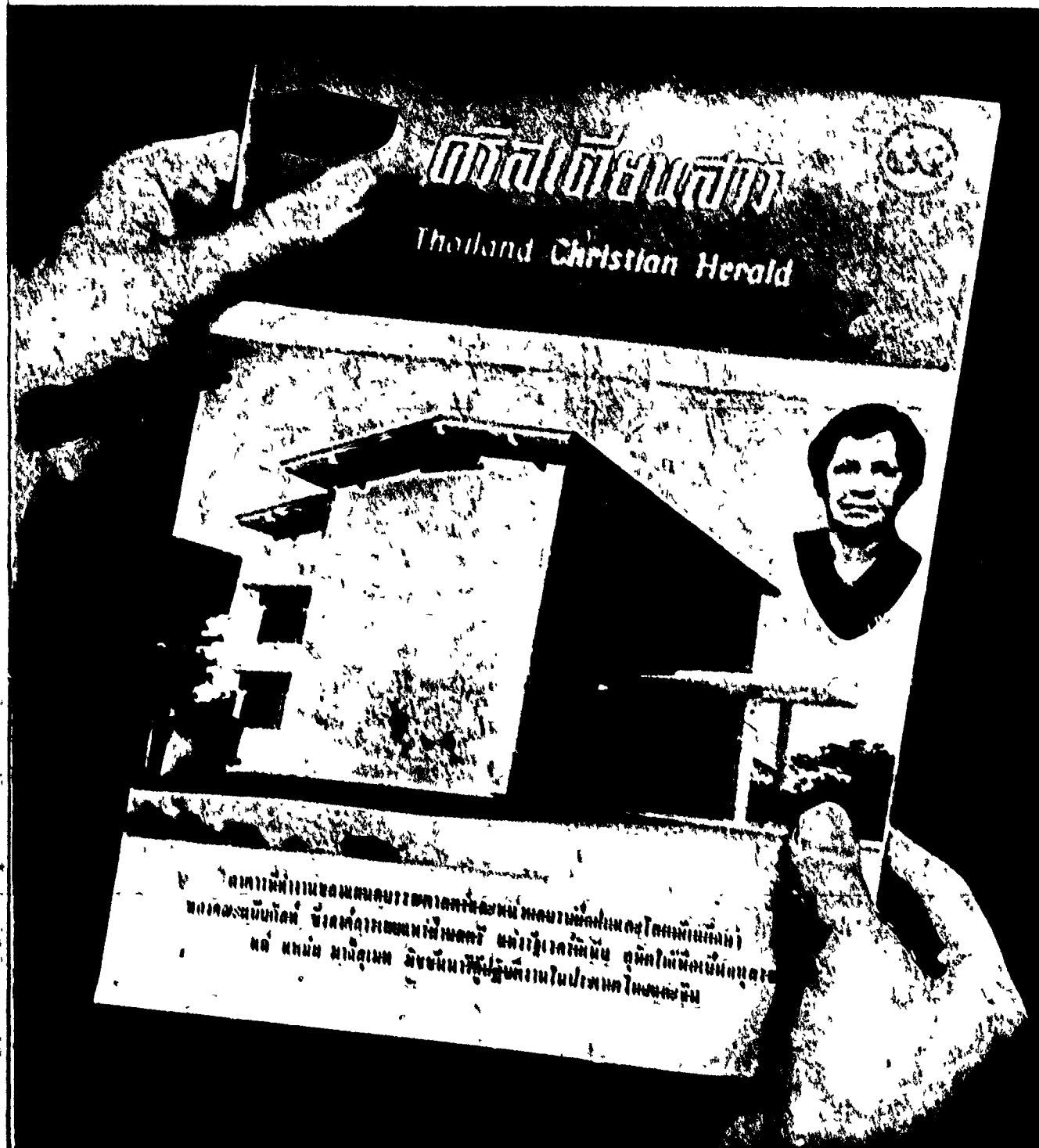
# for the Word of Life

By LOUIS E. McCALL

Missionary in  
Bangkok, Thailand



A recent issue of Thailand Christian Herald honors Miss Shumate.



**F**OR THE FIRST TIME in more than ten years of its existence, the publication work of the American Southern Baptist Mission in Thailand has a permanent home.

This enables better co-ordination. Heretofore, Sunday school officers were in one location and Training Union in another. Visual aids were relegated to a commercial studio because of inadequate facilities of our own. Now, with doors opening in radio and television and already wide open in rural areas for evangelistic use of Christian films, Thai Baptists are ready to take full advantage of opportunities.

The Baptists assembled January 26 in Bangkok to dedicate their new three-story publication building as a memorial to the late Miss Margie Shumate, for 37 years a missionary evangelist on mainland China and then to dispersed Chinese in Bangkok. It was made possible by the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, which several years ago had written to Missionary Mary Frances Gould, head of Baptist publication work in Thailand, about the possibility of such a memorial. The Virginia women then un-





*Missionary Mary Frances Gould confers with a national employee.*

dertook the project.

As soon as the Baptists of Thailand received the first funds, they set up a committee to seek a location for the Thailand Baptist Press and Visual Aids Department. At the same time, English-speaking Calvary Baptist Church was also looking for property. The two groups found a suitable piece of land and prorated the cost.

The Publication and Promotion Committee, of which Missionary Fanny Starnes is now chairman, then recommended a standing building committee. Missionaries Robert R. Stewart and J. Ralph Marshall, Jr., have been the chairmen, and it has been my privilege to work with this group.

The first floor of the building is used for Sunday school publication and promotion, which Miss Gould will direct when she returns soon from furlough. The second floor is for Training Union work, both publication and promotion (with myself in charge), and also for bookbinding and storage.

The third floor is a complete recording studio for radio and television and for dubbing in the Thai language magnetic sound tracks on motion picture film. Missionary Harold P. Reeves heads this work, and his associate is Rev. Direk Arayakosol, a 1962 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

My responsibility also includes visual aids work. My assistant, Mr. Bratuan Tannarat, has worked for the

Thai air force in photographic and sound production, and for several years he has led in preparing Christian films in the Thai language.

The printed word, however, is the most often-used method of spreading the gospel in Thailand. Tracts and booklets by the millions are produced by several Protestant missionary agencies with the help of their national leaders. However, not all of the materials produced are effective.

When one goes into a village with the gospel, either printed or spoken, it must be presented on a simple level. The printed message must meet a defi-



*Missionary Fanny Starnes inspects the new Publication Building.*

nite need in the lives of the farmers and fishermen, yet be attractive and well-written. In the centers of education, such as Bangkok, the literature must be geared to a student and business class of people. Thus, our job is not easy, for there is a vast difference between the language of the rural people, whose education is about equal to the fourth grade, and that of the educated, which is complicated, technical, and constantly changing.

To accomplish this double-edged task, we are constantly seeking the best of our national Christian leaders to write and translate, either full-time or part-time. This is a co-operative venture of the nationals and missionaries. Of course, not all nationals can write



*Missionary McCall reads theological diploma of Pastor Boonkrong.*

good tracts or books. Some may be excellent translators but lack ability to originate literature. Therefore, we must take care in selecting personnel.

The Lord has been good to Thai Baptists in providing several men and women who qualify in many respects for the work. Some of them have come into God's kingdom in unusual ways.

Mr. Boonkrong Pitakanon as a young man contracted a serious disease from which he thought he would never recover. During his lengthy treatment he came into contact with Christian medical doctors. As a result he became a Christian and dedicated himself to helping others who suffer with the same disease from which he had miraculously recovered. For a number of years he worked with a noted American doctor who specialized in treating Hansen's disease.

Later, having entered the ministry and with a background of several years of university and Bible school training, he became the assistant pastor of Chonburi Baptist Church. While serving there he has attended the Thailand Baptist Theological Center in Bangkok.

For several years Mr. Boonkrong had been doing translation work for various mission groups. While studying religious education it was found that he had natural ability in writing, and he later prepared a Training Union quarterly on the "Doctrine of the Church." As the churches began using it, positive reports came in.



Here, we discovered, was a national pastor who could contribute perhaps one or two books a year while serving one of our finest churches. Already he has written two other books, as well as a simple book based on the new Christian's manual. The potential of this dedicated Thai pastor is practically unlimited.

Miss Seewebun Japanon went some years ago as a young lady to the United States to work on her master's degree in education at the expense of the Thai Government. En route home she visited Hawaii. At the insistence of a friend she attended a worship service



*Miss Natee Sangsao, a graduate of Thammasart University in social work, teaches song to group of Chinese children at New Hope Baptist Church.*



*Miss Seewebun, with Pastor Daniel Chen, makes an announcement.*

at Nuuanu Baptist Church. That morning her life was influenced for Christ.

A short time later she took up her assignment at the teachers' college near Chonburi. In a few weeks she sought the resident missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Hill. Under their kind leadership she became a Christian and found her place in Chonburi Baptist Church.

Miss Seewebun then was stricken with cancer. During her illness she decided to give the remaining years of her life in service to Christ. She is now a leader in her church.

Moreover, she has unquestionable ability in writing and translating. Many people are "yes, yes" employees to their superiors, but this is not so with

Miss Seewebun. As she translates or checks material already translated, she may tactfully suggest that it is not yet clear and gently insist that it be rewritten more simply.

Her academic training, Christian experience, and intense interest in putting the message of Christ into good Thai make her an extremely valuable asset to our Baptist publications. She may never work full-time for our office, but she takes work home with her to edit and translate.

Our publication department is making plans for materials in the area of personal and social ethics. Miss Natee Sangsao, a graduate of Thammasart University with a degree in social work, was added to our staff last year to help in this aspect.

Her background makes one marvel at what the grace of God can accomplish in the heart of one who truly seeks him. Her childhood and adolescent years were filled with nervous trouble and mental breakdown. While a student at Thammasart, however, she began studying English at the Baptist Student Center. She also periodically attended worship services at one of the nearby Baptist churches. Pastor S. Judson Lennon slowly led her into an acceptance of Christ.

Miss Natee was reluctant to become a baptized member of the church, as she feared this would hinder her opportunity to become a social worker. But, her faith was strong enough for

her to believe that God could open any door. As she prayed for his leading, the opportunity came for her to work with one of the Chinese churches and in the area of Training Union publications.

She lacks practical experience, yet she has the educational background and the potential to help meet not only the spiritual needs but also the social needs of persons who come to know Christ through our churches. In every area of Thai life—political, academic, and religious — people are becoming more conscious of the need for a more clearly defined personal and social ethic. Juvenile delinquency is rampant, and the entire nation needs guidance morally and spiritually.

Many are skeptical about the value of distributing the printed word on a large scale. But, if only one soul comes to Christ out of a hundred thousand tracts distributed, surely there is rejoicing in heaven. In the early years of Baptist work in Thailand, tract distribution was one of the primary means of making contacts.

One day Missionary J. Glenn Morris stood in front of Grace Baptist Church, at its old location. He smiled and handed to persons passing by a tract in Thai or Chinese. One young man took a tract and read it. As a result he came to church. Today Mr. Monkorn is a deacon of Immanuel Baptist Church and is employed by the United States Overseas Mission. His





*Left, members of Immanuel Baptist Church related to publication work are (l. to r.) Mr. Monkorn, Pastor Thord, and Mr. Chun.*

*Right, Mrs. McCall and Mrs. Sonchao, an employee of 10 years, mimeograph Training Union Junior materials.*



Christian life is a testimony to the power of the gospel, first presented to him in printed form.

One of our pastors, Daniel Chen, perhaps distributes more tracts than any other pastor. And, his regular preaching tours in markets and small towns stimulate the growth of his congregation at Tiger Road Chapel of Grace Church.

One day Brother Daniel handed a Chinese man a gospel portion. A few hours later the man came to him and said, "You saved my life. When you handed me that booklet I was determined to kill myself. When I read the message of Christ I decided that I had something to live for after all."

God has promised that his Word will not come back void. Yet, to accomplish the maximum with printed materials, much planning and praying must be done, hand in hand with national leaders. May God send the light of his gospel to shine in the hearts of millions darkened by sin. May he use us and our co-laborers in accomplishing this eternal purpose.

God did so in the life of Margie Shumate, who left an indelible impression on the hearts of Christians wherever she sent. She believed in living in constant contact with the nationals. Coming to Bangkok in 1951, she made her home in rooms above the chapel building on Beancurd Alley, where she ministered to the Swatow-speaking Chinese. Her living room was also the classroom and game room for hundreds of young people.

Early each morning Miss Margie gathered her students about her to teach them Edersheim's Bible story book before they went to work. In the early afternoon she taught the elements of music, and several potential musicians got their start under her loving direction. It was my pleasure recently to baptize a 16-year-old girl whose first

contact with the gospel was at her piano keyboard and in her English classroom.

In 1953 Miss Margie began work in a new chapel on Songward Road, which she named New Hope. Again she made her home on the second floor. The chapel soon grew into New Hope Baptist Church, and Missionary Deaver M. Lawton came as pastor, with Miss Margie continuing as the English and music teacher and mother to the flock.

Under the able leadership of these fine missionaries, several ministerial students have come from the ranks of the Christians. The church once had three students in the Baptist seminary at the same time, and today it has two. No church has consistently sent as many students to the seminary as has New Hope. This is a tribute to the work of Miss Margie and her co-workers, the Lawtons, who now serve in Taiwan.

MORRIS WRIGHT, JR.



*University students are attracted by literature both in English and Thai at the reading room of the Baptist Student Center in Bangkok.*

*The late Missionary Margie Shumate teaches her English class in an upstairs room of the New Hope mission on Beancurd Alley.*

MORRIS WRIGHT, JR.





As I visit through the Chinese sections of Bangkok I find that Miss Margie, though she died in 1958, lives on. Casual acquaintances remember her as "that fine old lady." Others remember that she helped them financially when they were in desperate need (even to the point of giving the last of her missionary salary well before the end of the month). Still others remember her infinite patience at the piano or in the classroom. Others remember her radiant spirit and deep prayer life.

At the dedication service of the Margie Shumate Memorial Publication Building, honored guests were members of New Hope Baptist Church, which I now am honored to serve as pastor. Among them was an aged Chinese lady with a smile similar to Miss Margie's. There was a reason for this: For years she had been the cook and laundry lady for Miss Margie. However, she had refused to become a Christian, but shortly after Miss Margie had returned to the United States in 1957 she accepted Christ—primarily because of her former employer's witness. Today she is the senior member of New Hope Church.

Yes, Miss Margie does live on. A permanent memorial plaque in the Publication Building assures this. The many lives she has influenced for Christ guarantees it. The loving gift of Baptists in America make it a certainty.

Thanks be to God for men and women who are willing to serve their fellow men in such a way that they never die.

*Miss Starns watches unveiling of memorial plaque by a former piano pupil of Miss Shumate and a former helper and companion of the late missionary.*



March 1963

## IN MEMORIAM



**Susy Braxton Taylor  
Whittinghill**

Born Staunton, Virginia  
October 24, 1872

Died Mamaroneck, New York  
December 22, 1962

**S**USY TAYLOR WHITTINGHILL, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Boardman Taylor, pioneer Southern Baptist missionaries to Italy, served as a missionary in that nation for 33 years with her husband, Dexter G. Whittinghill. She was a granddaughter of James B. Taylor, first corresponding (executive) secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and sister of George Braxton Taylor, founder of the Sunbeam Band.

Taken to Italy a few months after birth by her parents at their beginning of missionary service, her mother died when she was 11. Soon afterward, she was baptized in Rome by her father.

She received her early education at the Anglo-Romano School and at the age of 17 studied first aid. After graduation in 1893 from nurse's training in Richmond, Va., she did private nursing in Virginia and subsequently in Rome, where she devoted her mornings to treating patients free of charge at a dispensary in a poor section of the city.

In 1905 at Berne, Switzerland, Miss Taylor married Dr. Whittinghill, who had gone to Italy as a missionary in 1901, and received her appointment soon afterward. Her husband had founded and was directing the Baptist Theological Training School in Rome and, in 1904, had succeeded her father as superintendent of Southern Baptist mission work in Italy.

Until the couple's retirement in 1938, Dr. Whittinghill continued in these posts along with other responsibilities. Included among them was the direction of the Italian Baptist orphanage, named in honor of Dr. Taylor, who died in 1907. Through the years Mrs. Whittinghill assisted him with the orphanage and in educational and evangelistic work in Rome and nearby country districts.

Dr. Whittinghill was succeeded as Italian Baptist Mission director by W. Dewey Moore, and the couple remained in Italy another year until 1939, doing literary work. In retirement they lived in Virginia and New York. During the latter part of World War II they served on the National Committee for Italian Relief. After her husband's death in 1956, Mrs. Whittinghill lived in a nursing home at Mamaroneck, N.Y., where she died.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Norman Kent, of Mamaroneck; two sons: George D. Whittinghill, the American consul-general in Rome, and Robert B. Whittinghill, a political attaché with the American Embassy in Rome; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



# WHY MISSIONS?

By HUGO H. CULPEPPER

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**T**HE WORLD CRISIS through which we are living is emphasized dramatically by Norman Cousins when he says, "Civilization is hanging by a thread; neither the East nor the West can back down."

Under the constant pressure of news reports today the minds of men are confused and their spirits often depressed. It is not surprising that some students are describing this age as the "post-Christian era."

In the context of this setting, a vital Christian apologetic is desperately needed. Christians must be able to "give a reason for the faith that is in them" in terms that are meaningful and relevant to men who are products of a secular culture. But prior to framing an apologetic, Christians often need to reconsider the basis of their faith.

## **Bible Tells Story of God's Purpose**

When seen through "eyes of faith" by those who have experienced the grace of God in redemption, the Bible can give direction to life. It tells the story of God's redeeming activity. It brings one to see that God has an intention or purpose which he is achieving in history. Christians are called to be "workers together with God" in the realization of *his* purpose. An understanding of God's purpose of the ages pushes back the horizon and lends perspective. Regardless of the rapidly developing crises, life becomes stabilized in terms of a cosmic sense of direction. But how does one come to such an understanding?

The best starting point is the prologue to the Gospel of John (1:1-18). The Word of God—the cosmic Christ, who was with God in the beginning, who was the agent of God in creation—came into his own created order. He was the first cosmic missionary. His own creatures did not receive him, but the darkness was not able to overcome the light even though it did not understand it. The Word gave men power to become the children of God. This missionary became involved in men's predicament; he really did become flesh! Fully human as he was, he revealed the glory of God in that he manifested God's true character—who he is and what he is like. No one has ever seen God, but this unique missionary has interpreted him.

Jesus of Nazareth found in his Bible (our Old Testament) the missionary movement as God's redeeming activity. It helped bring him to see himself in relation to it. On the day of his resurrection, Jesus indicated to those with whom he walked on the Emmaus road (Luke 24:25-27) and to the eleven in the upper room (Luke 24:44-47) that his death and resurrection and the gospel (based on his atonement) for all the nations was in keeping with what he had found in all three parts of his Bible: the law of Moses, the prophets, and the writings. He seems to have traced for the disciples the movement of God in redeeming activi-

ty through the Old Testament passages.

The early Christian community was slow to understand its real nature in relation to this missionary movement. Paul the apostle eventually was given the clearest insight into God's purpose. In Ephesians 3:1-13 he gives a brief testimony based on this insight. Verses 2 through 13 are a parenthetical explanation of the basis of a prayer he was about to express for his readers in Asia Minor.

He points them to the stewardship of the grace of God which had been given him on its way to them. By a process of revealing there was made known to him the open secret that the nations were fellow-heirs and of the same body and joint partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. All of this was in keeping with "the purpose of the ages which God made in Christ Jesus our Lord" (v. 11). The fact that God has such a purpose centering in Christ is Paul's revolutionizing insight.

What are the general trends of God's mighty deeds in history as he has worked toward achieving his "purpose of the ages"? One can imagine to be following Jesus (Luke 24:25-27) in tracing God's redemptive activity through the Old Testament.

Some 2,000 years before Christ, the sovereign God of history took his first great step in redeeming activity by calling Abram from Ur of the Chaldees to go to a land that he knew not (Genesis 12:1-3). God promised to bless Abram and make of him a great nation but, in the same breath, required of him that he *be* a blessing. Blessing and responsibility are always together in God's fellowship with man for the realization of his eternal purpose.

## **God Calls Man as Redemptive Agent**

Several centuries later, when God was ready for his second great step, he appeared to Moses, who was keeping the flock of his father-in-law (Exodus 3:1-10). God told Moses that he had heard the Hebrew people's cry in Egypt and had come down to deliver them (vv. 7-8). God takes the initiative in man's redemption. But he calls on man as his agent in redemptive activity: "Come . . . I will send thee" (v. 10).

After crossing the Red Sea, Moses led the people south into the wilderness of Sinai. Then God called him up into a mountain to give him a message (Exodus 19:3-6). He emphasized that the people must come to know himself as their God, for he had brought them to himself. He could have chosen another people, since all the earth was his. But he chose them! Through their knowledge of him, they were to be qualified to become a priest-nation. That is, as they lived among the nations of the earth they were to share their knowledge of God and bring the nations to come to him as their own God.



In keeping with this election of Israel for redemptive activity, God formed a covenant with them (Exodus 20:22 to 23:33; cf. 24:7). There were to be privileges and responsibilities on both sides: God could expect faithful, obedient co-operation from Israel in his missionary movement, and he had obligated himself to guide them. In other words, Israel could expect God to care for them as their God, meeting their needs in keeping with his purpose; Israel was obligated to obedient self-giving in the realization of his purpose. For many centuries God patiently worked with an unfaithful Israel in an effort to work through them for all men. Eventually they were delivered to the hands of their enemies and taken captive.

## Isaiah Shows Man as Servant to Nations

In the Suffering Servant passages of Isaiah, God's universal outreach is evident. He speaks of his servant bringing justice to the nations and of the islands (afar) waiting for his law (42:1-4). He promises to give his servant as a light to the nations, that he may be God's salvation to the ends of the earth (49:1-6). The servant expresses confident poise amid crisis, for God is with him in giving himself to his mission (50:4-9).

Finally, in the fourth and climactic passage of Isaiah, four aspects of the mission of the servant (by now, clearly messianic in a personal sense) are emphasized: *vocation* (52:13, "my servant"); *witness* (53:1, "message"); *suffering*, in realizing the mission (53:3a and 5b); and *blessing* of many through the Messiah (53:11b). These continue to be characteristics of dedicated missionaries.

In this same period of captivity, during the Babylonian exile in the sixth century B.C., the prophet Isaiah expresses the climax of the Old Testament understanding of God's eternal purpose (66:18-24). God looks toward the time when all nations will come together and see him as he is in himself, his revealed glory. From among the nations he will send missionaries to other nations to declare his likeness (his glory).

Then he speaks of "the new heavens and the new earth" (v. 22), which he will make, as remaining before him. This is to suggest that God is a master-craftsman with his "blueprint of the ages" spread out before him. He intends to achieve his purpose. Indeed, "all flesh shall come to worship" before him, but not all shall accept him. Therefore, those people who reject God shall be cast upon "the trash-heap of the nations." To repudiate the call of God is to bring judgment upon oneself.

From the faithful-Israelites in captivity a remnant was restored to Jerusalem. From it the Messiah eventually came. What was to be his relation to God's redemptive activity through 2,000 years before his coming?

In the words of Jesus to John the Baptist at the time of his own baptism, we find a clue which helps us answer this question. When John was reluctant to baptize him, Jesus replied, "Permit it; thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). Usually the word translated here as righteousness is understood to mean a moral attribute of character, either of God or man, depending upon the context. But this is a derived and secondary sense

of the word. As illustrated by its use in Romans 1:17, its primary sense is "redeeming activity." Paul was saying, "I am not disappointed in the gospel. It is the power of God unto salvation. . . . A redeeming activity of God is being revealed in it [i.e. the gospel]."

The Jews longed for God to "do something" for their vindication. They looked forward to the Day of the Lord with hope. In Christ, God did his supreme and unique redeeming act. Jesus had no desire to "start from scratch" on a new basis in realizing his redemptive mission; he went to John for baptism to thus relate himself to God's movement of redemption at its growing edge, with a view to carrying it on toward completion.

This was not to be done without full commitment, and at times the resultant agonizing struggle, by Jesus. When the Greeks came requesting to see him, he revealed his dedication to his missionary vocation (John 12:20-28). He enunciated his guiding principle in life, which must also guide the life of any true disciple: "A grain of wheat falling into the earth, if it does not die, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (v. 24).

Soon Jesus was at the moment of existential choice. He faced two possible ways of life: self-preservation or self-sacrifice. Should he save himself? No, it was for self-sacrifice that he had come to this hour. He was about to do all that was necessary in death on the cross to clear the way between man and God.

Then, in victory, he said, "Father, glorify your name" (v. 28); that is, "Reveal yourself through me, that men may come to know you as you are." This was the goal of his life: to live for the glory of God, in the sense of making God known to men. For this he had come into the world; he had become the cosmic missionary. That is, the cosmic Christ had become flesh to lead men to know God.

No one has ever seen God (John 1:18a). But he who has seen Jesus has seen the Father (John 14:9). Jesus has interpreted him (John 1:18b). No one comes to the Father except through Jesus (John 14:6). The disciples of Jesus are witnesses of "these things," that is, God's mighty deed of redemption in Jesus (Luke 24:48). Just as the Father sent him, even so Jesus sends his disciples (John 20:21). They, too, are to live for the glory of God to reveal him to men. The unique God-man, having made atonement, passed his mission on to his disciples for them to carry it on toward completion.

## Jesus Gives Great Commission To Witness

Finally, Jesus gave his disciples what we have come to call the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). Because all authority was given to him, he could give the one imperative command to make disciples of the nations. (The going, baptizing, and teaching are circumstantial participles and secondary to the one imperative). And he could promise to be with his disciples as they fulfilled their mission, until the end of the age.

The disciples were to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to be witnesses (Luke 24:48-49; John 20:21-22; Acts 1:4).

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# EPISTLES

FROM TODAY'S APOSTLES AROUND THE WORLD



**Travis S. Berry**  
*Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil*

## Brazil Baptist Work Grows Despite Political Turmoil

**EVERYTHING** we do as missionaries is influenced by this nation's political climate. Brazil has been going from one political crisis to another since August of 1961, when the president renounced his office.

Since coming back from furlough last summer we have seen the country pass through two acute series of crises. It seems likely that the time from now until June will be critical in determining Brazil's future. We have been impressed with the openness and aggressiveness of the Communist effort. Reports of disturbances, extreme propaganda, anti-American statements, rumors of revolution, and articles about armed attacks on isolated areas appear in the daily newspapers. Reaction to them is also a part of the political scene. In addition, hyperinflation afflicts Brazil, bringing heartbreaking hunger and desperation to many.

In spite of all this, the people of Brazil still respond marvelously to the gospel of Christ. Our work is growing rapidly and firmly. We now have more than 1,600 churches in Brazil, which are making real progress toward self-support despite financial difficulties. The national co-operative program also receives stronger support every month. We have 149 churches in our state of Pernambuco, and several others are expected to be organized during the year.

This mission field is one of the most responsive in the world. Approximately half the baptisms registered in all our Baptist work around the world take place here. And Brazil is strategic for mission work, since it is the largest country in South America. Surely everything possible needs to be done to work "while it is yet day."



**Dorothy (Mrs. Jasper L.) McPhail**  
*Vellore, India*

## Witness With Literature Opened by Nurse's Illness

**JASPER AND I** are studying the Tamil language as much as possible. There is little time for study as he is working full time in surgery and I have been doing part-time work in pediatrics. Mastery of the language is important because we cannot share the good news of Christ in the way we desire until we can speak to the common man. Meanwhile, we use what opportunities we have to

witness in the language we know. Our students, doctors, nurses, and some patients speak English.

Recently, one of the Hindu nurses was ill in the hospital with typhoid. She was lonesome, as most of her friends were afraid to visit her in the isolation room. We took this opportunity to visit and take her Christian magazines to read during the long hours in bed. She is of the highest Hindu caste, the Brahmins, who are cultured and highly respected. Few Brahmins are ever won.

How we desire that she will come to Christ! She was most appreciative of our visit, and she read the materials we brought. Now she has gone home for convalescence. Will you pray with us that the Holy Spirit will work in her heart through the printed page, that she may know the joy of fellowship with Christ?

We are not dealing with people who have never heard of Christ. Some have read the Bible, but they do not believe in Jesus as their personal Saviour. Our job is not just to tell people about him but to show his love. "I will shew thee my faith by my works" (James 2:18).



**Wyatt W. Lee**  
*Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico*

## Widow's Faith Contrasts With Burdens, Opposition

**WE ARE CONTINUALLY** amazed at the devotion and faith of some of the Mexican Christians. In Manzanillo an elderly couple lived in a little grass hut on top of a small mountain—quite a climb for even a young person—about two miles from the church. Twice on Sundays and on Wednesday and Friday nights they came down to attend church services. Recently the man died. The lady then sold her house for about \$32, took her few possessions, and moved into a back room of the church. To see her you would never know she has a care in the world; she is always praising the Lord.

We have realized the great need for the gospel in Mexico, but my wife Beth's nursing at Baptist Hospital in Guadalajara has made the burden even greater as patient after patient comes in loaded with medals, rosaries, crucifixes, and pictures of many sizes of all kinds of saints. How our hearts cry out to tell them of the simple plan of salvation, leaving all in the hands of God! We earnestly seek every opportunity to sow a seed here and there when the way is opened. Patients and visitors often take tracts from a rack and read them. Many return them, however, and we never know what fruit will be brought forth. Some through curiosity look through or read a bit of the New Testament placed in each bedside table.

WORK BEGAN in a place called Santa Catarina when



a baker opened his home for services. Last year our daughter Patsy helped two summer workers in a Vacation Bible school there and was initiated into mission work. The second day a mob, mostly women, appeared in front of the house, demanding that the visiting leaders leave town. The baker went out to try to calm them down and got his shirt torn off.

The workers did leave, but that night one of them went back and had a Bible class with a group of men who had shown interest in knowing more. Two days later Patsy also went back and worked with the children without being molested. Since then a few rocks have been thrown at the missionary's car, but the gospel continues to be preached and taught.



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

### **Much-Traveled RA Letter Turns Low Spirits to Joy**

AS I RETURNED home after my night class at the Baptist student center I was feeling keenly my inadequacy in dealing with the 200 non-Christians attending classes each week. And I was depressed over lack of progress in the Japanese language, which I need for effective spiritual counseling.

When I reached into my mailbox, I found a letter completely covered with characters and stickers indicating that it had made the rounds. Mailed five months earlier with a four-cent stamp, the letter was addressed "Josephine Randall, Tokyo, Japan." I was impressed that I had become so famous it was delivered!

This is what I found written in nine-year-old, boyish handwriting on a school tablet:

**Dear Miss Randall,**

**I would like to give you mine and everyone else's sincere thanks for your work there in Japan. We will pray for you!!**

**Sincerely,**

**The C. D. Tipps Chapter of R.A.  
Houston, Texas**

**P.S. I hope that you have much luck with those 350,000 college students in Tokyo who are not Christians.**

**David Mitchum**

It appears coincidental that this letter came just when I needed the encouragement it brought. But those of us in missionary service find in such experiences the assurance that God is with us in Japan, working out his will, and that you at home are helping through your prayers to supply the power we need.



**Frances E. Roberts**  
*Buenos Aires, Argentina*

### **Dead Christ Is Worshiped In Catholic Lands on Easter**

AS EASTER approaches, I think of how different Easter is in Catholic-dominated countries from that in the United States. In the Southern Hemisphere, Easter comes in the fall. The people worship a dead Christ. There are many religious processions of people seeking peace of soul but not finding it. We see many little girls, dressed as brides, going into the Catholic churches on Easter for their first communion. Our Baptist churches have special services during this season, as many unconverted people think more of spiritual matters.



**Pauline (Mrs. John Allen) Moore**  
*Thalwil, Switzerland*

### **Baptists Behind Curtain Suffer More Persecution**

WE RECEIVED news recently from behind the Iron Curtain via a Baptist couple from northern Europe who visited a Communist country for several weeks last summer. They took with them Bibles, New Testaments, and other Christian literature in the language used there.

The travelers wrote that the Christians were grateful for the gifts. They attend churches without Bibles, and they hoped that if one or two Bibles could be sent in a parcel now and then, they would be able to receive them.

The Christians have a difficult time, even terrifying, and it's getting worse. They have only one class in the seminary, with nine students. A new law forbids changing from one denomination to another, which makes evangelism practically impossible. Many persons would like to be baptized, but it is hard to get permission from the ministry of cults.

At one place 70 persons wanted to be baptized, but the minister of cults said, "It is too many. Forty are enough." And the members were thankful for that. Because they wanted to have one large baptismal service, the local authorities came to check the list of candidates. When the day of baptism arrived only seven were permitted to be baptized.

The Orthodox Church still seems to be behind the state in making things difficult, especially for the Baptists, who are a power with their 85,000 members. During the last two years the Baptists had to reorganize their union (convention) and lost 700 churches through consolidation of churches in the same towns and areas. In the capital, for instance, there were 14 churches, six having buildings. Now only those six remain, with 1,850 members in the large city. And it is impossible to belong to a Baptist church and be a doctor, nurse, engineer, teacher, or in other professions.

From another Communist country comes word that two Baptists were fined for an article in their Baptist publication. Since the fine is so large that they cannot pay it, they are probably being imprisoned for a year.





Anne (Mrs. Dwight N.) Dudley  
Nagoya, Japan

## Modern City's Lost Millions Need Always-New Gospel

IN NAGOYA, our new place of service, we ride a new subway, shop in modern department stores, drive on wide streets, and see new housing areas laid out like the ones in America. But we also see little idols with children's aprons tied around them: the children's god who can make them well. If Nagoya is true to other cities in Japan, it has less than 1 per cent Christian influence in its population of more than 6,000,000.

We cannot help thinking, "All of these people are lost." And we wonder: "What are we going to do about it?"

One Sunday in Tokyo this had been brought home to us as we heard three university students introduce themselves in church. They said that it was the first time they had been to a Christian church and that they did not know much about Christianity or Jesus Christ, but would we please teach them? One said, "I do not know, but I am interested." What a challenge!

I find myself looking at Christianity with the eyes of such students, and it is a strange feeling. If you are a teacher, study your material the next time as though you had no Christian background and had never heard it before. It will be a good experience for you.

Some of our teachings seem unbelievable at first glance; and, without the wooing of the Holy Spirit, understanding is not possible. Yet, isn't it wonderful to have an experience that reminds us that it is God only who saves? We are merely instruments in his hands, to be used by him to plant his seed that he will harvest.



Barbara (Mrs. H. Dean) Duke  
Temuco, Chile

## Outcast Indians Respond To God's Message of Love

TEMUCO is the capital of Cautín Province in South Chile, where the clouds drop cold rain nine months every year. The earth often shivers and now and then shakes violently, and the people simply go about trying to make a living, unconcerned about the force behind these natural phenomena. In the midst of beautiful forests produced by the rain, it is as if God is trying to attract their attention and say to them: "Little children, if I so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall [I] not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore . . . seek ye first the kingdom of God. . . ."

Like a deaf-mute, able to attract attention but powerless to communicate his plea, God continues to exhibit his greatness. But our God is not mute; his voice is our voice, and for this reason he has brought us to Temuco to speak his message.

Cautín Province is the only one in Chile with a large Araucano Indian population. Hundreds of Mapuches, as

these people are called, can be seen with their ox carts even in town. In the country they have many villages. Even though they are held in disrespect by the other Chileans, God has not excluded them from his love.

Dean had the opportunity to attend the baptism of eleven Mapuches. When an older Indian gave his testimony Dean was thrilled again by God's power to save. The convert concluded by saying that his people know it is the truth when he tells them Jesus can save them, because they have seen his life changed. Previously he had lived a savage and murderous life, but now he has a Sunday school in his home and teaches the Bible.

One of our missionaries spoke of a large group of Indians walking several miles every night for ten nights to attend revival services in a tent. They are spiritually minded people, and we have a responsibility to them.



Frances Greenway  
Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia

## Concern for Granddaughter Leads Woman to Christ

WE RECEIVED an ambulance call from Gokwe Reserve: "A woman is having trouble in childbirth." When the ambulance arrived at our Baptist hospital in Sanyati, however, the baby had already been delivered and our help was no longer deemed necessary. Five days later there came a second call about the same woman. She had suffered a laceration during childbirth and now had a serious infection. She died two days later in the hospital.

Left behind was the infant, Esrida, who spent the next five months in our care. The father had skipped out, and we had no contact with any relative during that period. Then we learned that the father and the deceased mother had not been legally married. Therefore, the child belonged to the maternal grandfather.

The grandparents, once located, were happy to provide a home for Esrida. Through this contact, the grandmother has accepted Christ and now worships regularly at the preaching point six miles from her home.



Dr. Greenway visits Esrida and her grandparents.





**Travis E. Wighton**  
Seoul, Korea

## Persecuted Koreans Find Comfort in God's Promises

**THIS MORNING** I was awakened by the church bell at 4:00 A.M. in the little village of Chungni, where I had shown films and preached the night before. The ringing of bells at this hour would be quite unusual in the United States but not in Korea, where early morning prayer meetings come at 4:30 or 5:00. The bells serve as alarm clocks for many of South Korea's 45,000 villages.

This morning some 30 people gathered (a few by 4:05) for prayer, singing, and preaching. One of our finest preachers, Pastor Ahn, was visiting and spoke on "Persecuted for Righteousness Sake." I got the feeling that these people really knew the full meaning of the subject. He listed several persons who have been persecuted and then said:

"We do not have to go far today to find people persecuted, for just a few miles away, across an imaginary line into North Korea, persecution is not imaginary but very real. Many of us have loved ones in North Korea that we have not seen or heard from in over ten years."

He continued, "We must not be downhearted or discouraged but must consider ourselves blessed to be counted worthy to bear persecution for righteousness sake. There is a war between the flesh and the spirit, between theism and atheism, and if we are really Christian we will be persecuted. In the midst of all persecution we can be happy and rejoice because God is in the fight with us, because God gives victory through Jesus Christ, and because of heaven where there will be no suffering.

"As we suffer for righteousness sake we are merely following in the train of many others before us. Christ has already set the example for us, and for a Christian to follow any other is to deny the name and the privilege of being a Christian."

The preacher closed by reading some words from an old pastor to a young one (Paul to Timothy), which ended: "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (2 Tim. 4:18).

After this message it was only fitting that we sang "Faith of Our Fathers." My mind wandered across 7,000 miles of ocean to the United States, and I breathed a prayer in my heart: "O, God, may our people at home have the 'faith of our fathers'—faith to believe the whole Bible, faith to stand up and fight for what is right, and even die for the cause of Christ if need be."

Amid any persecution are the promises of God: "... lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20); "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Rev. 21:4).

In a land where peace has been scarce and persecution prevalent, the promises of God become precious.



**Mary Cannon**  
Kokura, Japan

## Husband Rejoices as Wife Finally Accepts Saviour

**THIS AFTERNOON** at the Woman's Missionary Society meeting in my church, we had a season of special thanksgiving for the salvation of one of our members. She is a beautiful young woman whose husband has been a Christian for a number of years. She had never been opposed to Christianity but had not recognized her own need of the Saviour.

We have no church nursery (few churches in Japan make that provision), and she felt she could not attend Sunday services with a very active two-year-old son. During a week of evangelistic services, however, our pastor's wife, who has five small children of her own, offered especially to care for the boy so that Mrs. Fujii could attend. As the Holy Spirit brought conviction, Mrs. Fujii responded with repentance and faith.

After the service that night her husband said to me, "I didn't know a human being could experience as much joy as I feel right now." How we give thanks that the husband and wife will worship and serve Christ together.



**Wilbur C. Lewis**  
Asunción, Paraguay

## Family Changed by Christ Radiate Their Happiness

**PARAGUAY** is a poor country. Most of the Baptists are poor, and the members of our church are poorer than average. To the services some weeks ago came the Paredes family, who are so economically deprived that the seven of them could not attend church at the same time because they did not have enough clothing. Soon the father, mother, and the two teen-age children made professions of faith.

The immediate change in the family was dramatic. They had been filthy, uncouth, miserable people. Now they began washing themselves and their worn clothing. They made attempts at good manners. The greatest change, however, was in the happiness they radiated. Isidro, the father, quit squandering his meager earnings on liquor and the lottery. He began to care for his family, and even bought his wife a new, green dress.

Isidro and Gertrudis had lived together without benefit of legal marriage for 20 years. They rarely went anywhere together because of guilt and shame. Three weeks before they were baptized, without urging from anyone, they asked to be legally married. The Sunday after the wedding, our church joined them in a dedication of their home. Gertrudis wore her new dress.

The Sunday they were baptized my wife Gladys was shocked to see Gertrudis step into the baptismal water in her precious dress that she had worn so proudly. This was the most important event of her life, so she had put on her best. Gladys asked herself, "Would I, with a closet full of nice dresses, wear my best one for my baptism?"





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

### **Flowers Express Gratitude For Hospital's Ministry**

**WE ENJOYED** dinner at the home of a man who is quite a hero in Gaza because of his bravery during the time when the Israelis were here. He is so grateful for an operation David did that he has brought flowers to the hospital every day since.

I had supposed he had a huge garden and someone to pick the flowers. But I learned that he has a plot no larger than half a tennis court. Yet he is so thoughtful that he constantly grows flowers just to give his friends. His simple house looks poor, although it is nice for a refugee. But his generosity would lead one to believe he is a prince.

The dinner he spread for us was on a rough, home-made table; yet it included quail (the kind caught in nets after flying across the Mediterranean from northern Europe), fish in *taheena* sauce and fish with hot pepper and rice with pine nuts on it, ground meat in *taheena* sauce, watermelon, other fruit, and black coffee.

We were pleased to note a picture of Christ hanging where it could be seen from the table. The man has read the Bible as a result of his stay in Baptist Hospital and has undoubtedly been influenced by its teachings.



**Lucille (Mrs. Charles S.) Ford**  
*Ogoja, Nigeria*

### **Singing Christians Grow Among Disorderly Villagers**

**LAST FALL** the second group of Christians in our Baptist association formally organized into a church when seven young men in Ijegu-Oinyi village were baptized. That doesn't sound like a big thing, but here is what had happened:

Before we went home on furlough in May, 1960, we had visited that village a few times, attempting to hold Bible classes. When our children and I went, we would be mobbed with shouting, unruly children, and when I would try to teach some women, others would shout and make it impossible. On the Sunday that a masked *juju* dancer frightened our children I said, "I'll not try to go again."

Charlie continued meeting with some men who would listen. Before we left for America a group of them came to our house to sing and drum so that Charlie could record it on tape. Sitting there watching and listening, I suddenly found myself crying and had to leave the room. We were leaving these and other lost people!

Upon returning, we were glad to learn that in our absence, and with only occasional visits from Missionaries J. B. Durham and William W. Logan from Enugu, a group of young men had met together, held Bible classes, and built a structure of bamboo and grass. What made us particularly glad is that it was accomplished without any program promoted by a missionary. We be-

lieve that it was because some truth or light planted there was nourished by the Holy Spirit.

Later we met with them as Duke Badejogbin, a missionary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention now on furlough from Sierre Leone, spoke. At the beginning of the service the group sang three or four Christian songs they had made up—songs which speak to hearts in a way that the most stately and majestic Western hymn translated into their language cannot do. Those in the audience can join in singing such songs after hearing them only one time. One song means in translation: "Jesus is the Son of God; he died but his power is going on and on." You may say this is not a complete and perfect gospel message. But does it not contain a message for people?

Some would say it is a waste of time and personnel to work with one small tribe, trying to learn one language in an area of multiple languages. But did Jesus give the impression that he thought finding one lost sheep or one lost coin was wasting time or personnel?



**Jo (Mrs. Harlan L.) Willis**  
*Bangkok, Thailand*

### **Christian Behavior Wins Despite U.S. Race Strife**

**THE HEADLINES** of a paper here, halfway around the world from America, recently read: "JFK Despatches Troops to Defiant Mississippi." When such incidents happen I cannot proudly say I am from the South. They cause a lot of questions for me to answer: questions from educated Thais who have heard much about the Christian nation of America, questions from seeking young people who come to our Baptist student center, questions from people whom I personally have told of the love of God.

I am asked: "Why do you come here to tell us of the love of Christ, when such as this exists in your own country?" The biggest problem is: I do not have an answer. I only know that this is not characteristic of Christian love. It is not in accord with the teachings of Jesus. Let those of us who dare to claim his name let his teachings and principles show in our daily lives.

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**ONE DAY** in language school I asked my teacher, a Christian, what made her first become interested in Christianity. She told me it was the behavior of Christians. In particular, it was their possession of peace and happiness and the absence of anxiety and fear in their lives, in addition to their honesty and concern for others.

She said she had read the book of John and agreed with others that it was like a fairy tale and couldn't be true. Then she reread it and thought it was possible. Again she read it, along with other Scriptures. Finally she believed and prayed that God would come into her life. She said: "The answer was direct from God to my heart, and from that moment I have had peace and happiness. All my fear and anxiousness have disappeared. Even though there have been times when I have not had money and have had reason to be afraid, I have not been."





**William R. Wakefield**  
*Makati, Rizal, Philippines*

## **English-Speaking Churches Serve Displaced Americans**

AS MOST OF US think of the world missions outreach, we often think only of people of a different race or color, or of those who live in poverty and ignorance, as the ones to whom the gospel is being carried. And it is carried to these. But, we Southern Baptists have found another area of opportunity where there is spiritual need. Almost anywhere one goes in the world today he can find Americans or other English-speaking persons there for military, government, or business purposes. It is estimated that about 10,000 Americans are in Manila and another 5,000 at Clark Air Force Base.

Often these displaced persons—separated from home, church, and familiar surroundings—are lonely and bewildered by the cultural differences around them. More often than not they are spiritually starved. As a result of seeing these people's needs, Southern Baptists have started churches which mainly draw this group, although nationals come and participate, too.

One such church is Emmanuel, organized three years ago. Last March they entered their new building just outside a large Manila subdivision where many Americans and other foreigners live. Missionary Clarence O. Griffin was the pastor for a year while waiting for his visa to Indonesia.

Another English-speaking church is just outside Clark Air Force Base. Missionaries J. Allen Smith and his wife Frankie work with this church, which has a full program. In addition, laymen go out to conduct services in several *barrio* missions. They also have preaching services at Subic Naval Base on Bataan.

Once when we visited Clark Field Baptist Church, we were thrilled to see three young men licensed to preach, making a total of five who had come from this congregation. Only one had previously contemplated going into or committed himself to the ministry.



**Jean (Mrs. Jack N.) Young**  
*Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil*

## **Evil Leaders Are Asserted As Cure for Nation's Ills**

WALKING to the bakery one evening, Jack was talking with a man who lives up the street from us. During the conversation he asked Jack what kind of government was best for a country. Jack responded that different kinds of government were needed for different countries, and that democracy was good for the United States.

The man then asked Jack's opinion about Brazil. Not wishing to express this opinion, my husband posed the same question to him. He replied that he believes Brazil needs a leader who is very strong and bad, perhaps like Hitler and Mussolini. He said people are bad, and only a bad person would be able to destroy the conditions

that hinder Brazil's advancement.

Pointing out that communism is the worst form of government, Jack gave as one reason that Communists do not believe in God. The man replied that nearly all Brazilians believe in God but it hasn't done them any good, because conditions are still bad. He said he believed Jesus Christ was very strong and also very good—too good for bad people. What evil people need are evil rulers, he concluded.

This man, although pleasant and polite, has lost all faith: religious faith, faith in his country, faith in his fellow man. He is an ordinary working man. Is this the thinking of many Brazilians? Does Christ not make a difference?

We were living in the heart of the most prosperous part of Brazil. Yet the people are spiritually hungry and many physically hungry. Because of the political unrest, economic crisis, and the lack of a basic and satisfying faith, they are clutching at many straws. On every side we hear Communist doctrine proclaimed and are shocked to realize that even among Christians there are some who believe that socialistic revolution is the only solution for the problems of the country.



**Hazel (Mrs. Leslie) Watson**  
*Miyazaki, Japan*

## **Baby Is Answer to Prayer; Pastors Need Prayer Aid**

A BEAUTIFUL baby girl was born in December to Mr. and Mrs. Daitaro Onitsuka of Aoshima. This young father and mother had trusted Christ and were baptized in September. Theirs is the first child born to a Christian family in their community, although there has been a Christian witness in the village for more than 60 years and Baptists have worked here for 10 years. This makes history, and it is God's answer to many prayers. Christian homes are Japan's greatest need.

Pray for this young family. The couple also have a fine, healthy two-year-old son. Their desire is to rear their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

OFTEN we have requested prayer for our pastors here in Miyazaki and all Japan. In order to share this need more thoroughly, we requested some information from the pastors serving in Kyushu, and 33 replied. "Mr. Average Baptist Pastor" is 42 years old. He has been a Christian 22 years and a pastor 12 years. Of the 33 pastors, only 10 have Christian mothers and three have Christian fathers. None has a Christian grandfather, and only two grandmothers know the Lord. Very few of their close relatives are Christians.

From these figures you can see how little prayer support and encouragement they have from their families. They have taken their stand for Christ and are giving their best for him, but they are in a small minority. Amid the forces of unbelief surrounding them they need your prayers, especially during the Baptist New Life Movement. Would you adopt these pastors as your spiritual sons or brothers? Would you pray for them daily? The New Life Movement depends upon united prayer and the extent to which God can use these pastors.



# *Christian Life Commitment*



*March 24*

**LIFE COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

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# and Missions

BY JESSE C. FLETCHER  
Associate Secretary for Missionary Personnel

MONTH BY MONTH we at the Foreign Mission Board are privileged to hear the testimonies of new missionaries as they are appointed. Most of them point to churches as the place where they made their commitments to missions. Others, having made their commitments at assemblies, conferences, or seminaries, say they were following through on commitments to seek God's leadership that they made earlier in their churches.

Often, those whose destinies are thus taking a dramatic turn are the persons standing at the altars at the close of invitations in our churches. We know, because we have the privilege of following many of them from that point to fulfillment.

Their testimonies also underscore the importance of the church's ministries in bringing about decisions. Statements such as these often are made:

"As I worked with our Royal Ambassadors, I realized God has given each of us a commission . . . ."

"My Sunday school teacher was very mission-minded, and it seems every lesson ended on missions . . . ."

"I was reading my *Royal Service* magazine one day when God's plan for my life came clear . . . ."

"During our Lottie Moon Week of Prayer I suddenly realized God wanted more than my money . . . ."

We have even heard pastors testify: "While preaching a series of sermons on missions, God convicted me of my lack of total commitment . . . ."

We see coming to fruition every year the budding promise of scores of commitments. The Junior boy who told his pastor he wanted to follow his Lord any place is now a man of training and experience, ready to prove it. The young woman who was willing to place her Lord's will above all other considerations proves the determination of her stand.

Of course, the skeptic in each of us may say, "But many who make commitments fall by the wayside."

True, though it hardly means that the real significance of such a decision was ever lost. Many end up seeking appointment, or leading churches, or teaching, or engaging in some other phase of church-related vocations.

The fact is: It is almost impossible to avoid the concept of life commitment in an active Southern Baptist church. Thus, a church or pastor

considering the validity of calls for life commitment, or giving special emphases on commitment, should realize that the church program is producing the kind of fruit that may await this kind of harvest. It is true that a continuing emphasis is needed in life commitment appeals, just as in evangelism; but a special appeal is often needed, as in evangelism.

With response to such appeals, a new kind of responsibility comes about: of nurture and guidance. What factors are present in the lives of those who follow through that might explain their persistence? And what factors cause the problem of not following through?

Of course, the inner core of experience—the dynamic of what happens in life—is the primary difference. But a not-so-secondary reason might be related to nurture and guidance: the environmental factor. What kind of opportunity does a commitment in its incipient stage have to grow?

Representative testimonies can shed some light on this:

"My pastor often invited those who had made life commitments into his study for counsel and encouragement . . . ."

"Our church scheduled special conferences for life service volunteers . . . ."

"Each quarter a missionary came to our church, and our pastor always arranged for us to get together with him . . . ."

"Our church saw to it that we had opportunities to work in local missions and to attend conferences at Ridgecrest or Glorieta . . . ."

"At a church camp I heard a preacher tell about the needs of a lost world . . . ."

"My pastor suggested that I write the Foreign Mission Board when I expressed my interest in life service overseas . . . ."

Such testimonies indicate that the budding process of life commitment response awaits the husbandry of alert churches and dedicated pastors.

We at the Foreign Mission Board are in a unique position to appreciate emphases on life commitment because we see the products. We are convinced that one of the fruits of New Testament churches will always be young men and women coming from their ranks to lay their lives at the Master's disposal—to meet through him the needs of a lost world.



## What Is Life Commitment?

By **JESSE C. FLETCHER**

*Associate Secretary for Missionary Personnel*

**SOUTHERN BAPTISTS** annually observe a Sunday they call Life Commitment Sunday. The goals of this effort need some clarification.

For years life commitment referred only to church-related vocations. Following World War II there was, especially among Southern Baptists, a tremendous surge of interest in such vocations. In church after church and assembly after assembly, young people made public commitments—life commitments—to the gospel ministry, religious education, missionary service, music ministry, evangelism, and so forth.

Swelling seminary enrolments a college generation later reflected the scope of this surge. Life service bands sprang up in churches and on college campuses throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

Then a new emphasis came. While not a reaction to the concept of church-related vocations as such, it was a reaction to the idea that life commitment ends within the well-ordered confines of the traditional church staff or even in the multiple ministries of flourishing urban churches.

Finding its expression primarily among college students and in their many gatherings, this emphasis proclaimed life commitment as every Christian's effort to affirm his ministry—his primary vocation (i.e. calling)—regardless of his particular profession. Hence, young people dedicated their lives as Christian doctors, businessmen, lawyers, homemakers, teachers, and other occupations. With this emphasis came a reawakened lay generation.

There also came a sense of alarm on the part of some church leaders. At first viewing with warmth the surge of a broader concept of life commitment, these leaders found themselves suddenly faced with a leveling off of response in the area of church-related vocations and even the beginnings of a decline. Many began to feel that this broader emphasis on life commitment was responsible. "We've thrown out the baby with the bath water," some said. "We've diluted the high calling of God," said others.

The pendulum swung in the other direction, with a renewed emphasis on church-related vocations. Sunday school teachers and church workers were urged to challenge their young people in opening their hearts to the call of God to the traditional ministries and missionary service. Some even went so far as to say that this was the highest calling, the ultimate in sacrifice and commitment.

Thus the pendulum has swung for almost 20 years, and still there seems to be confusion as to what life commitment means. The New Testament, however, does not view life commitment as specifically church-related, nor simply as a dedication of life within a profession. It views life commitment as every Christian's commitment of himself—all he is, all he has, and everything he does—to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 9:23-24).

At the same time, commitment involves his particular response to the call of God in meeting a particular need within the total ministry of the church for which he is uniquely gifted (I Corinthians 12:4-11, 28-30). Every Christian must be confronted with the fact that he has such a place within the body of Christ.

Every church also must be confronted with the New Testament example of the churches at Jerusalem and Antioch, which called out men under the leadership of the Holy Spirit for the unique tasks of pastoral and missionary service. All of us must remember that there is no "higher calling" in Christ; we serve as peers, no matter what our calling.

**THIS MEANS** that the call for life commitment in any church is one for every Christian's total obedience to the will of God in terms of who he is and where he is, but it is also the call for particular persons to respond to the distinct functions related to the church, such as preaching, teaching, and carrying the gospel to all the world.

It is at this latter point that life commitment may stand above ambiguities and be understood for what it is. Life commitment is rooted and grounded in the Great Commission, which was given to the church and to every Christian. It is our only set of marching orders. Everything we do must inescapably be bound to it if our lives are to be committed in total discipleship to our Lord and Saviour.

Missionary service, long regarded as a church-related vocation, is not the distinct domain of the ordained. More laymen are being appointed every year by our Foreign Mission Board—men and women who have found in the providence of God that their gifts have equipped them to be a part of the total outreach of the church overseas.

Every Christian's commitment must be to the ends of the earth. Members of our churches must continually ask with our Lord, "Who will go for us and whom shall we send?" Each of us must be willing to respond, "Here am I, Lord; send me."

According to his leadership, then, we find our place of service. This is life commitment.



# The New Life Movement

By BAKER J. CAUTHEN

**M**ARCH, April, and May are to be months of particular importance in the Orient. During this time, large-scale evangelistic efforts will be made in Japan, Korea, Okinawa, the Philippines, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaya, and Guam.

These campaigns are described by the term "New Life Movement." The name is well chosen, for it indicates that they are efforts to set in motion strong forces for evangelism which will accelerate all that is being done in bringing people to Christ and developing New Testament churches.

Evangelism is no new thing on mission fields. Since 1845 missionaries of our Board have been giving themselves to evangelism throughout the world. National pastors and workers lay great stress upon evangelism, and progress on mission fields everywhere reflects the great value of this unceasing labor in our Lord's name.

We live in a day when opportunities for large-scale evangelism have become far greater than in earlier years. The labors of God's servants have created an interest in hearing the gospel of Jesus, so that it is now possible to assemble large congregations to hear the preaching of the Word. In many lands barriers to evangelism have been broken down and freedom of religion prevails. In some parts of the world, where a few years ago it would have been impossible to hold large public meetings, campaigns now take place without major interference.

The multiplying of mass communication resources has opened new doors to the task of evangelism. Newspapers, radio, television, tract distribution, and advertising place in the hands of God's servants facilities for telling the story of Christ and his love. The gospel is for all men everywhere, and they have a right to hear it. When God brings into existence facilities for communicating the message of his redeeming grace, it becomes our privilege and responsibility to use them to the greatest possible degree.

For a number of years, advance projects in evangelism and church development have been carried forward in many parts of the world. Mission-

aries and national Baptist leaders have laid plans for simultaneous crusades, city-wide revivals, conferences on evangelism, and other measures. Requests for assistance in projecting these plans have been made to the Foreign Mission Board by the national conventions and missions, and numbers of persons have been sent from the United States in the last ten years to share in these special efforts.

The results have been gratifying. And it is evident that the time has come when we can see very large values growing out of such measures, under the leadership of Christ, on mission fields throughout the world.

**THE NEW LIFE** Movement in the Orient gives promise of great blessing because it is well planned. It is an outgrowth of a desire on the part of missionaries and national conventions to give assistance to the efforts they wish to put forward.

Pastors, laymen, and musicians are going from the United States into these countries, in response to definite requests from the mission organizations and Baptist conventions, to bear their testimony in the name of Christ. One of the significant things is that so many people are going at their own expense. In recent weeks I have received letters from a large number of participants. These letters have reflected the deep spiritual considerations which entered into their writers' decisions to devote time, money, and effort in a personal witness for Christ in the Orient.

It is anticipated that these special campaigns will result in winning many people to Christ. Probably even a larger number will find their interest stimulated in such a way that they will continue their investigation of Christian truth and come to a commitment to Christ.

Many persons will hear the gospel for the first time in their lives. In most of the cities where campaigns are planned the largest auditoriums will be rented, and it is very likely that the meetings will assemble the largest number of people ever to hear the gospel at one period of time in that part of the world.



One of the major values will be that national Christian workers will gain encouragement in their efforts toward evangelism. One can visualize their situation when he thinks of being in a city of a million people, with only a few Christians to undertake the task of winning them. When the large endeavors are made to share Christ with the multitudes, these Christian workers will be greatly heartened. Many will gain fresh insights into the work of evangelism as they share deep experiences with their brethren in these labors.

The New Life Movement will also broaden the horizons of Christian people in the churches. For the most part, churches on mission fields are quite small. Even in the days of the apostle Paul, the Christians must have met in small groups as they sought to penetrate the great cities of the Roman Empire. As these present-day Christians see people gathering by the thousands to hear the Word of God, their own vision of Christian possibilities will be expanded.

Experiences in prayer, personal witnessing, and courageous action will do much to enrich the spiritual lives of persons who go from America as well as those being served. Southern Baptist participants will return to their churches with a firsthand experience of missionary service in our Master's name. They will come back with fresh convictions of the urgency of the gospel and of the great values in sharing

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## ARGENTINA

### Church Acquires New Name

The name of the English-language Baptist church in Buenos Aires was changed in February from First to International Baptist Church.

A spokesman said, "It has been felt that the name First is misleading. While we are the first English-speaking Baptist church in the city, historically we are not the first in point of time."

"But the main reason is that we want the name to suggest as clearly as possible the fact that we want our church to be for all peoples. At the moment, to our knowledge, people from 10 different countries are worshipping here."

The church was organized in the Argentine capital in June, 1961. Missionary Howard C. Knight is pastor.

## CHILE

### Southernmost Work Begins

Chilean Baptists in February inaugurated a chapel in Punta Arenas, southernmost city of the world, with more than 135 persons crowding into the rented house. Evangelistic meetings the following week reached a high attendance of 80 and Vacation Bible school reached 104. Two persons later were baptized.

Two couples from Santiago—Missionaries John A. and Ruby Parker and Rev. and Mrs. Juan Avila—had driven to Punta Arenas in mid-January to help five Chilean Baptists living there to start the program of work.

The Parkers returned to Santiago early this month and the Avilas will return in April, leaving the chapel to leadership of the Chilean laymen and some English-speaking people for whom services were also started. Other national pastors and missionaries will visit periodically.

## COLOMBIA

### Seminary Enrolment Rises

International Baptist Theological Seminary in Cali started its new term February 5 with its largest enrolment: 34 regular students, four auditors, and

22 in correspondence courses.

During the week between terms, students worked a total of 626 hours painting campus buildings, which helped finance their textbooks, said Mrs. Donald L. Orr, a missionary faculty member.

The students are also enthusiastically supporting their program of evangelistic visitation, "Operation Lightning," begun last fall. Churches and missions are receiving definite benefits, Mrs. Orr reported.

The seminary lost a religious education professor in February when Hugo Ruiz left for graduate study at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex. He was also pastor of First Baptist Church in Cali.

## GUAYACUIL

### 112 Earn S.S. Course Awards

The three Baptist churches in Guayaquil and their five missions recently participated in a Sunday school study course at Garay Baptist Church, and 112 awards were granted.

"Garay's Sunday school attendance has grown from an average of 90 to 184 during the past eight months as the result of an intensive church training program," said the pastor, Missionary Shelby A. Smith.

Smith directed the city-wide study course and taught one of the eight classes for workers with all age groups. The other teachers were Mrs. Smith and six Ecuadorian Baptist pastors and students in the Baptist Theological Institute of Guayaquil.

A similar course for Training Union took place in Guayaquil in November, with 110 awards granted.

## EUROPE

### Federation Sets 1964 Meet

STOCKHOLM (RNS)—The Third Conference of the European Baptist Federation will be held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Aug. 12-16, 1964, announced Erik Rudén of Stockholm, the Federation's general secretary.

The six-day meeting will include reports and lectures on the religious situation of Christians in Europe, Bible

study, and mass rallies.

The Federation comprises more than 20 Baptist bodies in 21 European nations, with a combined membership of some 1,200,000. Previous conferences were held at Berlin in 1958 and Copenhagen in 1952.

In other activity, Rudén recently toured the Soviet Zone of Germany after having visited the U.S.S.R., Poland, and Bulgaria.

There are about 100,000 active Baptists in Germany, with 370 pastors serving 530 congregations. Some 35,000 Baptists live in the Soviet Zone.

## GUATEMALA

### 58 Accept Christ in Campaign

Fifty-eight persons accepted Christ during a recent two-week evangelistic campaign conducted by the six Baptist churches in Guatemala City.

Bo and Dick Baker, preacher-musician team from Texas, led the effort, with Missionary A. Clark Scanlon as interpreter. Services were held in a downtown rented hall.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 persons attended the final service in Central Park. Eleven professed faith.



Clark Scanlon (left) and Bo Baker.

## JAPAN

### God's Role Stressed in Effort

"The Japan Baptist New Life Movement is not just one of many," said Pastor Toshio Miyoshi, chairman of the Movement, in his keynote address to Japanese Baptist pastors and Southern Baptist missionaries in January at Amagi Baptist Assembly.

"It is God's movement; therefore, we must rely on God's power," he asserted, and it "involves successful meetings and well-planned follow-up."

The meeting took place to solidify final planning for the New Life Movement, a nation-wide evangelistic campaign March 30-May 5.



Other speakers included Charles L. Culpepper, Sr., missionary to Taiwan (Formosa), and Vernon Yearby, associate in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of evangelism. They were invited by Japanese Baptist leaders to help meet what they indicated was "a staggering need for deeper spiritual awareness throughout the Japan Baptist Convention," said Missionary Billy P. Keith.

Culpepper, who experienced the Shantung Revival which swept through North China about 30 years ago, stressed prayer "with tears, rekindling the fires of concern and repentance."

Culpepper gave an invitation for pastors to indicate their desire to surrender everything to God in winning Japan to Christ through the New Life Movement. "Numbers stood and moved forward to pledge their prayer and support," Keith reported.

Yearby also stressed the need for God's power in order to achieve success. God is ready to bless Japan, he added, but "we must catch a vision of this opportunity."

Upon returning to the United States from his visit, his second to Japan in recent weeks, Yearby said that in his personal witnessing the Japanese always wanted answers to three questions about his religion: What is the authority for it; who is the head; and how old is it?

"They are basic questions to the Japanese," he said. "But when they have been answered the Japanese will talk eagerly of Christianity," the *Texas Baptist Standard* quoted Yearby.

## Graham Cancels Participation

Evangelist Billy Graham has had to cancel plans to participate in the nation-wide Baptist New Life Movement evangelistic campaign. Doctors advised Graham, now in Hawaii, to take at least two months' complete rest.

Winston Crawley, Orient secretary for the Foreign Mission Board, said: "We are understandably disappointed that Dr. Graham will not be able to participate in the New Life campaign in Japan, but plans are continuing for the evangelistic meetings to be held as scheduled. All along this has been a Japan Baptist Convention undertaking, with Billy Graham as one of the invited preachers. The New Life Movement committee is studying adjustments necessary in filling the engagements for which Dr. Graham was scheduled."

A message from Missionary William H. (Dub) Jackson, Jr., the campaign's associate director, expressed the faith of Japan Baptists: "We are not discouraged. This movement has not been and is not now dependent upon a man or upon men. We know that God is working in Japan. We are redoubling our efforts, but we depend upon God to bring the victory."

## Baseball Stars Tour Camps

American baseball players Bobby Richardson and Don Demeter made a whirlwind tour of Japanese spring training camps in February as guests of the Japan Baptist Convention's New Life Movement.

Richardson is second baseman for the New York Yankees and Demeter an outfielder with the Philadelphia Phillies. Their visit was part of the Convention's effort to take the Christian message to various segments of Japanese life. Japan Baptists have invited a number of prominent persons in specific professions, in addition to several hundred Baptist preachers and laymen from the United States. The Japanese people are especially fond of baseball.

Richardson was interviewed by the president of the Pacific League on a nation-wide television program. He discussed various aspects of baseball and gave a testimony of his Christian experience.

After visiting camps of the Nishitetsu Lions, Yomiuri Giants, and Chunichi Dragons, Richardson left for Taiwan (Formosa) and Demeter returned to Tokyo.

In a press conference, Demeter said baseball in Japan has greatly improved since he was there with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1956. He also told about the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in America, an organization of athletes who do church-related work during their free time.

"We are thankful we are in baseball," Demeter commented. "It gives us an opportunity to witness for Jesus Christ. Many doors are open to us because we are in the public eye."

## Convention Reports Progress

The Japan Baptist Convention has reported 88 fully organized, self-supporting churches and prospects of 94 by its annual meeting this summer. The goal in its five-year advance pro-

gram is 140 churches by 1965, double the 70 when the program was launched in mid-1959.

Progress reports were made at a recent meeting of the advance committee, related to the Convention's Evangelism Division, at Amagi Baptist Assembly, on the Izu Peninsula.

As a part of the advance program, 48 stewardship revivals have been held throughout the Convention. Two "gospel schools" to train lay evangelists, Bible women, and church leaders have been started in Tokyo and Hiroshima, and a third is scheduled for Fukuoka. Fifty pastors attended a recent conference for pioneer evangelistic workers, sponsored annually by the Evangelism Division.

Three men were recently ordained, bringing to 73 the number of ordained ministers. "Ordination comes after graduation from theological seminary and three to five years of pastoral experience," explained Missionary Worth C. Grant.

The Convention works in all of Japan's 46 prefectures, has a missionary couple in Okinawa, and plans to send a couple to Brazil by 1965.

## New Sanctuary Nearly Ready

Members of Kanto Plains Baptist Church — primarily United States Air Force personnel at Yokota, Tachikawa, and Johnson air bases near Tokyo—hope to move into their new sanctuary, seating 600, by the end of this month. They want to have it ready when the Japan Baptist Convention's New Life Movement evangelistic campaign begins March 30.

Missionary Theodore O. Cox is the pastor.

In its two and a half years, Kanto Plains has become the largest English-speaking Baptist church in Japan and one of the largest overseas, said Missionary Worth C. Grant, the former pastor. "Through the church Baptist Air Force personnel are vitally involved in the Southern Baptist mission program in Japan as they sponsor work among the Japanese in the area and give generously to the support of the financial program of the Japan Baptist Convention."

He added: "The tour of duty in Japan for active members in this church becomes all too short, and many have asked to come back to Japan primarily because of their desire to serve the Lord in this country."



### Three Groups Join in Prayer

Women from three Baptist groups—the Japan, Southern, and American Baptist Conventions—held a joint service in Yokohama as part of their pre-Christmas Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

Mrs. Worth C. Grant, Southern Baptist missionary, was the speaker. Mrs. Akiko Endo Matsumura, wife of a Tokyo pastor, interpreted for women from English-speaking churches. Also on the program was Mrs. Ayako Hino, Asian president of the Baptist World Alliance Women's Federation.

The group met at Soshin Joshi Gakuin, a school affiliated with the American Baptist Convention.

*PHOTO: Mrs. Grant speaks in Japanese as Mrs. Matsumura interprets.*

### Missionary L. N. Nelson Dies

Loyce N. Nelson, 38, missionary to Japan, died March 11 in Dallas, Tex. He was a native of Arkansas and was appointed in 1950.

Before coming on medical furlough in June, 1962, Dr. Nelson served at Hiroshima, mainly with new missions. He did evangelistic work in Okayama Prefecture before going to Hiroshima in 1955. He also held several Japan Baptist Mission and Convention responsibilities.



### 4,000 Expected at Conference

BEIRUT (BWA) — Committees are planning for an attendance of 4,000 at the Sixth Baptist Youth World Conference here July 15-21. If reached, it will be the largest international meeting in Lebanon's history.

Missionary Finlay M. Graham, president of Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, said local Baptists and the Lebanese governmental and tourism officials are giving full support to plans for entertainment of guests from an estimated 65 countries.

Baptists in Great Britain and Ger-

many are each hoping to send 100, and large delegations are expected from the Scandinavian countries. A special plane is being planned from South Africa. Youth groups in India, Burma, Thailand, Japan, and elsewhere in Asia are also preparing to send representatives.

Perhaps 2,000 will come from North America. Some tour groups will visit Europe en route, and practically all will spend a week in the Bible lands either before or after the conference. A few will come to Lebanon via Europe and return to America via Asia, circling the earth, said Robert S. Denny, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

Every session of the seven-day meeting will be international both in subject matter and program personnel. The general theme is "Jesus Christ—In a Changing World."

Nine local committees are working on preparation. Graham, Jamil M. Wakim, and Joseph Costa are on the central committee.



### 30 Men To View Missions

MEMPHIS (BP)—Thirty Southern Baptist men will see foreign mission work firsthand Sept. 9-20 on a 3,200-mile tour of 15 mission points in Mexico.

It is the sixth such tour sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission in co-operation with the Foreign Mission Board. The men will pay their own expenses.

Lucien E. Coleman, Sr., associate secretary of the Commission, is tour director. Wyatt W. Lee, veteran Southern Baptist representative to the state of Jalisco, will serve as guide and interpreter.



### 27 Pass Nursing Exams

Twenty-seven students from the Baptist School of Nursing in Eku, related to Baptist Hospital, have passed examinations of the Nursing Council for Nigeria. Sixteen took the preliminary examination in November, and 11 took the final in December, said Missionary Antonina Canzoneri, director of nursing education.

The students' 100 per cent success is far above the percentage of passing

for Nigeria as a whole. Only 58 per cent pass the preliminary examination and 68 per cent pass the final, she pointed out.

A student from the Baptist school was one of two in the nation's Western Region who passed the final with credit. The year before, a student received the award for the top grade in the country.

The school's nursing education includes 10 months of preliminary training and three years of nurses' training. After the first year, students have to pass the Nursing Council's preliminary examination before advancing. At the end of their training they must pass the final exam to be registered as nurses.

### Josephine Scaggs Honored

Members of Engenni Baptist Association in Eastern Nigeria recently paid tribute to Missionary Josephine Scaggs, who has now moved to work with the nearby Ekpeye-Ogbogolo and Abua Associations.

She changed her headquarters from Joinkrama, where she has lived 17 years, to Ahoda, across the Orashi River. The move was requested by the Nigerian Baptist Mission and the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

Miss Scaggs first visited the area in 1942, held a Bible school for children the next year, and settled in 1945 to work among the river people. She has traveled from village to village to help strengthen the work of churches in the Engenni, Ekpeye-Ogbogolo, and Abua Associations.

A spokesman for Engenni Association noted the progress in the churches and institutions since her arrival:

1. Organized in 1948 under her supervision, the association has grown from 10 to 17 churches and from two to 15 preaching stations.

2. Many pastors have been trained in her annual six-month Bible school; a number have received certificates or degrees from Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary; and three are now ordained.

3. The small dispensary she started with her "supply of cough syrup, cod-liver oil, and quinine" has grown into "one of the best hospitals in Nigeria"—Baptist Hospital in Joinkrama.

4. The number of Baptist schools has increased, and about 20 men and women from the area are now certificated masters.



Missionary Dale Moore continues working with Engenni Association.

## ORIENT

### Enlargement Effort Approved

A Sunday school enlargement project in Hong Kong and other Orient fields in 1966 was approved by the Foreign Mission Board in February. The Board invited the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board to help develop plans.

Earlier, the Board asked Chancellor John W. Raley of Oklahoma Baptist University to take part this year in summer conferences and other meetings in Hong Kong.

### Baptists Unite in Prayer Lift

It is 10:30 A.M. Sunday in Japan. Japanese Baptists, worshipping in their churches and missions, pray for themselves and Southern Baptists.

It is Saturday evening in the United States (7:30 CST), and Southern Baptists stop in their varied activities to pray for themselves and for the people of Japan and other Orient countries.

This is part of a Prayer Lift in which Asian and Southern Baptists prepare themselves for a co-operative effort to reach the people of eight Orient countries with the gospel within the next few weeks and months. The Prayer Lift has been worked out between Japan Baptists and Texas Baptists, with Pastor Nobuo Watanabe as chairman and Mrs. T. A. Patterson as co-chairman.

Mrs. Patterson explained: "It is a mutual effort . . . to lift the people to Christ through prayer . . . Mutual prayer will increase mutual respect and Christian fellowship."

The Prayer Lift has many forms. Some Baptist groups in the United States have selected particular churches of the Orient, have studied their needs and opportunities, and are praying specifically for them.

The effort resulted from many calls by Orient and Southern Baptists for prayer. In January, Southern Baptist Convention President Herschel H. Hobbs urged churches to hold special prayer services March 27 for the success of the Japan Baptist New Life Movement, March 30-May 5.

"I'm convinced that if we could take Japan for Christ, this could be a prelude to a worldwide evangelistic movement," Hobbs declared.

The Foreign Mission Board passed a resolution in January calling upon all Southern Baptists to join in prayer for the Japan effort.

The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in February urged Southern Baptists "to remember in their private devotions, prayer, and regular worship services the forthcoming New Life Movement."

In addition to the Japan campaign, evangelistic meetings will take place in the Philippines and on Okinawa from late March to mid-April, on Taiwan (Formosa) in April, and in Hong Kong in late April and May. Baptists on Guam are also planning a spring revival; a city-wide campaign is scheduled for Singapore in mid-May; and two weeks of simultaneous meetings in Korea will be held in June.

## PARAGUAY

### 299 Attend Summer Camps

Five weeks of Baptist summer camps were attended by 299 persons, with 80 registering decisions for Christ. Each week included Bible study, preaching, study courses, handcraft, and sports. The site is at Itacurubí, 50 miles from Asunción.

The camps began December 3 with a week for English-speaking children and young people, including sons and daughters of North Americans living in Paraguay and of missionaries in several denominations. Eight of the 54 campers made decisions. Missionary Wilbur C. Lewis was pastor.

In Spanish-speaking camps the next three weeks, 186 Juniors, Intermediates, and Young People attended, with 72 decisions. Missionary and national pastors as co-directors were Leland J. Harper, William Skinner, Donald E. McDowell, Daniel Caballero, Elias

Franz, and Francisco Perez. The camp pastor for all three weeks was Professor Julio Diaz of International Baptist Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

A general camp was held the last week for 59 pastors, missionaries, general workers, teachers, and nurses, with classes in budgetary methods, nutrition, and food preparation. Co-directors were Missionary James O. Watson and Pastor José Missena.

Missionary T. S. Green was the administrator for all camps.

## SOUTHERN RHODESIA

### Baptists Organize Convention

The Baptist Convention of Central Africa was organized in January by representatives of all Baptist churches in Southern Rhodesia.

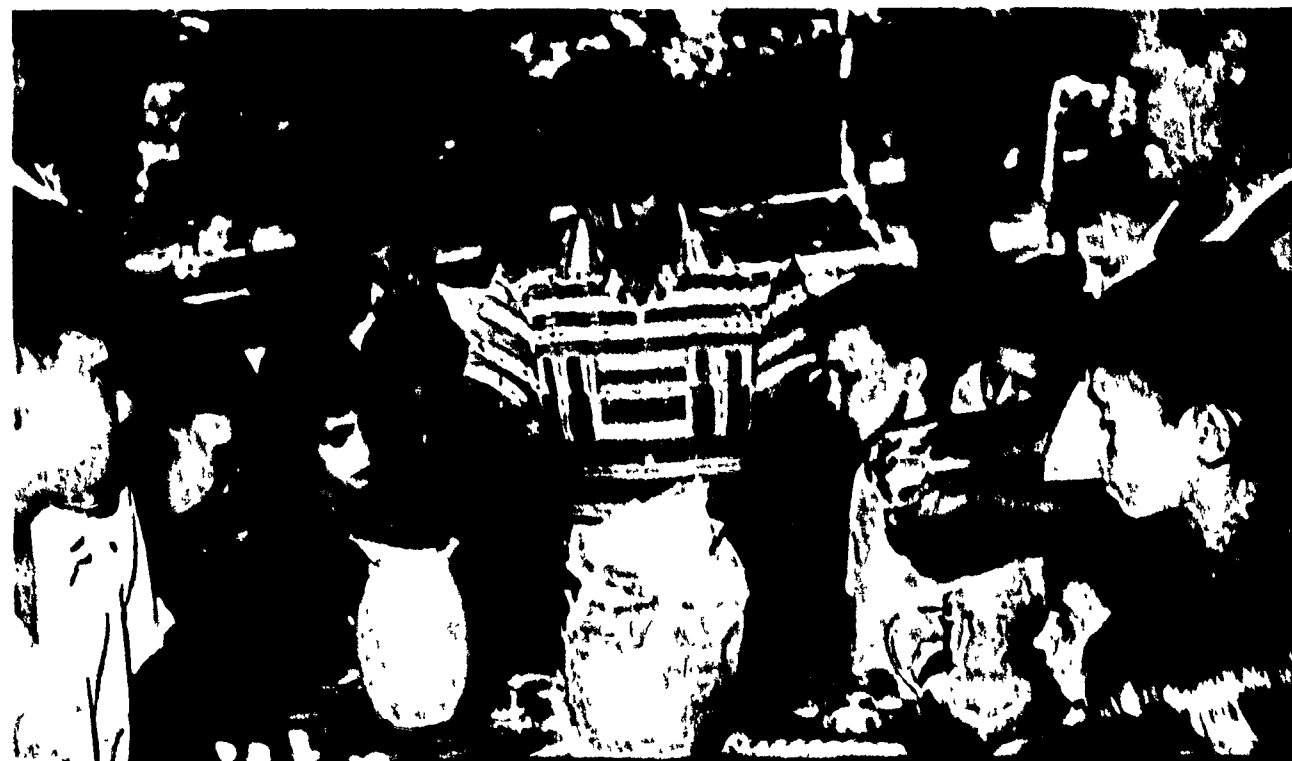
It adopted a constitution and elected as officers: Pastor Abel Nziramasanga, president; Pastor Noah Sitole, treasurer; Missionary John R. Cheyne, general secretary; and Missionary Marvin L. Garrett, missionary adviser.

The constitution insures control of the Convention by African Baptists but enables missionaries to serve as messengers to annual sessions if elected by churches. They also may hold office at the discretion of the convention, said H. Cornell Goerner, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East.

The Convention has asked the Central Africa Mission (organization of missionaries) to release Cheyne from Mission duties in order to devote full time to promotion of work in the Convention, expected increasingly to take over functions formerly performed by the Mission, he said.

"As presently constituted, all of the churches are located in Southern Rho-

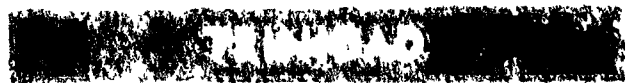
*Paraguayan Juniors participate in a handcraft session during their camp.*



desia," Goerner explained. "The name, 'Baptist Convention of Central Africa,' was deliberately chosen to leave room for the admission of churches in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, in case they should wish to join . . . and it now seems inevitable that the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland will very soon break up and independent nations will emerge in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

"The present political situation in Southern Rhodesia lends added significance to the development of this Convention," Goerner stated.

He said increased tensions between Europeans (whites) and Africans throughout the Federation "make it imperative that a strong African organization be developed, so that a Baptist program can be carried on through African leadership in any given locality in which whites might find it difficult to function, and definite preparation may be carried on looking toward the time when it may become impossible for missionaries to continue to work among the African churches."



## Work Begins in Diego Martin

Southern Baptist missionaries began their program of work in Trinidad Feb. 24, with a service in Diego Martin, a suburb of Port of Spain.

Of the 55 persons attending, 13 expressed desire to be members of the mission and future church, and others pledged co-operation. Three of the 13 presented themselves as candidates for baptism.

The missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Emit O. Ray, arrived in Trinidad from the Bahamas last July but were unable to secure permission to begin work until December. They could then find no place for a chapel, partly because of religious opposition.

However, a group mainly of personnel from the nearby United States Navy base began meeting at the Rays' house for Bible study. They became more concerned as obstacles continued to be placed in the way of mission work. On Feb. 3 they spent two or more hours in prayer. "Two days later we had the place," said Ray.

A man came to the house offering to rent them a new store building on a busy thoroughfare of Diego Martin.

A room has been converted into an auditorium seating 100, and adjoining rooms provide space for classes.

The same week, two other men came to the Rays, offering to sell land on which to erect a permanent church building.

Diego Martin, in a valley about four miles from downtown Port of Spain, has a population of 55,000. The only evangelical witness, in addition to the new Baptist work, is a small church and a smaller mission of other denominations.

Joseph B. Underwood, associate secretary for promotion for the Foreign Mission Board, and Ted Roberts, minister of music for First Baptist Church in Albuquerque, N.M., arrived in Trinidad on an evangelistic tour of the Caribbean area just in time to participate in the first service.

Roberts led the music and directed a choir of Christians from the Navy base. Underwood spoke on Baptist beliefs and practices. Navy Chaplain John T. Goad read the Scripture lesson, and Ray preached the mission's first sermon.

During the preceding week, Underwood and Roberts participated in a "Spiritual Life Crusade" in the Navy chapel, attended by people from neighboring cities, some as far as 50 miles. In addition to several conversions, dedications to vocational Christian service, and rededications of lives, the campaign resulted in changed attitudes toward Baptist work and opened opportunities for the Rays, Underwood reported.

Trinidad was the pair's first stop. Others were in British Guiana, Brazil, and the Dominican Republic.



## SBC Allots FMB \$9,275,000

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's proposed 1964 budget through the Cooperative Program is \$19,248,500.

The SBC Executive Committee voted here to recommend that figure to the 1963 Convention session in Kansas City, Mo., beginning May 7.

The budget is under the 1963 sum of \$19,792,500. Adjustment was made to assure full payment of 1962 and 1963 capital needs allocated SBC agencies.

The 1964 goal of \$20,149,217

would provide extra funds for the two mission boards, if reached, said Executive Secretary Porter Routh. If income passes the \$19,248,500 mark, the excess will be divided between the Foreign and Home Mission Boards. The Foreign Board will get 75 per cent of the excess, or advance, section.

Of the operating budget for 1964, more than half—\$7,550,000—will go to the Foreign Board. The Home Board will get \$2,150,000.

The Foreign Board will get \$1,725,000 of the \$3,372,000 in the capital needs section. Another \$1¼ million is allowed to complete payment of 1963 capital needs which might be carried over.

The Cooperative Program is the unified budget plan used by state Baptist conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention to support missions, education, and benevolences. The more than 32,500 co-operating SBC churches set aside a part of their local annual budgets—averaging about 11 per cent—for the Cooperative Program. This is sent to the state convention treasurer. He in turn forwards a percentage to the SBC treasurer.

## Report Tells Missions Duty

The Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on Statement of Baptist Faith and Message has released its report to be acted on by the Convention in May at Kansas City, Mo., including a section entitled "Evangelism and Missions," which reads:

*"It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort and by all other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ."*

The statement, supported by 31 Scripture references from the Old and New Testaments, is among 17 sections in a 4,500-word report framed by presidents of state Baptist conventions elected in 1961 and Herschel H. Hobbs, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who is chairman.



## Church Accepts 2 Ghanaians

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)—Two Ghanaian students attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary have been accepted into membership of Wake Forest Baptist Church. The standing vote, while not unanimous, was by a substantial majority.

The students are Alfred Oteng and Stephen Akinloye, enrolled for a year as special students. They are pastors of Baptist churches in Ghana, and were led to Christ by Southern Baptist missionaries.

Oteng, a former policeman, testified that he became interested in Christianity because of the way missionaries lived. He said they came and lived among the Ghanaian people, while other visitors from abroad lived at a distance.

The two African students are residing in a seminary dormitory.

## Ghanaian Applies to Mercer

A young Ghana ministerial student, won to Christ by Southern Baptist missionaries, has applied for admission to Mercer University, Baptist senior college in Macon, Ga. If admitted, he will be the first Negro to enrol in a Georgia Baptist school, Baptist Press reported.

President Rufus C. Harris made no comment regarding the application, pending a report from a state convention committee studying integration of Georgia Baptist institutions. A committee of Mercer trustees is working with the convention group.

The Ghana youth, Sam Jerry Oni, 22, was led to Christ by Missionary Harris W. Mobley, a Georgian and 1955 Mercer graduate, now on furlough.

The university's student newspaper, *The Mercer Cluster*, called for Oni's admission, Religious News Service reported. The paper said he was one of the highest-ranking members of his graduating class in Ghana.

"If Mercer denies him admission, it will do so because of the color of his skin," the *Cluster* stated. If he is not accepted, the story continued, "it will take a remarkable bit of sophistry to explain to all converts and potential converts of the Baptist missionaries, why we want to save them, but not educate them."

John J. Hurt, editor of *The Christian Index*, Georgia Baptist newspaper, wrote: "Can Mercer afford to boast of its alumni who are mis-

sionaries and deny their converts admission?"

"If this young Ghana student qualifies for admission, as every indication promises he will, Mercer University must admit him without any quibbling. We either admit him or we should have the courage to call home all of our missionaries and go out of the business. We either admit him or we are in greater need of missionary preaching than Ghana."

The *Index* editorial quoted a letter from Georgian Russell B. Hilliard, Southern Baptist representative in Spain, also on furlough:

"If this young man desired to study communist doctrine, he would be promptly welcomed to one of the countries of the communist bloc. Surely we as Christians are motivated by nobler purposes and are bound in a stronger fellowship than the materialists of our world.

"As one of Georgia Baptists' representatives overseas, I appeal for the admission of this young man. His acceptance will not signify a change in our traditions, but it will mean a slight change in our hearts!"

Hurt commented: "Heap your scorn upon Mr. Hilliard, if you like, but be assured he will not change. He didn't surrender his life to Christ as a missionary with consideration for what others might think. He's accustomed to ridicule on the mission field. He is hampered there by our sins here. Denial to this student must not be another handicap."

## Racial Issue Vital to Missions

"What Southern Baptists do in the next 10 to 15 years in race relations can make or break our foreign missions program," said J. Marso Grant, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, North Carolina Baptist newspaper, in the February annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association at Williamsburg, Va.

He stated that Southern Baptists have left the matter of race relations

to political leaders, Religious News Service reported.

## Youth To See Commissioning

A service commissioning missionaries appointed by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards will be a feature of the first Southern Baptist youth conference June 13-19 at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly.

The conference is sponsored by the Sunday School Board in co-operation with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood Commission. Reservations have closed, as 4,300 capacity has been reached.

## World Missions Week Set

Southern Baptist churches will observe World Missions Week, April 21-26, as part of the World Missions Year emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Classes and activities for all age groups will be offered in a study on various aspects of missions. Seven books and three filmstrips are the basic materials. Books are:

*Christianity and World Religions*, by E. Luther Copeland, for Adults.

*Missions . . . Today*, by Ross Coggins, for Young People.

*Missions and Me*, by Ivyloy and Amelia Bishop, for Intermediates.

*Keep Telling the Story*, by Roberta Ryan, for Juniors.

*God Loves Everybody*, by Jester Summers, for Primaries.

*Helping Others Learn About Jesus*, by Marjorie Stith, for Beginners.

*My Family*, by Elsie Rives and Hazel Rowe Luck, for Nursery.

The filmstrips are *Desire of All Nations*, *The World and You*, and *Trailblazers Through the Centuries*.

The Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board is sponsoring World Missions Week, in co-operation with other Southern Baptist Convention agencies. Church Study Course credit is offered.



## ADDRESS CHANGES

### Arrivals from the Field

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 WELLS, Grace (Indonesia), 34 Wright St., Sumter, S.C.  
 YANCY, Mary Ellen (Nigeria), Camp Hill, Ala.

### Departures to the Field

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 HUSTER, Sig. & Mrs. James E., Piazza in Lucina 35, Rome, Italy (language study in Perugia).  
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 MIDDLETON, Rev. & Mrs. Hubert K., Casilla 9796, Santiago, Chile.  
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 LUTZ, Beverly (Paraguay), c/o Mr. & Mrs. Albert Lutz, Rt. 9, Box 334, Memphis, Tenn.

### ADOPTION

TIPTON, Kimberly Rae, foster daughter of Rev. & Mrs. S. Thomas Tipton (Tanganyika), born Jan. 2, adopted Feb. 12.

### BIRTHS

HAWKINS, John Franklin, son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred L. Hawkins, Jr. (South Brazil), Feb. 1.  
 SEABORN, Gay Lynn, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Miles L. Seaborn, Jr. (Philippines), Feb. 1.  
 SPIEGEL, Martha Jayne, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Donald J. Spiegel (Equatorial Brazil), Feb. 5.  
 TROOP, Boyd Lee, son of Rev. & Mrs. J. Eugene Troop (North Brazil), Jan. 16.

### DEATHS

CLARK, Dr. A. R., father of Rev. Gene A. Clark (Japan), Oct. 4, in Fla.  
 COCKBURN, W. R., father of Dr. S. Herbert Cockburn (Argentina), Feb. 24, Toronto, Canada.  
 ELDRIDGE, John, father of Eva Mae Eldridge (Nigeria), Feb. 7, Grand Junction, Tenn.  
 JORDAN, Rev. T. Hurley, father of Catharine (Mrs. W. Alvin) Hatton (South Brazil), Feb. 9, Arkadelphia, Ark.  
 KIMMEY, T. O., father of Bernadene (Mrs. Charles W.) Campbell, (Argentina), Feb. 18, Winnsboro, Tex.  
 LAW, Thomas L., Sr., father of Rev. Thomas L. Law, Jr. (Spain), Feb. 7, Houston, Tex.  
 LEE, W. D., father of Shirley (Mrs. Melvin E.) Torstrick (Chile), Feb. 19, Louisville, Ky.  
 LIMBERT, Jim, father of Rosemary Limbert, (Japan), Jan. 11, Grubbs, Ark.  
 NELSON, Dr. Loyce N. (Japan), Mar. 11, Dallas, Tex., & Mrs. W. H. Nelson, mother, Feb. 22, Louisville, Ark.  
 SANDERS, Herbert W., father of Eva M. Sanders (Nigeria), Feb. 6, Roanoke, Va.  
 TYSON, J. T., father of Veda (Mrs. George S.) Lozuk (Venezuela), Feb. 14, Corpus Christi, Tex.  
 YOUNG, Mrs. S. Taylor, mother of Norma (Mrs. Howard L.) Stevens (Mexico), Feb. 21, Canton, Ga.

### REINSTATEMENT

MEIN, Mildred (Mrs. John), emeritus



## WHY MISSIONS?

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The Christian mission, on the part of his followers, was launched at Pentecost (Acts 2). Without a Pentecost, the Christian mission is impossible.

Jesus Christ was the climax of God's redemptive activity in the old Israel and the transition to the new Israel. He was the initiator of the new Israel: the Church as God's people, chosen for redemptive activity (cf. I Peter 2:9-10 in relation to Exodus 19:3-6).

The apostle Paul understood all of this. He knew that "Christ in you is the hope of glory"—of ultimate salvation and of Christ being revealed to men. Therefore, he worked at his mission with the goal of presenting every man fully mature in Christ (Colossians 1:25-29).

Why missions? Once this biblical perspective possesses you, missions can no longer be optional, nor even secondary. The mission of the Church is the mission of her Lord. Then, it is not too much to say that "the Church exists by missions as the fire exists by burning!"

(Brazil-Bahamas), to North Brazil, Feb. 16.

## RETIREMENT

BARRATT, Miss Clifford I. (China-Taiwan), Feb. 28.

## TRANSFERS

MILLS, Rev. & Mrs. Dottson L., Argentina to Jamaica, Feb. 28.

OLIVER, Rev. & Mrs. A. Bruce, Equatorial Brazil to North Brazil, Mar. 31.

## Corrections

The U.S. Permanent Address for Frances (Mrs. Nelson A.) Bryan, emeritus (China), should be listed as Dallas 28, Tex., rather than zone 48 as printed in THE COMMISSION for February.

The name of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Leo Bivins (Israel) should be spelled Simona rather than Simone as listed in THE COMMISSION for February.

## New Life Movement

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its truth with all people everywhere.

The most important part of the New Life Movement may be seen when the meetings are over. The encouragement of national Christian leaders and the churches they serve will result in a sustained, long-range effort to bring people to Christ. Just as in any New Testament church, a great experience of revival will stimulate the total life of churches in every land that the New Life Movement touches.

Such blessings will come about, however, only as genuine spiritual power is realized and Christian love is felt. It will be of very great value if all of us undergird this movement with prayer and concern.

These lines are written with the hope that during these three months this effort and the lands of the Orient may be held before the throne of grace by thousands of believers, to the end that God may glorify his name in pouring out blessings. Thank God for the New Life Movement!

March 1963

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### AS A WOMAN PRAYS

by Elsie Lapsley Ogden

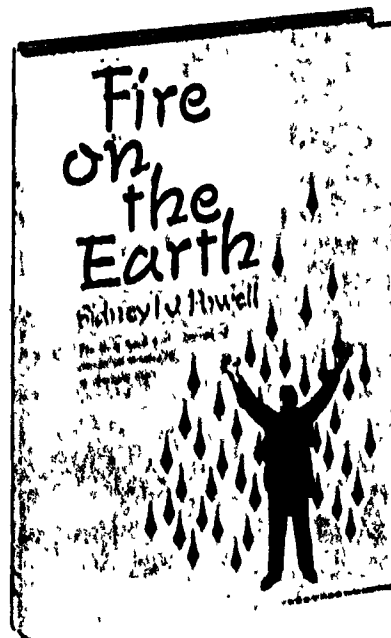
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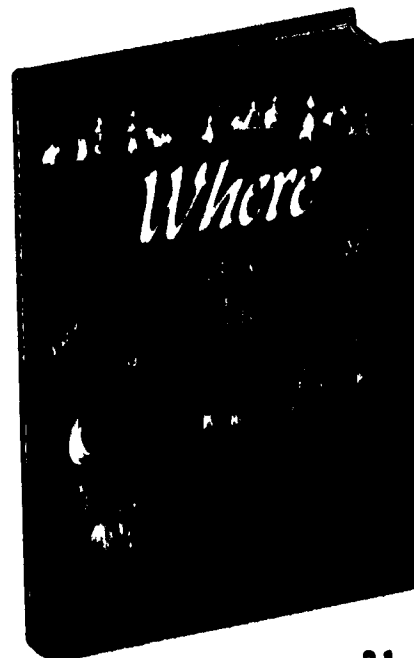
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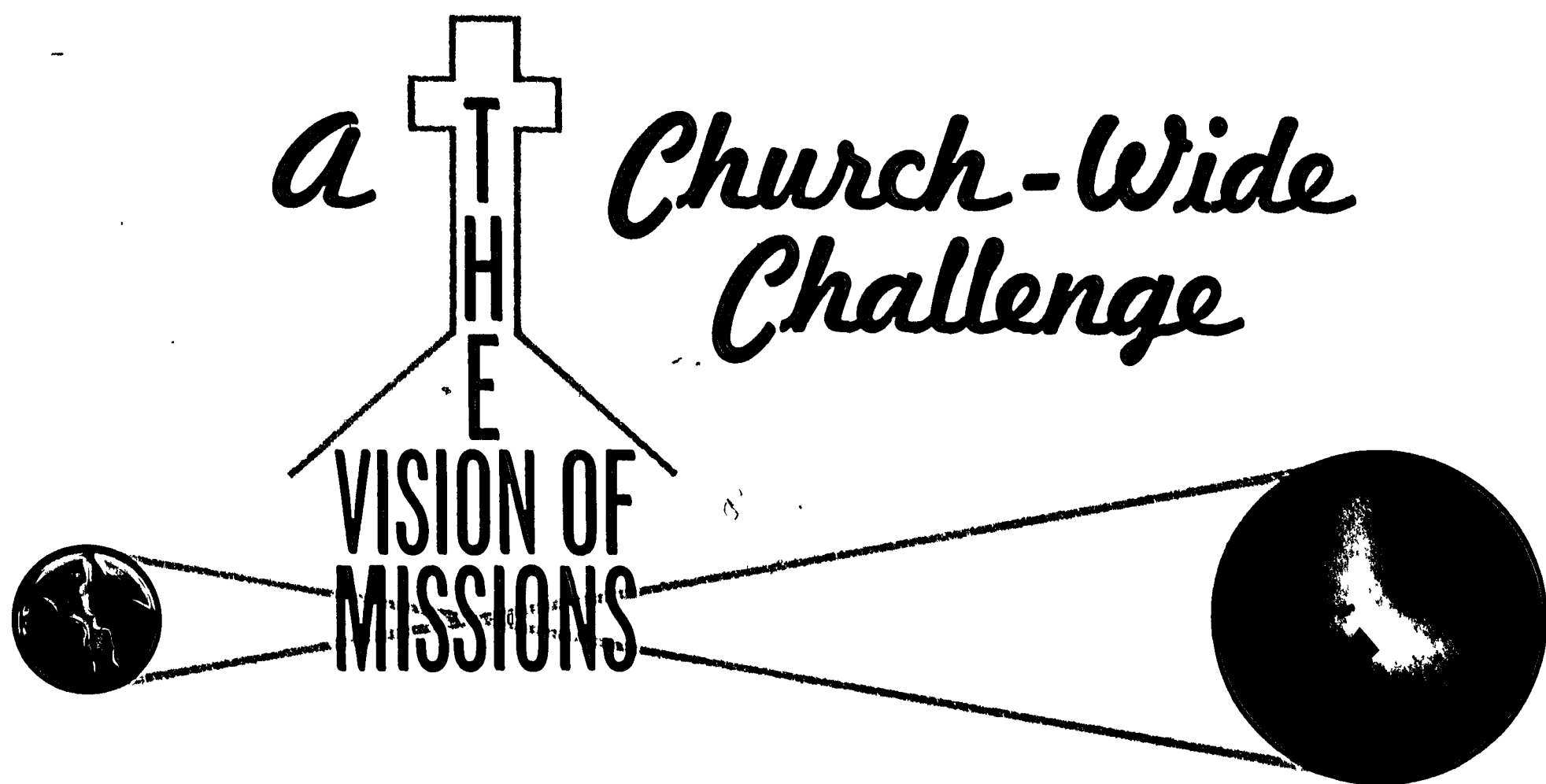
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