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a monument to missions

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Missionary in Tokyo, Japan



DURING the second night of the Tokyo campaign in the recent Japan Baptist New Life Movement, Dr. J. T. Ayorinde, associate general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, was the featured speaker. His message was a monument to missions.

Dr. Ayorinde constructed the foundation for the monument as he told of his childhood encounter with Miss Olive Edens, Southern Baptist missionary in Nigeria from 1916 to 1930.

He explained that 40 years ago she came to his community. He was playing in the street with some boys when she approached and said, "Come along. I have something important to tell you."

"We thought it was money or candy," he related. "We followed her, and she took us to a church and began to teach us that 'God so loved the world . . .'"

After she had told them the story of Jesus, young Ayorinde asked her, "Does that mean even us who are poor and playing on the street? If I come to him will he take me, too?"

She said, "Yes, my son. If you believe on him he will take you, and you will be saved."

Dr. Ayorinde said of his conversion experience which followed his encounter with Miss Edens: "Jesus Christ brought God into my heart, and I found happiness."

The Nigerian evangelist then began to construct the body of the monument when he told the vast Tokyo audience: "I am glad that the Christian missionary came to Africa so that we could find the happiness of Christ." He emphasized that he was speaking as one who had experienced the salvation of God.

Entering deeper into his message, he cautioned the listeners not to be mockers or postponers but believers in Jesus Christ.

Finally, the crown of the monument began to take shape. At the close of the message he presented an invitation for decisions. About 200 persons responded. Christians were deeply stirred and convinced that efforts must be redoubled to bring men to the cross.

But the crown is yet incomplete. It will thus remain until Jesus himself places his crown on that faithful servant Olive Edens who led this little African boy to the Saviour.

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MARACAIBO MISSION

BY VEDA RAE LOZUK

Missionary homemaker in Maracaibo, Venezuela



ABOVE: Volunteer workers put finishing touches on the Los Andes Baptist Mission's building.

BELOW: The mission members met for several months beneath this tree outside the Gómez home.

CHARLES B. CLARK



"HOW DO YOU go about starting brand new mission work?" is a question furloughing missionaries often hear. This is the story of how one new effort was started in Maracaibo, Venezuela. Because missions always deals with people, it is also the story of two persons, Manuel and Plácida Gómez.

Sr. and Sra. Gómez accepted the gospel as young adults in a small village near the Venezuelan border in their native Colombia. When the economic situation in Colombia became desperate and there were no jobs to be found, Manuel slipped across the border to find work, along with hundreds of his countrymen.

Later, he sent for Plácida and their children to come to Maracaibo, where they settled with other Colombians in one of the poorer communities on the edge of town. Manuel set up a booth in the downtown market and began to sell small articles of clothing. Here he came to know a member of Los Altos de Jalisco Baptist Church, who invited him to attend services. Soon Manuel and Plácida were among the most faithful in attending, even though they had to ride two buses, carrying the two youngest of their five children.

One day Manuel approached the missionary pastor, Charles B. Clark, to express a longing of his heart. He wondered whether the church would consider sponsoring a mission across town in his neighborhood. He felt great concern for his neighbors who did not know Jesus Christ. Manuel offered his one-room house and the services of his family to begin the mission.

Charles and Shirley Clark went to visit with Manuel and Plácida in the Los Andes community where they lived. There the people, many of them Colombians, expressed interest in a Baptist mission. One lady from Barranquilla, Colombia, was enthusiastic. She explained that a missionary doctor at the Baptist hospital in Barranquilla had saved her sick baby's life when no one else would help her. With pride, she pointed out the beautiful, healthy little girl.

The prospects for a new Baptist mission looked good to the Los Altos Church members, but there were problems. Manuel and Plácida, like many of the poor in Latin America, lived together in a common-law relationship, never having been legally married. Also, they had entered the country illegally, without passports and other papers required of foreigners by Vene-



CHARLES B. CLARK

Manuel and Plácida Gómez are pictured with their five children. From left, they are: Loida, Atenaida, Juanergi, Lea, and Geramel.

zuelan law. The church explained to the couple that they would have to legalize both their marriage and their status in the country and be baptized into the church membership before a mission could be started in their home.

It took Manuel many months to save the money to pay for his passport and then for Plácida's. Finally, their presence in the country was in accord with the law. Then, accompanied by their pastor and the friend who had first invited them to Los Altos Church, they legalized their marriage. This action also gave their children legal status. Finally, Manuel and Plácida were baptized.

In January last year, a group of members from the church helped the Gómez family in visiting throughout their neighborhood, inviting people to the mission's first service. A small group came and sat on crude benches outside the Gómez house.

The congregation grew each week. Manuel and various laymen from Los Altos Church directed the music and preached, with occasional assistance from Mr. Clark, at that time the only

resident missionary for all Baptist work in the Maracaibo area. Within six months, 70 to 80 persons were attending the Thursday night meetings. The need began to be felt for some type of building to better accommodate them.

At Anaco, in eastern Venezuela, Missionary Charles W. Davis was serving as pastor for a church of North Americans, mostly oil company employees. In appreciation for his service, the Anaco church had been sending contributions to the Venezuelan Baptist Mission (organization of missionaries), which decided to use the funds to purchase property for the Los Andes mission. It bought a large piece of land directly behind the Gómez home.

The mission still lacked a building, however. Missionary Clark talked with oil company officials about the situation, and they offered several small, prefabricated houses. With a group of men from the church and mission, he made the three-hour trip to the spot where the houses were located, across Lake Maracaibo. The men disassembled three buildings, loaded them on



CHARLES B. CLARK

LEFT: The oil company's prefabricated houses are loaded on a truck for transporting across Lake Maracaibo to the Los Andes Baptist Mission site. **RIGHT:** After the foundation is poured, the building goes up rapidly.

a truck, and brought them to the Los Andes property.

Joined by Missionary George S. Lozuk, who had just arrived from furlough in America, the group united the houses into one building seating more than 100 persons. Plácida and her children worked with the men, besides feeding the entire group daily during the three weeks of work.

Interested North Americans, especially those connected with English-speaking Faith Baptist Church of Maracaibo, also helped. They donated time and materials for such projects

as painting and electrical wiring. To add a final note, word came the day before the dedication of the building that another English-speaking Baptist church, Lakeside, had offered to donate one of its pianos. James Newman, pastor of Faith Church, secured a truck, and he and Missionary Clark made a trip across the lake to bring the piano to the mission in time for the service.

People from various walks of life had helped with the project, and many from the surrounding neighborhood had become interested. Dedication

day brought together so many that they filled the building and stood outside around the house, listening at the windows. Since the building's inauguration last September, Sunday school classes and Sunday morning worship services have been started.

During the Christmas season, a ladies' class from Faith Church invited the 35 children in the mission's Sunday school to a party. Word of it spread through the community, and by the time the party was well under way more than 100 children were present. Fortunately, the ladies had

LEFT: Missionary George Lozuk and José Suarez from the Los Altos church finish a window shutter as a curious neighborhood boy watches. **RIGHT:** The only water in Los Andes is brought by trucks and kept in barrels.





LEFT: Members of the mission sing during the dedication service. Many Venezuelans, Colombians, and North Americans who erected the building attended. **RIGHT:** Manuel Gómez and a friend provide special music.

provided plenty of punch and cookies. One missionary exclaimed, "Just think what would happen if we really publicized a Vacation Bible school!"

Another high light of the season was a Christmas program. Plácida and her neighbors made clever costumes and directed the children in a play. These children, among the first fruits of the mission, were now presenting the story of Jesus to others.

Although Plácida never finished grade school, she has natural talent for teaching children. She has been gathering the neighborhood boys and

girls around her to teach them choruses and Bible stories, and she also started and directs the Girls' Auxiliary at Los Altos Baptist Church.

Two months ago Manuel, whose papers were all in order, was picked up by the police in Maracaibo, along with a group of other Colombians, and kept in jail for three days. Those who knew that Manuel, like Peter in the Bible, has the problem of a quick temper wondered what his reaction would be to this unjust imprisonment.

When he was free again, Manuel was smiling. He didn't say whether he

sang at midnight, like the apostle Paul, but he did tell of winning an old man to the Lord. "If I hadn't gone to jail," he explained, "I might never have had the opportunity to tell that man about the love of God. He lives near our mission and has promised to attend the baptismal class for new converts."

Looking back over the way the needs of Los Andes Baptist Mission have been provided, and considering the spirit of those who lead the work there, one cannot help wondering what great plans the Lord has in store.

LEFT: Boys and girls acting in the mission's Christmas play were directed by Plácida Gómez and other women. **RIGHT:** More than 100 children attended the Christmas party. Manuel and Plácida have visited many since then.



The End of an Era

IN THE DEPTHS of the Great Depression, God called L. Howard Jenkins, Sr.—who considers himself a “plain, ordinary businessman”—to serve as president of the Foreign Mission Board.

This year's April meeting of the full Board was an epoch, marking the close of a significant era in its history. A recognition program honored Mr. Jenkins upon his retirement after 48 years as a member, 30 of them as president. Mrs. Jenkins also was cited for her faithful service of encouragement to her husband.

In October, 1932, Southern Baptists' foreign mission effort staggered under a million-dollar debt. Mission stations were closing, and no money was available to return many of the 359 missionaries to their fields. This year Mr. Jenkins—now president emeritus and financial adviser—rejoiced over the Board's 1962 income of slightly more than 20 million dollars. He was grateful, too, for the present 1,687 missionaries and missionary associates in 53 foreign fields.

What brought about such a difference in 30 years?

Part of the answer can be found in the way God works through men such as Mr. Jenkins. At a Board luncheon following the recognition program he gave this testimony:

“Whatever I have accomplished in the way of good has not been because of any ability of my own, but is due entirely to the leadership of God. I have tried to find his will for my life, and when his will has been made clear I have tried to follow his guidance. I believe God has a plan for every life and that we should try to find his plan. . . . His project for us might not be our own idea for ourselves, but nevertheless it is our duty to set aside our own desires and tread the path that God sets before us, no matter where it leads. As I meditate on my own life, I can see God's guidance all the way.”

Mr. Jenkins, head of a book manufacturing firm bearing his name in Richmond, Va., continued:

“I have never regretted making the choice I made, whether to serve the world or the church and its allied institutions. . . . I had only so much

time and strength aside from making a living, and I had to decide where I was to spend such talents as the Lord had given me. I could have chosen a society life or given my activities to civic affairs. Important, yes, but secondary to the church. In my opinion I made the best choice when I decided to link my life with Christian activities.”

Mr. Jenkins traced his life back to the early influences of a Christian family. “My home was a place where the preachers loved to come,” he said, “and the influences of their visits still linger with me.”

“I think one of the ways I know I am a Christian,” he commented, “is that I am perfectly comfortable, happy, and without embarrassment in the company of Christian men and women. This association has given me a real foretaste of heaven, and if I enjoy heaven as much as I enjoy the fellowship of my brethren on this earth, I shall be happy, indeed.”

Lack of Wealth Blessed Life

Continuing his tribute to the influence of his home upon his life, Mr. Jenkins stated:

“While my father amassed quite a sizeable fortune during a long life, I am glad I was born in a time when he was not so affluent. . . . I know the lack of wealth at that time has blessed my life in many ways. Chiefly, it has made me more sympathetic and understanding of others' problems. It has made me appreciate the value of a dollar and has forced me to be economical in handling my own affairs and the money of my church and denomination when called on to handle the sacred money of others which they have laid on the altar.”

Such was the preparation and outlook of L. Howard Jenkins when he became president of the Foreign Mission Board in 1932. In his testimony he described problems of the Board in his early days as a member:

“At one time, before I became president, the recommendation was made that we adopt a budget of over \$3,000,000. Several of the laymen on the Board, both local and statewide, in-

cluding myself, protested. We were told by one of the state members that we did not have enough faith. I replied that the Lord gave us common sense as well as faith, and if we failed to exercise it, he would not save us from disaster. The adoption of that budget led to our financial downfall and a debt of \$1,800,000. This had been reduced to \$1,100,000 at the time I was elected. . . .

“We went through some very trying experiences with our debt. The banks called me into conference and said that they wanted the entire income to be applied on the debt. We told them that if we agreed to such a thing there would be no income! We did agree to pay them \$100,000 a year.”

Mr. Jenkins and Dr. Charles E. Maddy, who became executive secretary soon after Mr. Jenkins' election as president, demonstrated admirable teamwork in the way they inspired and led the Board and Southern Baptists to retire the debt, at 6 per cent interest, in only 10½ years.

Just as Mr. Jenkins' early home was a blessing to his life, so is his own home a blessing to others, especially at two special times of the year. For the past 25 years Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have held receptions for the full Board during their semi-annual meetings and for the new missionaries appointed at those times, in April and October.

In an interview she recalled how the receptions began in 1938, when the Southern Baptist Convention and Woman's Missionary Union met in Richmond. It was the 50th anniversary of WMU, this year celebrating its 75th anniversary. Explaining that as chairman of the local entertainment committee for the women she had given a catered breakfast on her lawn, Mrs. Jenkins said: “I made the remark to Howard then that we ought to do this for the missionary candidates. They were always kind of keyed up, not knowing whether they would be appointed or not.”

Thus, Monday-night receptions in the spring and fall became traditional at the Jenkins home. “We used to tell people we thought they came to see us just for the shrimp,” Mrs. Jenkins



Above, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins receive a book of 250 letters from friends around the world from Dr. George W. Sailer, retired former secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East. At left, Mr. Jenkins holds one of the gifts from about 50 lands.

laughingly remarked.

Their home also has been a guest house for many other visitors, including presidents of the Baptist World Alliance, BWA Vice-President Lam Chi Fung, and Billy Graham.

A memorable visitor many times is Dr. J. T. Ayorinde, associate general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and a former BWA vice-president. "One of the most meaningful experiences in my whole life has been my relationship with Tamilol," Mr. Jenkins remarked.

He explained that while a boy he was very ill, and, upon his recovery, "My mother wanted to support a missionary in gratitude. The one chosen was Miss Olive Edens of Tennessee."

Miss Edens went to Nigeria, where she taught a heathen boy the meaning

of John 3:16 and won him to Christ. After attending Baptist Boys' High School in Abeokuta and later teaching there, that young man—J. T. Ayorinde—came to America to study in Richmond.

In a recent issue of *Nigerian Baptist*, monthly journal of the Nigerian Convention, he relates how he became acquainted with Mr. Jenkins:

"About 1940 when a student in Virginia Union University, I was asked to write an article on how I became a Christian. I did and told the story about Miss Edens' Sunday school class. . . . Mrs. Jenkins, mother of Dr. L. Howard Jenkins, then sick in the hospital, read the article. When her son visited her she expressed to him her desire to meet the Nigerian student who wrote the article. So, Dr.

Jenkins came and asked me to meet her in the hospital."

Here Mr. Jenkins takes up the narrative: "When my mother was dying she expressed some doubts whether the money spent over 30 years in Nigeria had done any good. . . . Tamilol said, 'Mrs. Jenkins, I'm a product of your work in Africa.' He stood by her bed and read the Bible in Yoruba and translated it into English. Then he said a prayer and translated it. As he walked out, my mother said, 'That's worth all it cost.'"

The *Nigerian Baptist* article continues: "After the prayer, Mrs. Jenkins called her son and said, 'Howard, I want you and this young man to be great friends. See that while in this country he is well cared for.'"

And friends they became. A recent instance of their friendship is revealed by Mr. Jenkins:

"When Dr. Ayorinde was on his way to Japan as a speaker in the New Life Movement he wrote me a letter on the plane and mailed it in Rome. The words and expressions in that letter would pay me for anything I have ever done."

Regrets Not Visiting Fields

Thinking back over his ties with missions through the past 48 years, Mr. Jenkins' greatest regret is not having visited the mission fields. "But I've never failed to answer a letter from a missionary," he added. "I reckon I've bought more blue airmail forms than anybody in Richmond."

Sometimes he has had as many as 25 or 30 letters on his desk at one time, including missionary form letters. "I felt that if they thought enough of me to write," he explained, "I had an obligation to reply."

Mr. Jenkins now faces the monumental task of answering a flood of letters that recently descended upon him at once. In the recognition program honoring his long service as a Board member, a leather-bound book of 250 letters was presented to him, written by friends throughout the Southern Baptist Convention and around the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins also were given gifts of appreciation from Missions (organizations of missionaries) in about 50 countries. In addition, the Board designated \$40,000 from gains on securities in endowment and trust funds as the Jenkins Memorial Fund,

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to study about *THE NEAR EAST*

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS will focus their attention this year on the Near East through the 1963 Foreign Mission Graded Series. They will study four countries: Israel, Jordan, Gaza, and Lebanon.

Today this region where Christianity began is full of violent social and political unrest—not too different perhaps from that in Jesus' day. Through five books for specific age groups, members of mission study classes will discover the reasons for this highly tense atmosphere.

Adults will take a look at the Near East as a whole, with emphasis on Israel. Young People also will put their attention on Israel. Intermediates will concentrate on Gaza. Juniors will study Jordan. Primaries will take a trip to Jesus' home town, Nazareth.

All five books, published by Convention Press, are available now at Baptist Book Stores. Teacher's guides are 25 cents each.

Mandelbaum Gate

By H. Leo Eddleman. 85 cents

Written by a former missionary who is now president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, the Adult book uses fictitious characters to help Southern Baptists understand the conflict between Jews and Arabs in the Holy Land today.

A college professor, a government worker, and an oil executive—all three Americans—meet one day at Mandelbaum Gate, the customs station between Jordan and Israel, and arrange to tour the Holy Land together. The uninitiated executive, bitter because his passport does not enable him to pass through the "Gate" from Israel into Jordan, is given a briefing by the professor and government worker, who are more familiar with the touchy situation. As they discuss the holy sites and Southern Baptist mission points, the businessman is made to see and understand, though not compassionately at first, the circumstances that led to establishment of the so-called "stubborn gate."

The story is told as objectively as possible by one who was a missionary to Palestine before the conflict of 1948. He describes the situation as he knows it, attempting to interpret both sides. The book will help Southern Baptists understand how political conditions affect Christian missions in the Near East.

Mrs. Eddleman wrote the teacher's guide.—E.T.

Shalom

By Laurella Owens. 85 cents

The author of this Young People's book is the daughter of former missionaries to Palestine and editor of the Young Woman's Auxiliary magazine *The Window*. The title is the Hebrew word meaning "peace."

Miss Owens tells of the part Israeli youth are playing in the Christian witness to the Jewish nation, founded only 15 years ago. Against a backdrop of rich historical information the author relates stories of several young Jewish seekers and converts, who represent the changing and awakening nature of Israel's young people. The stories are interlaced with informative accounts of Israel's culture, geography, customs, and government and with reports on the work Southern Baptist missionaries are doing in the Jewish nation.

Helen Falls, associate professor of missions at New Orleans Seminary, wrote the teacher's guide.—E.T.

Mustard Seed

By Dorothy Green Napier, 50 cents

Mrs. Napier takes her title for this Intermediate study book on Gaza from Jesus' well-known parable, likening the gospel being sown in that small district to grains of mustard seed.

Since Southern Baptist mission work in Gaza is limited chiefly to medical, the book uses as its setting the Baptist hospital there and relates experiences of patients who have been influenced to find a new and richer way of life through its ministry. Complementing these stories is a brief history of the hospital and a short resumé of Gaza's history.

Mrs. Napier is the daughter of the late Dr. George Green, Southern Baptists' first medical missionary to Nigeria, and Mrs. Green, emeritus missionary. She also wrote the teacher's guide.—E.T.

The Big Difference

By Alta Lee Lovegren. 50 cents

The Junior book is a revision of an earlier study book on Jordan. The author, a missionary in that country since 1953, tells the story of an Arab Christian minister's family and their influence on Muslim neighbors next door.

Jerius, the minister's son, and Sameer, his Muslim friend, share lots of experiences, but there are a few things about Jerius that Sameer does not understand. Why do they attend different schools, live in different types of houses, go to different churches, have different holy books, and celebrate different holidays? In Sameer's search for the answers, he discovers the one big difference—Jerius' belief in Christ—which sheds light on all the other differences.

Richie Harris, editor of Junior Training Union lesson courses for the Baptist Sunday School Board, wrote the teacher's guide.—E.T.

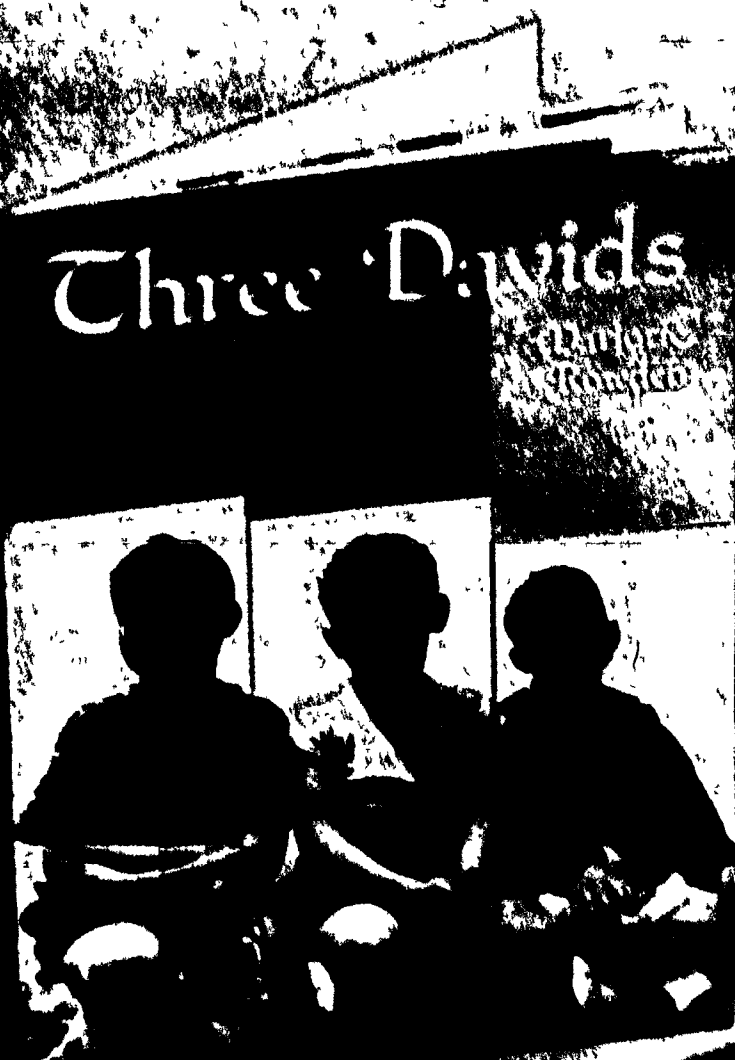
The Three Davids

By Marjorie Rowden. 50 cents

What is nicer than one little boy named David? *Three* little boys named David, of course. All three are good friends in Jesus' home town of Nazareth, and enjoy playing together. The interesting thing about them is that they are of different nationalities. One is the son of American missionaries, one of the Arab caretaker at Nazareth Baptist Church, and the other of the Jewish man who repairs the church organ.

How the American "David" and the Arab "Dah-ood" meet the Jewish "Dah-veed" and invite him to their church is told delightfully in this attractive picture book for Primaries, written by a former missionary to Israel.

Mrs. Eloise M. Prater, of the Woman's Missionary Union staff in Birmingham, wrote the teacher's guide, which includes five additional stories by Mrs. Rowden for teachers to tell.—E.T.





to look at *THE NEAR EAST*

VISUAL AIDS are available to supplement the 1963 mission study on the Near East. These have been prepared to help you teach the books in this year's Foreign Mission Graded Series. Original photography was done in the lands under study: Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, and Gaza.

As you prepare to teach, you will discover many uses for the visual aids. As you read the teacher's guide for the book you plan to teach, you will find specific suggestions on how and when to use some of them.

MOTION PICTURES

Mission to Israel

(30 minutes, color, sound; rental \$5; order from your Baptist Book Store)

Missionary Frank A. Hooper III introduces the nation of Israel in this motion picture. With him you see where he and others serve in that part of the biblical world which today is Israel. You see the scope of the Baptist witness in Jerusalem, Nazareth, Tel Aviv, and Petah Tiqva.

Balm in Gilead

(26 minutes, color, sound; rental \$5; order from your Baptist Book Store)

The missionary witness in a medical situation comes to life in this motion picture. The setting: the Baptist hospital at Ajloun, Jordan. The story: the work of doctors and nurses who give themselves to healing the sick of body and telling the gospel of the Saviour of the soul.

FILMSTRIPS

World Evangelism in Israel

(15 minutes, color; sale only, \$3.50 with manual; order from your Baptist Book Store)

Supplementing the 1963 mission study for Young People and Adults, this filmstrip is an examination of the Baptist witness in Israel, with some attention to the religious and cultural background in which the missionaries and national Christians are projecting this witness.

World Evangelism in Arab Lands

(15 minutes, color; sale only, \$3.50 with manual; order from your Baptist Book Store)

This filmstrip will supplement the 1963 mission study at many points. It is a survey of what Baptists are doing to proclaim the gospel in Lebanon, Jordan, and Gaza. *World Evangelism in Arab Lands* is arranged in sequences for these areas, presenting their background and the Baptist witness.

PICTURE BOOK

The Near East in Pictures

(24 pages, black and white; sale only,

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In this picture book you will find

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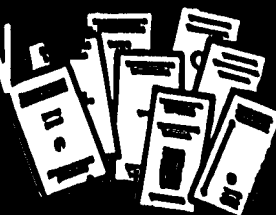
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to teach about *THE NEAR EAST*

LEADER'S MISSION STUDY PACKET ON THE NEAR EAST

A FREE PACKET of supplementary information for the 1963 mission study on the Near East is available from the Foreign Mission Board for use by mission study leaders. There is only one packet, but the material will prove adaptable for all age groups.

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cles about these Near East countries, plus Gaza, that have appeared in *THE COMMISSION* for the past three years.

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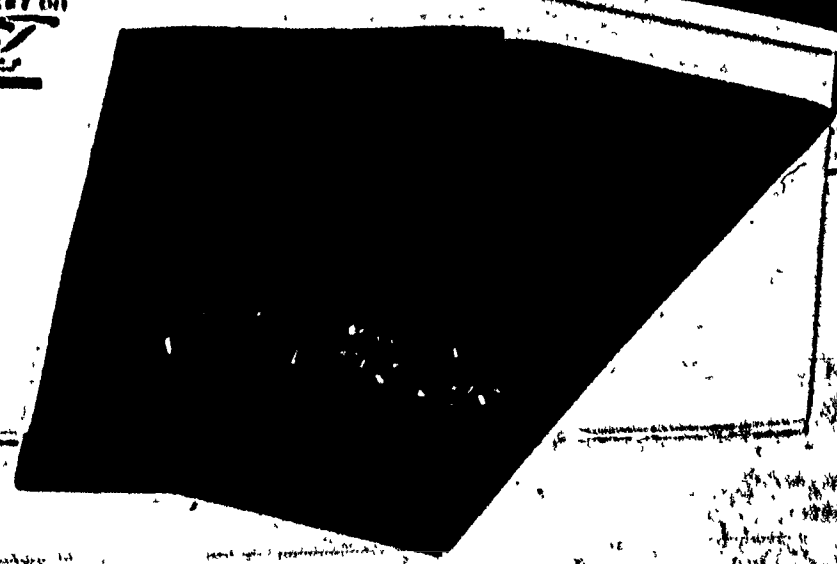


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Secretary for Missionary Personnel



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Miss Dyer



Mr. and Mrs. Laird



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Mr. and Mrs. Smith



Dr. Berrey



Mr. and Mrs. Reber



Mr. and Mrs. Morphis



Mr. and Mrs. Oody

THE COMMISSION

FOR 19 months the Foreign Mission Board has been using a supplementary program in missionary personnel.

During the last few years we have been faced with requests for personnel for which none could be found: dormitory parents in schools for missionary children, teachers for those schools, secretaries and business managers for Mission headquarters offices, teachers in some secondary schools, nurses in particular hospital situations, and pastors for English-speaking churches. All of these needs require people with specialized training. In some instances it is not necessary that such persons have the same amount of education as a regular missionary. Neither is the matter of age a primary factor, since it would not be necessary to learn a foreign language.

On October 11, 1961, the personnel committee recommended to the Board the employment of missionary associates to meet a limited number of urgent, specific requests for specialized personnel. The Board agreed.

These opportunities are open to persons who feel led to bear their Christian witness overseas but who normally could not be appointed due to age or educational requirements. In the case of preachers the requirements are the

same as for regular missionaries.

The title "missionary associate" was chosen since the person would do basic missionary work without the long-range involvement assumed by a regular missionary. The associate is employed, not appointed. His or her service is limited to one term, with the possibility of a second term when recommended by the Mission and the area secretary. The prospective missionary associate is eligible to apply only if he is at least 35, and there is no upper age limit. A couple could not be encouraged to apply whose oldest child would have to return to the United States to begin college prior to the end of the term of service.

Provision for support is basically the same as for career missionaries, with the exception of Margaret Fund scholarships for college children. Because of the nature of his work, the missionary associate does not have a vote in the business sessions of the Mission.

This program is but one of many ways in which the Board is seeking to develop a more flexible approach to missionary outreach. In it the Board is taking advantage of an opportunity to waive certain requirements to secure persons with unique experience and

unusual ability for specific tasks. A special committee has begun to study additional possibilities of meeting personnel needs commensurate with the demands of the crisis days in which we live. The basic concern is to send out persons capable of bearing effective witness.

There is no inclination to lower requirements for career missionaries. The continuing need for persons who measure up to a high level of health, training, and mature experience is supported both by missionaries and nationals. At the same time, age has become a variable factor in dealing with specific situations. Also, the sending of laymen to carry on a variety of services is a welcomed development.

Response to this new program has been most favorable. We are building up a file of well-trained, committed people to whom we can turn as requests are made from the field. The program was not intended to involve hundreds of people. It is designed to meet certain specific requests as they are presented by those already at work overseas.

Seventeen persons have now been employed. They have a remarkable array of talents enhanced by years of excellent training and experience.

Miss Audrey Dyer of Minnesota was the first missionary associate. A well-trained nurse with excellent experience, both overseas and in the United States, Miss Dyer is filling a great need at Ire Baptist Welfare Center in Nigeria.

Major and Mrs. L. G. Bradford of Texas had spent 21 years in the U.S. Army Air Corps and the Air Force. Their last tour of duty was in Japan, where they were active members of Tokyo Baptist Church. They became convinced that God had a special place for them in Japan as missionaries. Maj. Bradford accepted early retirement and came home for seminary study. Today, the Bradfords are back in Japan, serving as dormitory parents for missionary children going to school in Tokyo.

With many years of teaching experience in an elementary school in Texas, Miss Lola Mae Daniel is now using her talent for Christ overseas as she teaches in Morrison Academy, a school for missionary children in Taiwan.

Rev. and Mrs. James B. Dotson of Tennessee had a desire to serve as missionaries for many years. It was necessary to discourage their seeking appointment, however, because of a health problem. From 1954 until 1962 the Dotsons were related to the Home Mission Board in Spenard, Alaska, where Mr. Dotson was pastor of Faith Baptist Church. Now they are missionary associates serving an English-speaking church on Okinawa.

The experience of Chief M/Sgt. and Mrs. Roy Laird of Texas has been much the same as that of the Bradfords.

Among the many places they served in the Air Force is the Philippines. Now they are returning to that country as dormitory parents in Manila.

Another Air Force couple to become missionary associates is Lt. Col. and Mrs. Jack A. Smith of Texas. They were ready to go last fall to Japan, where he would serve as business manager for the Japan Baptist Mission. Because of the Cuban crisis, Col. Smith is still awaiting release from duty.

For several years Mr. Sidney C. Reber has been a training officer of the Internal Revenue Service for a five-state area, with headquarters in Dallas, Texas. He and his wife will soon go to Singapore where they will serve as dormitory parents for missionary children. Mr. Reber also will have business administrative responsibilities.

Dr. Ruth M. Berrey is a pediatrician from Birmingham, Alabama. Her doctor husband died six years ago. Her children are grown and, though there is the tug of grandchildren, she is now in medical mission service in Nigeria.

An English-speaking church in West Germany is the destination for Rev. and Mrs. Luther Morphis, who have served churches in North Carolina for the past 10 years.

Though Tennessee is the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Eugene Oody, they have lived since 1957 in California where he has taught high school mathematics in Arcata. He will fill a similar post at Ricks Institute in Liberia.



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BY ALMA HUNT

*Executive Secretary,
Woman's Missionary Union,
Birmingham, Alabama*

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TWO OFFICERS of Woman's Missionary Union were given their first assignment on the afternoon of May 14, 1888, the day WMU was organized. They were instructed "to wait upon the Boards."

Little did Martha E. McIntosh, president, and Annie W. Armstrong, corresponding secretary, realize the strong ties of mutual concern with the Southern Baptist Foreign and Home Mission Boards that would result from this assignment.

The quaint words, "to wait upon the Boards," contain a history in themselves. They begin the story of the relationship Woman's Missionary Union has enjoyed with the Foreign Mission Board for 75 years. This relationship includes many personalities who gave time and encouragement to the possibilities they foresaw in woman's work.

Dr. H. A. Tupper, corresponding (executive) secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and his associate, Dr. T. P. Bell, whom Miss McIntosh later married, "gave every desired assistance . . . graciously and heartily." They visited the WMU headquarters at Baltimore to speak to the executive committee. They offered to share equally with the Home Mission Board the expenses for printing, postage, and expressage.

Commenting upon this assistance in her first president's address, Miss McIntosh said: "We regard the action of the Boards as a matter of first importance because it cements the alliance between our Woman's Missionary Societies and the Southern Baptist Convention. The generous attitude of the Boards to your committee and its work has been [gratifying] to us and we take much pleasure in expressing our appreciation of the same."

By 1890 the work had so expanded that clerical help was needed. The Boards offered to pay the yearly salary of \$400 for a clerk. Having felt that woman's work should be voluntary, the executive committee did not accept the offer until it was discussed and voted upon in annual meeting.

The Foreign Mission Journal carried a column month by month written by early WMU leaders. Through this medium the officers of the Union unified the work of the state central committees, gave reports, and offered encouragement and suggestions for securing "mis-

sionary intelligence."

Typographical errors occurred then, as they do now, and caused headaches for Fannie E. S. Heck, second president of the Union. She wrote an article for the *Journal*, "The Introduction of Christianity," which appeared in print as "Introduction of Curiosity." In protesting, she graciously attributed the error to her poor handwriting, yet at the same time she felt that the proofreader should have at least questioned the title.

The WMU members were careful to avoid criticism or further opposition to the idea of woman's work, as they had encountered earlier. The yearly suggestions of the Boards became the bases of recommendations from which they developed their work.

Of all the suggestions made, none found so warm a response as Dr. Tupper's suggestion of an offering for China—the result of a letter from Lottie Moon. Even before the Union was organized, Miss Moon had written from her mission field asking Southern Baptist women to take an offering for China at Christmas-time. She had pleaded for reinforcements in the work at Pingtu, for someone to take her place while she took a long-overdue furlough. That offering in 1888 sent three missionaries instead of two and indicated what could be sparked by an appealing motive and accomplished by united effort.

The offering grew, as did the ties between WMU and the Foreign Mission Board. The concerns of the Board became the concerns of the Union. Debts upon the Board in the mid-twenties lay heavily upon the hearts of the women. Looking at the dark picture of retrenchment, Dr. J. F. Love, secretary of the Board, wrote:

"The sympathetic understanding of our Baptist women is a continual source of strength to those of us who are immediately under the burden of this great foreign mission enterprise. . . . During the past twelve months the Foreign Mission Board has been driven to take two desperate steps. In the first instance it was, for lack of funds, compelled to deny appeals from every mission field for every form of material equipment . . . and to confine appropriations to the living expenses necessary to keep the missionaries on the fields and the native workers from starving. . . . The

n the Boards"

Y UNION this year is observing its 75th anniversary. In this of WMU, Miss Alma Hunt, surveys the beginnings, early goals, woman's auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. During the members are observing the watchword, "Laborers together on 3:17, "That the world through him might be saved."



other step was equally desperate. More than ninety young people who had devoted money and time to preparation for foreign mission service made application to the board for appointments. The board was again compelled to pursue the same method and deny appointment to these young people. . . ."

Burdened by this appeal, Kathleen Mallory began a new page in *Royal Service* in September, 1925, called "Pray Ye." It was a call to prayer from the corresponding secretary of the Union on behalf of the debts of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards. Women were urged to come to meetings an hour early "to give their minds and hearts to prayer." There were no talks; the hour was given to prayer—sometimes silent, sometimes spoken.

The Board's appreciation was expressed through its executive secretary, Dr. T. B. Ray:

"The great Lottie Moon Christmas Offering saved us from humiliating defeat. Had not the women provided for the return of sixty missionaries and the salaries of the forty sent back last year, our board would have been well nigh paralyzed. . . . The application of a portion of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to the reduction of our debt was a profoundly appreciated blessing. This gift amounted to about half the sum we were able to place to the reduction of the debt this year. . . . This offering will be able to provide some advance in the work when the board overburdened by obligations would be compelled to stand still."

Mission study is indigenous in the life of Woman's Missionary Union. The desire to know and to impart information about missionaries and their work was one of the stimulants that brought the Union into existence. When the Foreign Mission Board created the position of educational secretary in November, 1906, and launched the department "which was to create and propagate the study of literature on missions," the Union gave wholehearted support and recommended "that societies as far as possible sometime during the year take up the ten weeks study course as arranged by the educational secretary."

The first *WMU Year Book*, published in 1912, carried an article which suggested ways of interesting

women in mission study. One was: "If the conditions do not favor a mission study class, a reading circle might be formed to meet from house to house, having one member read some mission textbook while others sew. Many bypaths of research will open up and the informality will encourage discussion and merriment. It follows that the next missionary meeting will be less solemn."

Mission study books in the Foreign Mission Graded Series are promoted annually by the Union. These have opened the eyes of women and young people, stretched their hearts as wide as the world, made them aware of their Christian obligations and responsibilities.

The emphasis today on world awareness is stated in the Union's Aims for Advancement:

"We will seek to develop an appreciation for all people and a deep concern for those who are lost without Christ through:

Emphasis on continuous reading of missionary books and missionary periodicals.

Month by month study with interpretation of the world outreach of missions

Study of books on missions and Woman's Missionary Union Aims"

Through study, prayer, and giving, WMU has contributed to the missions consciousness in the churches and to the outreach of Southern Baptists' foreign mission work. The effort stimulated by Lottie Moon in 1888 to provide \$2,000 for China has grown into the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Convention-approved Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The impact of the week is felt today in 53 countries where Southern Baptist missionaries proclaim the love of God. It arouses concern for lost people and stirs hearts to share joyfully in this Christmas gift to a needy world. Its impelling power keeps church members actively involved in carrying out the Great Commission.

Woman's Missionary Union's look at its history makes the observance of its 75th anniversary a rewarding experience, for history unfolds the past to the encouragement and direction of the present. Seventy-five years of co-operative endeavor, to the end "that the world may know" our Saviour, gives assurance and direction for the future.

Missionary Education: a 'Must'

MISSIONARY EDUCATION is more than ever a "must" for every church. It seems that this would be the conclusion reached by anyone who reads the 1962 report of the Foreign Mission Board. Necessarily, such a recapitulation is largely statistical and tabulary, but the indicated and implied aspects of the record are numerous enough to make the reader see the vastness of our co-operative world outreach.

There are 53 fields where Southern Baptist foreign missionaries labor. Any one of these could fully occupy the attention and prayer potential of an individual, a church, or the entire denomination. But our witness for Christ is as strategically extended and urgently needed in all these fields as it is in any one of them.

Not only is our stewardship of the gospel engaged with a multiplicity of foreign mission fields, but through the personalities and skills of over 1,700 missionaries we share a ministry of compassion in all those localities. And within this overseas task force there are more than 25 types of missionary service.

Further considering the fields, we are readily made aware that there are different stages of development mission by mission. These cover a wide range, from the field most recently entered to that one so fully developed that within it there has developed an indigenous constituency and leadership mature enough to beget its own missionary outreach. To see them all is to observe the application and results of almost every stage of missionary strategy and policy. We are never unmindful of the momentous needs also of both home and state missions. They must succeed because of the great spiritual needs of our country and as we seek to build a broader base for world outreach.

Stated another way, there are so many fields, missionaries, types of service, and stages of development in our denomination's world missions program that there is no quick, easy way to grasp its scope or to adequately comprehend its challenge. Nor are occasional missionary emphases adequate for keeping a church abreast. Even such a widely endorsed and applied emphasis as World Missions Year can hardly be expected to carry over into following years with enough momentum to sustain the most effective level of missionary fervor in any church.

If out of the current missions emphasis of Baptist Jubilee Advance a church has reached a higher-than-ever plane of missionary awareness and dedication, there should now be a plan taking shape not only for maintaining that level but also for reaching a higher one. The answer is in the development of a missionary education program. This should not call for additional organizational structure within the church. There exist in most places the basic organizations through which missionary information and inspiration can be channeled to all ages and with a regularity that builds. Along with a missions-centered preaching ministry such a plan can so keep the church in a state of responsiveness that the Holy Spirit can draw forth young lives into the main stream of missionary calling.

The church that intends to keep step with its missionary opportunities should make such provisions. The membership will then surely grow in its understanding of the biblical basis for missions; it will be brought into a closer fellowship with the missionaries, and will realize a new joy in praying because of its knowledge of their specific needs on the various fields. The financial aspect of that church's missionary stewardship will never be in doubt as long as such a program is effectively kept in force.

The forthcoming summer months are perhaps the best time for the church to lay its plans for a sustained missionary education program for the months and years ahead. Every board and agency of the Southern Baptist Convention and each state convention is ready to furnish educational and promotional materials for such a purpose.

No More Room at Ridgecrest

WE HAVE RECEIVED a report from Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly that no more reservations are available for the Foreign Missions Conference, June 20-26.

This is good news, but we regret that there are so many who wanted to attend but whose requests for reservations arrived too late. Perhaps some can go to Glorieta instead. The date for Foreign Missions Week there is August 15-21. At last report there was still room.

Power Was There!

BY BAKER J. CAUTHEN

THE NEW LIFE Movement is still in progress in the Orient as these lines are being written. Thrilling reports have already come, including 9,200 decisions in Japan, more than 6,000 in the Philippines, and more than 1,000 on Okinawa in the early stages of the effort. It is reasonable to anticipate that many more people will have made decisions for Christ by the time the meetings are concluded.

A word of caution is here necessary. We should keep in mind that on mission fields many people make clear, definite commitments of themselves by faith to God through Jesus Christ and are brought into a genuine saving experience. Others are deeply impressed by what they have heard and express a genuine desire to know more about the message. In every great movement, however, the four kinds of soil that Jesus described in the parable of the sower are manifest. We are indebted to our Lord for this parable because on the one hand it keeps us from being visionary in our estimate of labor we have done and on the other it guards us from being discouraged when thorns and thistles spring up where fruit had been anticipated.

Those who express interest in Jesus Christ are then brought into instruction classes where more information is provided and where experiences in prayer are shared. Effort is made to bring the individual into a saving knowledge of Christ and an understanding of what it means to be a church member.

It was my privilege to be in Tokyo for the opening days of the Japan New Life Movement. I came away deeply impressed with what I had seen. Never have I been among people who were more earnestly seeking to be used of God than were the Japanese Baptists, the missionaries, and the visitors who had come to preach, sing, and bear their witness. The orientation sessions were periods of soul searching and prayer. The memory of those many workers on their knees in prayer to God for cleansing and power is much cherished.

A spirit of willingness on the part of all who had come to participate seemed deep and contagious. A suggestion that handbills might be given out around the railway stations met with instant response and helped to produce the large attendance in the stadium on the closing night of the Tokyo crusade.

Each evening approximately 5,000 persons assembled in Waseda Auditorium for services. The programs had been so well planned that any service could have easily been presented on television. The audience greatly enjoyed and appreciated the Nippon Philharmonic Orchestra and the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band from Texas.

Visiting singers from America made a deep impression by the fact that they had learned to sing in the Japanese language. It was a rich experience to see soloists singing in Japanese with the same confidence as in English.

The testimonies each evening, brought by outstanding Christians, were challenging and rang with sincerity.

THE OPENING message was brought by Dr. Akbar Haqq of India, a member of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He spoke as an Oriental to Orientals as he described a person's deep need of Christ. It was so skilfully and accurately done that the audience sat with profound attention. When the invitation was given a large response occurred.

Dr. J. T. Ayorinde of Nigeria preached on the second night. He was an impressive figure in a Nigerian white garment, and he preached with remarkable fervor and earnestness. He began his message with his personal testimony, relating how Miss Olive Edens of Tennessee had found him as a small boy playing on the streets of Abeokuta and told him the story of Jesus, which led to his becoming a Christian. The witness of this remarkable Nigerian leader made a deep impression in Japan.

On the third evening, Dr. T. A. Patterson preached with clarity and



power, and a great response was witnessed. But I was impressed when Mrs. Patterson wept at the end of the service and said, "Oh, there are so many who did not come."

Perhaps that is the way our Master's heart must feel as he looks upon a needy world and sees the vast multitudes who go their way without Christ even while some turn to him.

It was particularly appropriate that one of the best services came when Seminary Professor Shuichi Ozaki, a beloved Japanese Baptist leader, preached. His message was "The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand," and the appeal of it was evidenced by the great response of his countrymen as they came forward confessing Christ as Saviour.

Much prayer preceded the service in the stadium. We were told that for 63 years it had rained on April 3, but God gave a beautiful day. Although it was cold in the night air, more than 10,000 people assembled to listen to the gospel. It was evident that the hand of God was upon the entire evening, and the response to the invitation gave indication of the moving of his Spirit.

As I sat there night by night, I kept feeling that any city in the world would be blessed by the experiences we were having. Certainly any city in America would be blessed by the quality of the music, testimonies, and preaching. It was evident that the meetings were accomplishing good far beyond any possibility of measuring.

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EPISTLES

FROM TODAY'S APOSTLES AROUND THE WORLD



June (Mrs. Gerald A.) McNeely
Barcelona, Spain

New Tolerance Raises Hopes for More Liberty

SINCE SPAIN has been so much in the news recently, many have written to ask, "Is it true that now you have complete liberty in Spain and all the problems have ended?" We will answer with a graphic illustration of something that happened recently. A young couple in First Baptist Church of Barcelona were following the normal procedure for getting married, which includes receiving permission from the local Catholic bishop. The reply was an emphatic "no," since both had been baptized into the Catholic Church in infancy.

This shows that liberty has not arrived. It is true that we have a new degree of tolerance in some areas of our work, and for this we are grateful to God. Certainly your prayers at home have had a great deal to do with the granting of this tolerance.

Many of you prayed for Elche Baptist Church. Keeping our promise to that church, we mentioned its sealed doors every place we spoke during our furlough, asking for prayers that it might be reopened. In March the police came and removed the seals. The members are now using the building for the purpose to which it was dedicated to God.

Continue to pray that God may use people and forces to open other doors, to make it easier for young people to get legal permission to marry, and then to give us the wisdom and courage to use the increased tolerance.



Lawrence M. Southerland, Jr.
Tokyo, Japan

Prayer, Patience Needed For Seeds Sown in Japan

THESE ARE very busy days in Japan. The New Life Movement has just been completed, and follow-up efforts are now under way. Many Japanese heard the gospel for the first time, and seeds were sown that will bear fruit for years to come. Of this we are confident. Pray for these who have accepted Christ in these days of decision.

It is not easy to be a Christian in Japan. Christianity means a new way of life, a change of habits, and, to some, expulsion from home and close family ties. Some converts say they had studied Christianity for several years before accepting Christ. We know that salvation comes through faith, yet we who have known about Christ

since childhood must be patient and understanding as we witness.

We pray that more Christian literature will be available in Japanese. As we travel by public transportation we notice that almost everyone has a book or other literature. What are they reading? We must reach our Japanese people through this medium.

Education is of major importance to every young person. A story is told of a mother and her five-year-old son who were walking down the street, crying. When someone asked "Why?" the mother said the child had failed his kindergarten entrance exam. Funny? Yes, it sounds so, but to them it was very serious. Every year many young people take their own lives because they cannot pass entrance exams to the school of their choice. To fail in this phase of life means to them total failure. If somehow we can witness so that they may realize that the greatest failure in life is to fail to live as a Christian and to serve Christ as one's personal Saviour, then we will have accomplished much.



Jean H. Law
Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika

Work Grows with Muslims; Students Eager To Study

IN TANGA the James E. Hamptons have been able to make some inroads into that strong Muslim community. A church was organized March 24 with 13 members representing six different tribes, so long years of labor are beginning to be rewarded with harvest.

James has also opened a reading room in the town's strongest Muslim district, where a previous effort at starting Baptist work had failed. Although there have been no visible results by way of conversions, the room has men in it all the time it is open. A missionary of another denomination told James one day he didn't know what we were doing there, but he saw Muslim men all over town with tracts in their pockets. The printed Word is being spread in an area which was formerly impossible to penetrate.

Among the 36 boys in the Baptist secondary school in Mombasa, one student is the first person from his village ever to go beyond primary school. The villagers made it their project to send him. When he left home the chief called the people together to see him off, and they presented him beans and corn to help him through the first term. It has been hard for us to realize that only a select few of the African population have the opportunity of secondary education.

Can you imagine a study hall where students actually study even without a teacher? Missionary A. Ray Milligan, the headmaster (principal), took me with him to

the school one morning. We were late getting there, and the students had already gone into the room. Without exception they had settled down to serious study. At recess when they have 10 or 15 minutes of free time, the boys get a drink and go back to study again almost immediately. Because education is hard to get here the boys want to make the most of their opportunity.



Salle Ann (Mrs. Horace W.) Flite
Ceres, Goids, Brazil

Blind Pastor, Letting God Lead, Shows Others Light

ONE SUNDAY NIGHT the interim pastor of our church preached on the man who was born blind and whom Jesus healed. It was a very good sermon, but what made even more of an impression was that the one who was preaching has been blind since childhood.

Pastor Jesse, a graduate of the Baptist seminary in Rio de Janeiro, came to Ceres to be the chaplain for a few months in a hospital owned by a Baptist layman. Since our church had been without a pastor for almost a year, he was asked to serve as interim pastor. He is not only a good preacher but a graduate musician, so that he can play our small organ and his accordion and sing solos as well as lead the singing. It has been amazing to see new life come into our church the two months he has been with us. Decisions have been made nearly every Sunday, and he has baptized 16 persons, with others waiting. The Sunday school attendance has increased from an average of 150 to more than 200.

As I watch him each week directing our church services, radio program, and open-air meetings, I think about how little we do with all we have and how much he does for his Master, though blind. The Lord can do marvelous things when one lets him lead. Thus, many in our community are being led from spiritual darkness by one who has physical darkness but knows the Light.



Lols (Mrs. William R.) Norman
Joinkrama, Nigeria

Some Patients Find Christ; Others Go Unchanged, Lost

DAY BY DAY people in physical need of healing are helped at Baptist Hospital here, and some are brought nearer to Christ. For the first time in their lives they see Christianity in action. Then they hear the Bible read and the gospel preached. They believe and go back to their villages as changed men and women. We wish we could say this of all our patients.

One day on the hospital ward I talked with a heathen woman whose emaciated baby was obviously near death. Such a hopeless little thing: a month old but not weighing even four pounds. The tragedy was not only the condition of her child but that she returned to her village without a Saviour. She faces the years ahead — the

discouragements, the heartaches yet to come — without a Saviour.

The heart of a missionary almost bursts to accept salvation for these people. But it cannot be done. We must tell and plead and pray and wait. We cannot help wondering whether the harvest would be greater if you at home were praying more.



Van Gladen
Torreón, Coahuila, Mexico

Lord Protects Mission's Layman Pastor from Mob

I VISITED a mission in San Antonio a few Sundays ago. The manager of the Baptist Book Store in Torreón is the lay pastor. He went first on his motorcycle, and a little later I took a carload of workers. Just as we turned off the highway we noticed Sr. Amaro surrounded by a large group of people. I stopped, but he motioned for us to go on.

Later we learned that the crowd had gathered to prevent the workers in the mission from reaching San Antonio. Fortunately, Sr. Amaro managed to convince them that what they were planning to do was wrong. The Lord was certainly with him, for he had no other protection when he was surrounded by that mob armed with sticks and stones.



W. Bryant Hicks
Baguio, Philippines

Loyalty Lag, More Concern Both Mark Transition Time

MORE PASTORAL responsibility has been turned over to Filipinos in the Baguio area during the past year. They are all inexperienced, with one exception, so it has been difficult to keep the members of the various mission points satisfied. One problem we face always is that the people will come if a missionary is present, but if not they tend to lose interest. We try to tie them to the Lord alone, but it is difficult to make the transition from a missionary as pastor to an inexperienced, untrained student.

Perhaps our greatest thrill has been in watching some of our lay people taking increased responsibility and interest. This has offset the shock of the transition. Several became so burdened for the work that they asked to attend the Bible school section of Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary in Baguio. We instituted a "Short Course" to help them get the maximum benefit in one year of study. Their concern for unreached areas keeps us constantly figuring how we can move out to the regions. One limitation is the shortage of funds for evangelistic work and workers.

The worst thought is that many people will depart this life waiting for us and others to give and go. What a heartbreaking burden of benighted, misguided, hope-

less souls all around us! We go to them, but there are not enough missionaries to begin to cover the territory. Also, the funds are just not enough to project the most vigorous, adequate program of outreach where we do go. We depend on you at home to hold the ropes as we go into the pit. As you pray, work, and give generously all through the year to the Cooperative Program, you strengthen our hands. We must not wait.



Marie (Mrs. Will J) Roberts
Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika

Christ Is Greatest Need In Continent of Contrast

WE WISH we could share with you the thrill of our lives as we arrived in Africa for the first time, knowing we had come at God's command. It is an exciting land where wild animals still roam, a place of beauty and fertility, of fine homes and modern cities, and of gracious, friendly people.

But it is a land of great contrast, where the masses live in mud huts with thatched roofs, as they have lived for hundreds of years, or in crowded slums of the major cities. Poverty abounds and sickness is prevalent. Many are blinded by fears and superstitions, as shown in the mob killings of women believed to be witches responsible for the death of several children. All this gives evidence that the greatest need is Christ.



R. E. (Bob) Wakefield
Singapore, Singapore

Chinese Delays Conversion To Avoid Offending Mother

YOU WOULD be interested to sit with us in the homes of Chinese people in Singapore who do not know Christ and to witness to families who worship their ancestors at beautiful, elaborate altars. These altars usually hold a prominent place in the living rooms and have candles and joss sticks (incense) burning before them. At the back of most altars is the traditional picture of an aged Chinese man. Often you will see offerings of flowers, fruit, and other food.

The visitor is invariably met with courtesy. He is offered a seat and given a drink which consists of a weak, orange-flavored liquid or, more often, a tiny cup of Chinese tea. Many adults do not speak English, so we must use one of our Christians as an interpreter.

Recently a well-educated man, Mr. Lau, explained to me why he would not become a Christian. His reason is the one most frequently given. "You see," he said in perfect English, "I was educated in China and then went to England for further study. While there I attended a Christian church and bought a Bible. It is my Bible that my daughter takes to church with her. I am very interested in Christianity. In fact, I believe that Christ's way is the best way, and I want my wife and children

to be Christians, but I am the eldest son and my mother is still living.

"She believes in ancestor worship," he said, gesturing of what a psychiatrist here in Porto Alegre said when he hurt if I deserted her old way of religion. She expects me to worship her when she dies, as she now worships her ancestors. Confucious says—and the Christian religion also says—that we should honor our fathers and mothers. After she dies I want to become a Christian, but not now. I can't right now."

Mr. Lau is no exception. Many Chinese worship their ancestors because it is expected of them.



Thelma (Mrs. Albert I.) Bagby
Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

Giving of Love Is Better Than Aspirin and Psychiatry

LIANA, in the first grade of our Baptist school, is like a fairy child. But she came often to my office for an aspirin. One day I took her on my lap, smoothing back her soft curls, and said, "I wonder if you need glasses. I don't want to give you aspirin often." In a few minutes she was talking: "No one ever holds me. I don't have a mother or daddy. I live with my sister. My headache is better now."

Love to her was better than aspirin. It reminded me of what a psychiatrist here in Porto Alegre said when he once came to my office. After I greeted him he looked me up and down, then said, "I just came to see you, to see what you look like." "But why?" I asked. "Because you have done more for a 17-year-old boy I have been treating than I have been able to do in two years," he answered. "You have given him confidence in himself. You have made him believe that what he does and is is important to you."



Herbert W. Neely
Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia

Week-long Christian Living Is Need of Africa and U.S.

REALIZING that this is World Missions Year for Baptists in America, we hope to have a part in stirring your concern for evangelizing a lost world.

There is a need for giving. But giving is not the total answer to the world's needs. There is a need for going, but more dollars plus more missionaries cannot answer all the needs of a lost world. Those of Africa, as of America, are headed by the need for a man to stand wherever God calls. It is the need for Monday-through-Saturday Christian living and a Sunday sharing of joys experienced in such living.

Some of this living is beginning to show itself at Mzilikazi Baptist Church through the lives of the deacons and other laymen who feel the responsibility of leading their church without a pastor. One deacon re-

cently noticed how many more women were in church than men. He told me one Sunday, "We men are going to have to get to work. The women are outdoing us." They have now started that work. The men meet at 6:00 P.M. when they come home from their jobs and go out two by two, witnessing in the name of Christ.



Hazel (Mrs. Leslie) Watson
Miyazaki, Japan

Church Has Good Potential But Faces Three Problems

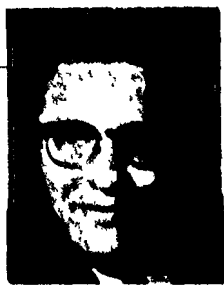
THE MARUYAMA-CHO section of Miyazaki is the newer part of the city and has many young families with small children. The prefectural (state) university is nearby, so many professors live in the area. The potential for a strong church is here. As we see it, however, there are three major problems.

First is the nearness of a Shinto shrine. The land on which we have our home, where the present mission meets, is in the shrine precinct. Many of our neighbors pay fees to the shrine. The fathers or eldest sons are entitled to march in the parade at festival time, and the younger children are allowed to wear the ancient costumes. This has high prestige value in the city. Families are reluctant to lose this place of honor by showing any interest in the gospel.

The second problem is the new Buddhist temple of the militant Soka Gakkai sect about 250 yards from us.

Third, young families are increasingly materialistic. They pursue possessions, popularity, and pleasure with unheard-of abandon, leaving no time and having no inclination for spiritual things.

Two deacons from Miyazaki Baptist Church have been helping with the mission work, but there are no other adult men in the group. The church school has an average attendance of 60, and about 15 attend the evening worship service each week. It is absolutely essential for growth to have dedicated men in places of leadership. Will you pray for this mission and its needs?



Adrian W. Coleman
Monrovia, Liberia

Official Wants Evangelists; People Beg for Missionaries

LIBERIAN Vice-President William R. Tolbert recently toured the interior and, standing on our front steps, said with enthusiasm: "The interior is open for the gospel. A vacuum is there, and it will be filled with something. We must fill it with the gospel. I could use 100 missionaries right now to go there, and would not have enough." Then he said, "I just wish I were two men."

I thought what a challenge this is, coming from a statesman with such a zeal for his people. All of us need to be two, but we cannot do it.

Each time we visit Grand Bassa County we see how much an evangelistic couple is needed. An appeal was made recently by the people for us to move there, and it is gratifying to see the welcome given us in areas that were not as open to us when we entered Liberia.

At the close of a service in Bassa, the collection was being "lifted" when a small girl came up and insisted on giving her money to me, the only white man there. The person sitting next to me explained, "They said for her to give it to God, and you just spoke, so she thought you were God." This brought a new seriousness over me to think that anyone looking and listening might see and hear God as much as I was able to communicate him to her. Many need to hear, but few are telling the good news in these darkened areas.



Charles A. Beckett
Dacca, East Pakistan

Going to Meeting, Couples Ride Horseback for Hours

CHRISTIAN WITNESSING in Dacca daily verifies the power and validity of the message of Christ. Numerous classes are now being conducted for Hindu and Muslim converts who have proven that the gospel has power to save in marvelous and miraculous ways.

A well-educated Muslim recently entered the Baptist reading room and requested a conference with a Southern Baptist. He told of his educational and religious experiences in America. Church services and Baptist Student Union activities had so impressed him that he expressed the desire to assist in establishing a church of this type in Dacca.

The Lord is ever using dedicated Christians in all parts of the world to influence others for his glory.



Maye Bell Taylor
Aracaju, Sergipe, Brazil

Returned from U.S., Muslim Tells of Desire for Church

I WENT to a very small town recently for an associational meeting. The next morning two couples came riding on horseback to the little schoolhouse where my companion and I were having breakfast. They had left home at 1 o'clock in the morning, the men in the saddles and the women behind. My heart rejoiced to see such a fine example of Christian faith.

That afternoon as we prepared to return to Aracaju in a driving rain, the couples mounted their horses. The men had on heavy capes, but the women had only umbrellas to protect them. As they waved good-by, I noticed their radiant expressions, even though they would travel this way seven long hours to reach their homes. As we bounced in our car from one water-filled rut to another, but warm and comfortable, I kept thinking of those four fine Brazilian Christians who would reach home long after we would be safe in our homes.

IN MEMORIAM

Charles Lee Neal



Born Henry County, Tennessee
September 1, 1875

Died Corinth, Mississippi
March 7, 1963

CHARLES LEE NEAL served with his wife for 38 years as a Southern Baptist representative in Mexico, doing primarily educational and evangelistic work.

He became a Christian in his late teens at Murray, Ky., and soon felt called to the ministry. Resisting the call, he enlisted in the Army Hospital Corps and served in Puerto Rico during the Spanish-American War. He was ordained to the ministry, however, in 1899.

Mr. Neal studied at Southern Normal University in Huntington, Tenn., and attended Southwestern Baptist (now Union) University in Jackson, Tenn. While in school and before appointment, he served as pastor of churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Florida.

A month after being appointed in August, 1907, he married Hallie Garrett, a medical doctor, and went to Mexico four months later. The couple first studied Spanish and helped with literature printing at León. They went in 1909 to Toluca, where Mr. Neal served for two years as director of two boarding schools, for boys and girls. At the same time, he engaged in evangelistic work with surrounding churches.

For a year and a half, from 1911 to 1913, Mr. Neal was pastor in Guadalajara while his wife operated a clinic as the replacement for a doctor on furlough. The couple then lived for a few months in Morelia during a revolution. Returning to Toluca, he continued directing the schools. She opened a clinic and also worked in a Red Cross hospital, treating wounded soldiers. The schools were closed by the government in 1916, but the Neals remained in Toluca, from which he directed field work in six states for 13 years. He also helped in constructing churches.

Upon returning in 1928 from furlough, Mr. and Mrs. Neal began teaching in the Baptist theological institute at Saltillo, and he directed student evangelistic activities. Because of Mexican Government opposition to the school, it was moved to Monterrey, back to Saltillo, again to Monterrey, and in 1936 to San Antonio, Tex., where it became Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary.

In 1938 Mr. Neal became director of mission work throughout Mexico, with residence most of the time in San Antonio because of Mrs. Neal's health. When more workers became available the field was divided, and he supervised Baptist activities in the northern Mexican states, living for a year in Laredo, Tex., then again in San Antonio. In early 1943 they resumed residence in Mexico, living in Torreón until succeeded by Representatives Abel P. and Lee Pierson in 1944.

After returning to San Antonio and retiring in 1945, the Neals continued working with Mexican people in the city and surrounding area. Mr. Neal taught in the Mexi-

can Baptist Bible Institute for seven years and in summer encampments, and the couple held active memberships in Calvary Baptist Mexican Church.

Mr. Neal had begun writing literature early in his career and continued after retirement. He was the author of eight books and 20 tracts in Spanish. In addition, he served from 1910 to 1926 as statistical secretary of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico and from 1911 to 1926 as treasurer of the South Mexican Mission (organization of Southern Baptist representatives). He also was a member of the Convention's executive committee.

In 1960 the couple moved to Corinth, Miss., where Mrs. Neal continues to live. Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. Cook Settle, of Lynn Grove, Ky., and three brothers: James H. Neal and Curtis Neal, of Lynn Grove, and Graves Neal, of Overland, Mo.

Mary Greenlee Bryson Tipton



Born Bryson City, North Carolina
March 25, 1878

Died Asheville, North Carolina
March 30, 1963

MARY BRYSON TIPTON served with her husband for more than 31 years as a missionary to South China.

Soon after professing faith in Christ and becoming a Presbyterian at the age of nine in Bryson City, N.C., her mother died and she lived with relatives. Her father died two years later. From 1892 to 1894 she attended Judson College in Hendersonville, N.C., then received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Rogersville (Tenn.) Synodical College in 1896. Being interested in missions, she joined the Student Volunteer Band in the latter school, but opposition by her brothers caused her to withdraw. Miss Bryson also took a teacher training short course at State Normal and Industrial College (now Woman's College of the University of North Carolina) in Greensboro, and she taught first grade for six years in Graham, N.C.

Within a month's time, in July and August of 1909, she became a Baptist and was baptized in Bryson City, was appointed as a missionary, married William Henry Tipton, and sailed to China. Mr. Tipton, already a missionary for five years and a widower with three children, was in charge of the Cantonese-speaking section of Kwangsi Province. During her early years in Wuchow, Mrs. Tipton taught the Bible in English in a boys' high school and in 1918 became, in addition, principal of the Wang To Girls' School. She also did evangelistic work among women.

Mr. Tipton, who had begun producing Sunday school literature in 1914, changed from field evangelism work in 1920 to devote his full time to writing and editing. When he became editor of Sunday school materials for the China Baptist Publication Society, the couple moved in 1922 to Canton. There Mrs. Tipton taught at Pool To Academy, edited Woman's Missionary Union literature, and was WMU secretary for South China.

The Tiptons transferred in 1926 to Shanghai with the Society's offices, and she continued helping her husband with the publication work, editing *Kind Words* for five

years and translating Beginner, Primary, and Junior Sunday school lessons. She also taught part-time in the North Gate and Shung Tak girls' schools.

When war with Japan broke out at Shanghai in 1937, Mrs. Tipton was among a group of missionary women and children evacuated for several weeks to the Philippines. In February, 1941, she had to leave China for the last time, while her husband remained. She lived in Marion, N.C., until Mr. Tipton, who was interned by the Japanese, was repatriated on the *S.S. Gripsholm* in 1943.

The couple moved in 1944 to Nashville, Tenn., to work with the Foreign Mission Board's Schools of Missions program in the state. The next year they lived in Houston, Tex., engaging in First Baptist Church's work among Chinese of the city. In 1946 the Tiptons retired as missionaries and spent their later years in Black Mountain, N.C. He died in 1950.

Survivors are a son, Henry Bryson Tipton, of Greenville, S.C., and two stepdaughters, Miss Pauline Roberts Tipton of Black Mountain, and Mrs. J. B. Laughlin.



Mary Thompson Stephens

Born Taylorsville, Kentucky
November 17, 1865

Died Columbia, Missouri
March 23, 1963

MARY THOMPSON STEPHENS served for 30 years with her husband as an evangelistic and educational missionary to North China and Manchuria.

She became a Christian at 11 and in childhood expressed concern for the lost in other lands. After attending public and normal schools in Louisville, Ky., she studied at a Bible college affiliated with the University of Missouri. Miss Thompson then taught for two years at a private school in Louisville.

She married Peyton Stephens, a Missourian, in August, 1893. The same year, they were appointed as missionaries and sailed for China. They spent most of their early years of service in Hwanghsien, except for language study in Chefoo and during the Chino-Japanese War in 1895.

Mrs. Stephens was active in evangelistic work among women in Hwanghsien and surrounding villages while her husband did similar work with men. They also had charge of the Hwanghsien Boarding School for Boys and day schools in the area. In 1906 the couple moved to Chefoo to reopen earlier missionary efforts, engaging in field evangelism and directing two day schools and an academy. Mrs. Stephens was the first evangelist to work among the 17,000 women and girls of the Chefoo hair net factories.

Mr. Stephens was designated in 1912 to begin work in Manchuria, while continuing to live in Chefoo. The couple visited Manchuria periodically, and Mrs. Stephens helped with evangelistic work among women. They remained in the Chefoo area until 1923, when they returned to America for rest before retirement in 1924.

After a brief residence in Los Angeles the couple settled in Columbia, Mo. They participated in Schools of Missions, and Mrs. Stephens made Woman's Missionary Union

addresses. For several years she also did mission work locally among women in Ellis Fischel State Cancer Hospital, visiting them every week. Mr. Stephens died in 1950, and she remained in Columbia until her death at the age of 97.

She is survived by one son, Howard P. Stephens of Columbia, two grandsons, and five great-grandsons.



Loyce Neil Nelson

Born Louisville, Arkansas
April 1, 1924

Died Dallas, Texas
March 11, 1963

LOYCE NEIL NELSON served with his wife for 12 years as a missionary field evangelist in Japan until a malignancy brought death.

The youngest of eight children, he grew up in a farm community near Louisville, Ark. After becoming a Christian at 13 he felt called to the ministry while reading of Isaiah's call and surrender. He was ordained in August, 1943, by Piney Grove Baptist Church, of which he had been a member since his baptism. While attending Ouachita Baptist College in Arkadelphia, Ark., he married Gladys Mosley, a fellow student, in December, 1945. The next spring he received the Bachelor of Arts degree, and Ouachita also conferred the honorary Doctor of Divinity in 1961. He received the Bachelor of Divinity in 1950 from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

As a college student he was pastor of half-time churches at Mena, Texarkana, and Beirne, Ark., and while in the seminary served churches at Alvord, Stephenville, and Nome, Tex.

Appointed in April, 1950, the Nelsons arrived in Japan the following August. They spent two years studying the language in Tokyo, then went to Okayama for general evangelistic work. Dr. Nelson served with a Japanese pastor and taught a weekly Bible class in English. After a furlough in 1954-55 they transferred to Hiroshima, where he engaged in field evangelism and church development.

Dr. Nelson was a member of the Japan Baptist Mission's executive committee from 1952 to 1959, served as chairman of its property committee and as auditor, and was Mission chairman for two terms, 1957-59. He also served from 1956 on the board of Japan Baptist Hospital in Kyoto.

Following another regular furlough in 1960-61, the couple returned to the United States on medical furlough in June, 1962. While living in Garland and Fort Worth, Tex., he underwent treatment in Dallas. He also fulfilled speaking engagements and served in the Dallas office of the Japan Baptist New Life Movement in preparatory stages of the recent nation-wide evangelistic campaign. He died at Baylor University Medical Center.

Dr. Nelson is survived by his wife, living in Garland; two sons, William Neil (Bill) Nelson and David Allen Nelson; and a brother and sister, Loyd Nelson and Mrs. Tilman Jones, both of Louisville, Ark.



MK One of Highest Grads from Academy

James Robert Lingerfelt, son of Rev. and Mrs. James E. Lingerfelt, missionaries in Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brazil, will be graduated this month as one of the top students from Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy in Seymour, Tenn. He is salutatorian of his class, with an average grade of 95.39 during his four years of high school work.

Robert also has been president of the Mathematics Club, program chairman of the Baptist Student Union, a member of the school choir and Beta Club, and football and basketball manager. In his junior year he received the mathematics award.

Robert plans to enter Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study nuclear physics. His brother David C. is now a junior at Harrison-Chilhowee.



Robert looks up books in the library.

APPOINTEES (April)

BROWN, Bradley Davis, Ga., & Mary Carolyn Folsom Brown, Ga., *Liberia*.
BROWN, Ernest Emory, Sr., Ga., & Marian Oneida Smith Brown, Ky., *Bahamas*.
DAVENPORT, Billy Joe, Tex., & Martha Ann Reid Davenport, Tex., *South Brazil*.
DICKERSON, Ruth, Ky., *East Pakistan*.
HENDERSON, Richard Charles (Dick), Wash., & Katherine Virginia (Pat) Stough Henderson, Ill., *Ghana*.
JONES, Mack Prentiss, Miss., & Mario Martin Jones, Miss., *Paraguay*.
MOORE, Marylu, D.C., *Italy*.
ROGERS, Carol Ray, N.C., & Alice Joyce Campbell Rogers, S.C., *Indonesia*.
SENTER, Arville Earl, Tex., & Pauline McMahon Senter, Tex., *East Africa*.
TUCKER, Harold Robert, Jr., Tex., & Margaret Sue (Meg) Roberts Tucker, Tex., *Venezuela*.
WILSON, Katherine (Kay), Tex., *Mexico*.
WILSON, Joe Leon, Ark., & Alice Ruth Gardner Wilson, Va., *Thailand*.

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 WATSON, Lisa Ann, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Thomas L. Watson (Uruguay), March 29.

DEATHS

ABELL, John C., Sr., father of Dr. John C. Abell, Jr. (Nigeria), April 22, Houston, Tex.
 GARRETT, J. T., father of Rev. Marylin

L. Garrett (Southern Rhodesia), May 3, Union City, Tenn.
 HUNT, Bertha Lee, emeritus (North Brazil), April 23, Hillsboro, Tex.
 TIPTON, Mary Bryson (Mrs. W. H.), emeritus (China), March 30, Asheville, N.C.

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LINGERFELT, Martha Sue, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. James E. Lingerfelt (North Brazil), to Lawrence Edward Baldrige, May 4, Seymour, Tenn.

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The End of an Era

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with the income for the general work of missions. Further, the Board named its headquarters library in Richmond The Jenkins Library, honoring both him and Mrs. Jenkins, and earmarked \$5,000 for new books.

It will be impossible for someone else to repeat the record of service Mr. Jenkins has made, because the Southern Baptist Convention has adopted a ruling limiting the length of tenure to a maximum of two three-year terms for officers of all its boards and agencies.

But his faithful contributions will long be remembered and appreciated. And his philosophy of service will stand as a guide for future efforts:

"In these critical days everyone should stand up and be counted as a supporter of the only institution of divine origin, whose Founder has left the only set of principles by which the world can be saved. The world needs the gospel as never before, and I feel that it is my duty to add the weight of my little influence to the means being brought to bear to bring this sin-cursed world to the acceptance of the principles of Jesus Christ. This is the only path leading to brotherhood and lasting peace. . . .

"It might seem to us as individuals that our little weight will not be felt, but as one great mass we can turn the world upside down for Jesus Christ and righteousness."

MK Helps Team Win 2 of 3 College Bowls

A Nigeria "Missionary Kid," Diana Gilliland, recently helped spark a four-scholar team from Wake Forest College to two wins in three contests on the nationally televised College Bowl.

The students from Winston-Salem, N. C., defeated the University of Kansas City and Emory University in March before losing a close match to Kenyon College. The weekly battle of brains takes place Sunday afternoons on the CBS network.

Miss Gilliland, a senior majoring in English, led the team to victory in its first appearance by correctly answering six of 11 bonus questions. Her parents, living during a year's furlough in Louisville, Ky., were among the program's estimated 22 million viewers. Her father, W. McKinley Gilliland, teaches at Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary in Ogbomosho, and her mother is a physician at the city's Baptist Hospital.

During the half-time break in the first contest, Miss Gilliland narrated a film showing the Wake Forest campus.

Other members of the team were Frank Wood of Miami, Fla.; Florence Wisman of South Bend, Ind.; and Jim Shertzer of Bethesda, Md.

The quartet won \$3,700 in scholarship grants for Wake Forest and asked that \$1,500 go to the college's African Student Program. Formed by students, the Program raised money to bring Edward Reynolds to the United States from Ghana. Reynolds attended Shaw University in Raleigh, N. C., for a year and transferred last summer to Wake Forest, the school's first Negro student in residence.



Putting their heads together for College Bowl quizzes are (from bottom and clockwise) Diana Gilliland, Frank Wood, Florence Wisman, Jim Shertzer.

Foreign Mission

NEWS

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Offering Reaches \$10,323,591

The 1962 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions totals \$10,323,591.69.

It is an increase of \$1,007,836.91, or 10.82 per cent, over the 1961 total of \$9,315,754.78. But it is \$376,408.31 short of the \$10,700,000 goal set by Woman's Missionary Union, which promotes the annual offering.

Books for the 1962 offering closed May 1, and any funds sent later to the Foreign Mission Board will be counted in 1963's total.

The Commission Wins Honor

THE COMMISSION was named "Periodical of the Year" by the Evangelical Press Association at its annual convention this month in Chicago.

It was honored for "all-around excellence" in design, content, and achievement of purpose. It also won top place in the missionary magazine category. Judging was for 1962.

Accepting the two awards on behalf of the Foreign Mission Board's journal, in the absence of the magazine's staff members, was William Powell of the Home Mission Board.

More than 100 periodicals published by Christian organizations throughout the United States are member publications of EPA.

BSU Missionaries Oriented

Thirty-five college students attended an orientation conference in April at the Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, preparing to be summer missionaries in 19 countries. They and four others, already overseas, were selected by 16 state Baptist Student Union conventions.

It was the second such conference sponsored by the Board.

For the first time in the 16-year BSU summer mission program, students are going to Argentina, Brazil, Chile, East Pakistan, Hong Kong, Honduras, Switzerland, and Venezuela. Others will serve in France, Ghana, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Malaya, Nigeria, the Philippines, Taiwan (Formosa), Tanganyika, and



Bill B. Cody, conference director, chats with summer missionaries.

Thailand.

Six will do primarily medical work, and the others will engage in general duties, such as preaching, working with Vacation Bible schools and church groups, assisting with student programs, leading music, doing office work, baby-sitting with missionaries' children, and other tasks.

A series of addresses in the conference dealt with the summer missionary and his relationships with each other, with missionaries, with nationals, and with fellow students.

The missionaries, listed by states in which they are students and the countries they will serve, are:

Billy Weber (Tex.) and Alfred Leo Baker (N.C.), *Argentina*; Wanda Jo McCallon (N.M.) and Rebecca Hamby (Fla.), *Brazil*; Nancy Lou Barbro (Okla.) and Betty Nell McIntosh (N.C.), *Chile*; James Malcolm Morris (Va.) and Mary Lou Stewart (Tenn.), *Tanganyika*; Don Whitehall (Tex.) and Anderson Aubrey Clark (Ky.), *East Pakistan*; Billy Sunday Arant, Jr. (S.C.) and David Melvin Powe (La.), *France*; Doug Bryant (Tenn.) and Gwendolyn Hogan (La.), *Ghana*; Jose Raymond Marcos (Fla.), *Honduras*; Huel Mosely (Miss.) and William Echols (Ark.), *Hong Kong*; Eva Eulene Dunning (Mo.), John David Book, Jr. (Ky.), and David McKenzie (La.), *Indonesia*; S. R. Evans (Miss.) and Elaine Anderson (Ga.), *Jordan*; Bill Gollightly (Tex.), *Malaya*; Duejean Clements (Tex.), James W. Wilcox (Tex.), Donald Leo James (Okla.), JoAnn McMurry (Mo.), Brenda Frances Southard (Ky.), and Ballard Gregory Eanes, Jr. (Ala.), *Nigeria*; Jerry Rankin (Miss.), Danny Millard Smith (N.M.), and Brent Taylor Bruton (Mo.), *the Philippines*; Michael LeRoy Rogers (Ga.), *Swit-*

zerland; Tommy Harrell (Tenn.) and Teddy Estess (Tex.), *Taiwan (Formosa)*; James C. Bulo (Ga.) and Ronald Cansler (Calif.), *Thailand*; Robert Jo Page (S.C.) and Rebecca Ann Hardy (Ala.), *Venezuela*.

In addition to serving countries as listed above, three students were in Japan at the time of the conference, working with the Baptist New Life Movement: Billy Weber, Bill Gollightly, and Teddy Estess. Brent Taylor Bruton also was already in the Philippines.

Gray To Serve as Pastor

L. Jack Gray, professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., will spend a year in Rio de Janeiro as pastor of Cobana Baptist Church.

Gray will arrive in June to take the place of Missionary William H. Warren, who is returning to the United States on his first furlough. Warren led in organizing the church in 1958 when he was assigned to Rio. Gray will serve during a sabbatical leave from the seminary.

Accompanying Gray will be his wife and two daughters, ages 11 and 13. The family will visit Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, and Venezuela before arriving in Brazil. "It will be our first opportunity to see Baptist mission work firsthand," Gray said.

Teaching Gray's classes as guest professor of missions during the year will be James D. Belote, president of Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary. The Belote family will live in the Gray home.

House Party Attracts 140

The first statewide Young Woman's Auxiliary house party for the state of Rio de Janeiro met at the Baptist college in Campos during the Easter holidays. Mrs. Harold E. Renfrow, missionary director, expected about 60 persons, but enrolment was 140.

TV Stations Show 'Answer'

Through a friend who comes to their home, Missionaries Howard L. and Dorothy Shoemaker have put "The

Answer" television series in Spanish on the strongest station in the Dominican Republic. Using three channels, the station can be seen throughout the country and in Puerto Rico.

"Neither the station nor we were prepared for the avalanche of response this series has created," Mrs. Shoemake said. "The personnel could not handle all the calls it prompted. The station is so pleased with the quality of the programs that it would give more time if we could furnish the films. It will take all that we can supply."

The second week the Shoemakes were in the Dominican Republic after their arrival last summer, they were able to buy choice time on one of the best radio stations for the Spanish version of "The Baptist Hour." A few months later a larger station that covers the island gave time for these programs and also took the "MasterControl" series. Now other stations over the island are broadcasting "MasterControl."

"The gospel can reach most every home—mansion or hut—by this means, because regardless of how poor the Dominican is he has a radio," Mrs. Shoemake said.

Programs for both media are produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Church Organized in Dacca

Immanuel Baptist Church in Dacca, the first to grow out of Southern Baptist mission work in East Pakistan, was organized Easter Sunday. Among the charter members are 11 Bengalis, four missionary couples, and six missionary children.

Earlier in the day, Missionary Pastor W. Trueman Moore baptized seven of the new members: two former Hindus, three former Muslims, and two from Christian homes. The baptismal service took place at British Baptist Church, one of three Christian churches in the city of 600,000 Muslims and Hindus.

Efforts are under way to buy land for a permanent building. The congregation now holds two Sunday morning services, one for enlistment, in the Baptist Reading Room in the heart of Dacca. Wednesday evening prayer services are conducted in the homes of members.

EQUADOR

Institute Begins Third Year

Baptist Theological Institute of Guayaquil has begun its third year with an enrolment of 26, including 19 full-time students working toward the diploma in theology and seven part-time students and auditors in a special course for women.

Of the theology students, eight expect to be graduated in December, and three are in their second year, with eight in their first year.

"They were thrilled to learn that money was made available through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to buy a portable electric plant for evangelistic programs and other practical missionary activities in villages outside the city," said Missionary Director Shelby A. Smith.

Missionaries William R. Hintze, Archie V. Jones, and Smith teach 10 hours each, in addition to other tasks. Their wives teach the course for women.

FRANCE

Thobois Elected President

Andre Thobois, pastor of Avenue du Maine Baptist Church in Paris, has been elected president of the French Baptist Federation.

He succeeds Henri Vincent, who was named honorary president after asking relief from the administrative duties he has held many years.

Attending the annual meeting April 30-May 1 in Paris were 120 messengers from all but two of the 23 co-operating churches, which reported a total membership of 2,531. Two new churches, both English-speaking, were admitted to the Federation.

Paris Group Becomes Church

A two-year-old English-language mission in Paris became Emmanuel Baptist Church in April, with 42 charter members. Hal B. Lee, Jr., Southern Baptist fraternal representative, was installed as pastor.

Lee succeeded William H. Cain, who has completed a year of language study in preparation for opening mission work in the French West Indies. An earlier pastor was Eugene McGee, a Youth for Christ worker.

Begun as a mission of the Orleans church in March, 1961, the group met in the Baptist student center in the Antony suburb of Paris. They are now meeting across the street from the American high school in the Garches suburb until permanent property can be located. Leo preaches on Sunday mornings and Bill Hinds, a captain stationed in nearby Fontainebleau, preaches in the evenings.

The church was recently admitted into the French Baptist Federation.

GHANA

Ashantis Organize Church

A five-year-old congregation of Ashanti Baptists in Kumasi organized New Tafo Baptist Church in March.

Thirty-eight persons moved their memberships from Sadler Baptist Church to form the nucleus, and 10 were baptized on organization day by the pastor, J. K. Nkrumah, and by Missionary Maurice Smith. Average Sunday morning attendance is about 150.

More than 300 persons from churches and preaching stations in the Kumasi area attended the organization service. Missionary William E. Arnold gave the charge to the members.

The residential area the new church serves is adjacent to the traditional land of the Asantehene, chief of the Ashantis. The church building, erected last year with funds from the Foreign Mission Board, is located a short distance from his palace.

New Tafo is the 36th organized church related to Southern Baptist mission work in Ghana and the fourth for Twi-speaking Ashantis.

HONDURAS

Baptists Give TV Programs

Honduran Baptists are now presenting weekly television programs in Tegucigalpa, the national capital, called "La Iglesia en El Hogar" (The Church in the Home).

The station estimates a viewing audience of more than 45,000 each Sunday at 9 p.m. Missionary Harold E. Hurst is the producer and director.

Two programs a month are live, with a speaker and musicians from the local churches. A gospel film is shown



HAROLD E. HURST



Oscar Gomez gives a devotional message and a quartet sings on program.

every other Sunday, followed by a closing meditation by the pastor of the city's First Baptist Church.

"At last we have a means of ministering to the professional class of people and to many Catholics who are prohibited from attending a Baptist church," Hurst said. "Since the program began late in November, hardly a week has gone by that I haven't been stopped on the street or approached in some public place by persons such as doctors and lawyers, and at least twice by Catholic priests, asking me about our program. They often seek additional information concerning the gospel."

"Churches are reaping benefits, too, as their neighbors often come to them saying that they have seen our program and would like to know more about the gospel."

95 from U.S. Lead Campaigns

DALLAS (NP) — Ninety-two evangelists and three musicians from 15 states recently concluded 92 evangelistic campaigns in Jamaica. Several of the evangelists are National (Negro) Baptist pastors.

Jack Stanton of Dallas, associate in the Home Mission Board's Division of Evangelism, directed the two-week meetings. Stanton said he hoped the effort would result in many more decisions than a 1962 campaign in the Caribbean island which noted more than 6,000 professions of faith.

The Jamaica Baptist Union has about 30,000 Baptists in 226 churches. The island's population is about 1,600,000, most of them Negroes.

JAPAN

22,214 Make NLM Decisions

TOKYO (NP)—The Japan Baptist New Life Movement ended May 5 with 22,214 decisions for Christ in five weeks throughout the nation.

"The response is far beyond anything we had anticipated," said C. Wade Freeman, director of the Evangelism Division for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, which co-sponsored the effort with the Japan Baptist Convention and the Foreign Mission Board.

The decisions greatly exceeded the number of Baptists in the nation—14,000. Japanese leaders had hoped, however, to double the number.

Related New Life Movement campaigns in several other countries of the Orient were still in progress when the Japan meetings closed, with more than 31,500 decisions already recorded.

Meetings in the Philippines ended with 8,201 professions of faith.

Another effort in Okinawa reported 1,108 decisions.

Although Southern Baptists have been leading evangelistic efforts on foreign fields for many years, the New Life Movement was different from any previous campaign in the denomination's history. Its scope covered eight countries and areas in the Orient: Japan, the Philippines, Okinawa, and later campaigns in Taiwan (Formosa), South Korea, Guam, Singapore, and Hong Kong. Baptists in Hawaii also held revivals, resulting in more than 500 decisions.

Foreign Mission Board Executive Secretary Baker J. Caughen said it might have set a new pattern for advance throughout the world.

The campaigns used every possible technique in mass evangelism, public relations, and communications to reach the millions of non-Christians. Messages were beamed by radio and television into nearly every home in Japan and millions of others in India, Indonesia, Red China, South and Central America, and even Cuba, in addition to the countries where meetings were held.

Campaign results also were tape recorded in Japan and edited at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission into radio programs for broadcast in areas from which team

members came. Films will be telecast later on the National Broadcasting Company network.

Setting the pattern for the other Orient campaigns, the Japan meetings opened with five area-wide rallies, followed by a series of 154 city-wide campaigns and local church revivals throughout the nation. The five area meetings in Tokyo, Sapporo, Kokura, Nagoya, and Fukuoka attempted to gain the country's attention to the national effort.

The New Life Movement appealed to the Japanese people's interest in cowboys, baseball, wrestling, track, music, television, and science by featuring well-known American personalities, all Christians.

Yet, with all the fanfare of the celebrities, the New Life Movement was not dependent upon any one man or upon men, stated Pastor Shuichi Matsumura, director of the Movement, when Evangelist Billy Graham was forced to cancel plans to speak because of illness.

The area meetings resulted in more than 3,500 decisions in a two-week period, but the greatest response came in the city-wide campaigns and local church revivals that followed. More than 550 ministers, laymen, and musicians from the United States participated in the 154 revivals in Japan, coming to the Orient in four sections or teams.

It was common for small churches to report two, three, and four times as many decisions as their memberships.

The tiny Higashiyama Baptist Mission in Nagoya had only four members but reported 145 decisions. Six-member Kofu Baptist Church had 131 professions of faith, and more than 300 persons made other decisions. Eleven-member Ichikawa Church had 223 decisions, and 13-member Kushiro Church had 481.

The reports are still incomplete. Nineteen churches had not sent in totals at the close of the campaign, and the decisions could easily increase by 1,000 to 2,500.

Only God knows exactly what each decision was, for the Japanese concept of "profession of faith" is often somewhat different from that in America, explained John Seelig of Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

The evangelists and laymen preached wherever they could get a crowd: on street corners, in department stores, at civic club meetings, at subway and



More than 1,000 made decisions in final service of Tokyo campaign.

train stations, and in homes, besides in the churches.

More than 100 inmates made professions of faith at a prison in Asahigawa. In the same city the Baptist church recorded, for the first time in its 43-year history, decisions in a public service. A slightly disfigured woman, whose hair was seared off by the atomic blast in Hiroshima, was the first person to respond. She pledged to be a soul winner.

Incidents demonstrating the power of the Holy Spirit over and over were told by team members. The 72-year-old mother of a Tokyo pastor came in tears to accept Christ. She had been a Buddhist all her life, and her husband, the pastor's father, is a Buddhist priest.

During a meeting at a girls' school in Osaka, more than 1,200 came forward in a single service, filling the front of the auditorium and standing in the aisles.

The tremendous response has caused some happy problems, missionaries reported. Church property in Japan is extremely expensive, yet the churches' sudden growth calls for immediate expansion. The biggest need, they said, is for effective follow-up to conserve results.

One of the interpreters said the statistics were wonderful, but the most important aspect was that the hearts of Japanese pastors were warmed. Earlier, team members had reported that a few pastors had never given an invitation at a church service for fear that no one would respond, and thus the pastor and God would "lose face" before the people. But reports seem to indicate that the spiritual climate has now changed.

Pastor Noboru Arase, secretary of evangelism for the Japan Convention, summed up the feeling after one of the meetings: "What has happened is unbelievable. We can't understand it, but it is wonderful. The only explanation is that God did it."

KENYA

16 Baptized: Won by Layman

Missionary Wendell R. (Jack) Hull recently drove to a village 75 miles from Nyeri to baptize 16 adult converts, won to Christ through the preaching and teaching of a Nyeri church member who moved to the village last September.

After the morning worship service, held in a room that would accommodate only a fifth of the people, the congregation walked a mile to a small stream for the baptismal service.

"We have rejoiced in this work, particularly since it has sprung up by itself," Hull said.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Conference Speakers Chosen

WASHINGTON, D.C. (BWA)—Speakers from five continents are listed on the program of the sixth Baptist Youth World Conference in Beirut, July 15-21. About 4,000 young people from 70 countries are expected.

Robert S. Denny, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance youth department, said the program has been three years in preparation. It will open with an address, "A Changing World," by Charles Malik of Lebanon, former president of the United Nations. It will close with a giant rally in Beirut's sports stadium, with Martin Luther King, Jr., co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, speaking on the conference theme, "Jesus Christ—in a Changing World."

W. G. Wickramasingho, principal of Carey College in Ceylon and president of the Ceylon Baptist Union, will preside. He is chairman of the BWA youth committee.

Denny said Beirut was chosen for the conference because of its proximity to Bible lands, which most delegates will visit.

MEXICO

Baptists Adopt \$56,000 Budget

The National Baptist Convention of Mexico has adopted a budget for the coming year of more than 700,000 pesos (\$56,000), with almost half for missions.

The Convention, meeting in April with 259 messengers from 101 churches, re-elected Librado Ramos, co-pastor of First Baptist Church in Mexico City, as president and Roberto Porras as executive secretary.

It also approved a simultaneous revival campaign for southern Mexico in November of 1964 and for the north in March, 1965. Baptists will begin a national campaign this July to prepare for these efforts.

Revivals Reap 577 Decisions

A simultaneous evangelistic campaign held in April by 14 Baptist churches and 11 missions in Laguna Baptist Association resulted in 577 professions of faith in Christ.

Three rallies took place during the week before Easter: in Matamoros, with more than 1,500 attending and about 180 professing faith; in Tlahualilo, with 1,500 attending and many others unable to get in and with 33 making professions; and in San Pedro, with more than 3,000 attending and 100 making professions.

The San Pedro program was broadcast over radio by remote control, believed to be the first time a Baptist service has been aired this way in Mexico. Southern Baptist Representative Ervin E. Hasty preached.

Fourteen 15-minute programs were broadcast over stations in Torreón and San Pedro, and the Torreón station has asked Baptists for a weekly program. Also, evangelistic articles were published in a leading news organ of Torreón.

English-speaking Group Begins

An English-language congregation has been started in Guadalajara by Southern Baptist Representatives J. T. and Catherine Harvill. It will function as a mission of Spanish-speaking Gethsemane Baptist Church until organized into a church.

The first service was held in Baptist Hospital March 10, with 34 persons attending. The next Sunday the congregation began using the building

of Gethsemane Church across the street.

Harvill, who arrived in Mexico in February, is also chaplain of the hospital, leading a bilingual program.

PHILIPPINES

NLM Brings 8,201 Decisions

MANILA (BP)—New Life Movement evangelistic campaigns in the Philippines resulted in 8,201 professions of faith.

They opened with four meetings conducted by members of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Manila, Davao, Cebu, and Liloilo, with 2,164 decisions. These were followed by 64 revivals on the islands of Mindanao and Luzon, led by 69 ministers, laymen, and musicians from the United States, in which 6,037 professions of faith were recorded.

"All of those who made decisions counseled with missionaries and

trained counselors, and their decisions were actual 'professions of faith' as far as we can determine," said Newman McLarry of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Division of Evangelism and co-ordinator of the Philippine effort.

"In many cases church membership doubled, tripled, and even quadrupled," said McLarry.

He added that it was a miracle that such "tremendous results" could come from the campaigns, for they were held in many cases against almost impossible circumstances.

"Now we have an enormous task before us," said Mrs. Howard D. Olive, a missionary in Baguio, where 125 decisions were made, along with 900 in stations down the mountain. "Just to instruct the new converts alone is a big task. We operate shorthanded all the time, and now the need of Christian workers is staggering."

Director of the nation-wide effort was Missionary Elbert H. Walker.

Power Was There!

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There are many encouraging indications that a great new day of opportunity for world evangelization may be at hand. People are being gathered into huge cities, and mass communication media are in existence to gain their attention and bring the gospel to them. Seeds of gospel truth have been sown in millions of hearts because millions of Bibles and Scripture portions have been sold. Countless people have heard something of the gospel from friends, in churches, and by radio and television. Many people have information but have not yet come to a decision for Christ.

It is a challenge to faith and prayer to call upon God, asking that the message of Christ may be shared today in the great cities of the world as well as the towns and villages to a degree we were not able to do in earlier years. We remember that the power of the Holy Spirit can produce mighty awakenings. This has occurred before in the history of the Christian movement.

We are aware of the world's population explosion, which is expected to double the number of inhabitants in the next 40 years. This tremendous growth carries with it dangers which have caused leaders of the nations to

look with grim foreboding upon what lies ahead.

Could the answer be a genuine, deep spiritual awakening? Could a turning come among the peoples of the world in such power as to alter the course of the future?

We cannot know what God might do. We can know only that we have the privilege and responsibility to share the message of Christ with all who will hear. We must proclaim it in love, faith, and power supplied by the Holy Spirit.

We must, through the help of God, gather those who believe into New Testament churches and lead them to know more fully what it means to follow Christ. We must reach out with renewed fervor through ministries of love and mercy into the places of human suffering and distress to make known the love of Christ by every possible means. We must train Christian workers, that they shall be able to go among their people with the wonderful words of life.

There was power in Tokyo. There is power available on an even greater scale if we will seek it from the hand of the Lord of the harvest. It could be that God is preparing the way for a spiritual awakening, with consequences in keeping with his own redemptive purpose. May God help us to be ready to do his will!

SPAIN

Pastor, Deacons Take Posts

Southern Baptist Representative James M. Watson was installed in March as pastor of English-language Immanuel Baptist Church in Madrid, and six men were ordained as deacons.

Representative Daniel R. White, interim pastor, led the installation service. Other participants included Juan Luis Rodrigo, of the Spanish Baptist Union, and Grayson C. Tennison, Southern Baptist representative in Portugal.

The deacons are E. T. Brooks of Kentucky, Bobby W. Pike of Texas, Bob E. Robinson of Oklahoma, M. E. Strange of Texas, and Rilly R. Taylor of Oklahoma.

SWITZERLAND

Seminary Graduates Four

Two students received the Bachelor of Divinity degree *magna cum laude* from Baptist Theological Seminary at Rorschlikon in commencement exercises April 26, and two received diplomas for at least three years of study.

Three other students expect to complete requirements for the B.D. degree within a few weeks.

THAILAND

Ground Broken for Hospital

Ground was broken March 30 for a Baptist hospital in Bangkla. About 125 persons from Bangkok and nearby towns attended the ceremony.

Presiding was Missionary S. Judson Lennon, chairman of the hospital building committee for the Thailand Baptist Mission. J. Glenn Morris, Mission chairman, spoke on the purposes and meaning of Christian service through medicine. Taud Pratipasen, a teacher in Thailand Baptist Theological Center at Bangkok, closed the service with prayer.

The 25-bed hospital, to be completed in October, is the only one in a town of approximately 10,000 people. It will also serve the surrounding area of 20,000 with a daily outpatient clinic. Southern Baptists have four missionary doctors, three nurses, and a hospital administrator under appointment to staff it.

Among guests at the groundbreaking were the head of the province in which Bangkok is located and the town mayor. "From now on, the Baptists and their strong intention to save the sinners will be well known and accepted throughout Thailand," the mayor said in a speech of welcome.

Rhea Conducts Music Clinic

Ninety-five persons registered for a recent one-day music clinic at Thailand Baptist Theological Center in Bangkok, and many others attended one or more sessions. It was led by Claude H. Rhea, Jr., at present dean of the School of Church Music at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Among the participants were representatives of all Baptist churches in the Bangkok-Chonburi-Paknam area and several from Ayudhya.

The major emphasis in the morning was on conducting, with everyone taking part. Rhea then held a general conference with choir leaders.

Baptists Help Witness Pavilion

Baptists were among 12 Christian groups financing and operating a Christian Witness Pavilion at a recent two-week International Trade Fair in Bangkok.

Thirty thousand persons saw motion pictures on stewardship and evangelism, followed by evangelistic sermons. Sixteen inquirers responded on the night a Baptist pastor preached. Applications for Bible correspondence courses were made by 700 persons.

In the "Chapel of Rest" visitors listened to taped Bible readings and Christian music and read tracts and other Christian literature.

A three-story cross, the largest ever erected in Thailand, stood on a globe to symbolize the light of the gospel spread over the world.

UNITED STATES

\$19,248,500 Budget Adopted

KANSAS CITY (BP)—The Southern Baptist Convention adopted a \$19,248,500 Cooperative Program budget for 1964 and launched a five-year program, beginning in 1965, to follow the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Convention's Executive Commit-

tee, said he hopes the amount received will exceed \$20 million.

All Cooperative Program funds above those allocated for operating and capital needs budgets of SBC agencies are divided 75 per cent to the Foreign Mission Board and 25 per cent to the Home Mission Board. Routh said he hopes the excess will produce at least \$1 million for the Foreign Board and \$500,000 for the Home Board.

The five-year program will emphasize "A Church Fulfilling Its Mission." The themes will be worship, proclamation and witness, education, ministry, and evangelism and world missions. In accordance with instructions by the 1962 Convention, the Sunday School Board, Brotherhood Commission, and Woman's Missionary Union have worked out a comprehensive plan in consultation with all Convention agencies.

Cauthen Cites Gains, Hopes

KANSAS CITY (BP)—Southern Baptists have tripled the number of missionaries they've assigned to foreign mission fields in the last 15 years, messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention learned here.

"During these 15 years of advance, missionaries have started work in 22 new countries," reported Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. A capacity crowd jammed the auditorium to hear Cauthen cite foreign mission achievements and hopes.

WMU Chooses Mrs. Fling

KANSAS CITY (BP)—Woman's Missionary Union, celebrating its 75th anniversary in its annual session, elected Mrs. Robert C. Fling of Cleburne, Tex., as the new president. It named Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., president for the past eight years, as the new director of promotion to succeed Mrs. William McMurry, who retired several months ago.

WMU also consented to the receipt of trust funds for the benefit of Carver School of Missions and Social Work and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Carver School is in the process of merging with the seminary.

The climax of the celebration came in a joint session with the Southern Baptist Convention. WMU presented a historical pageant, tracing its organization and development, along

with the efforts of Luther Rice to mobilize Baptists of America to support missions.

Residents of foreign mission fields who spoke to the women's meeting included Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde of Nigeria, Mrs. Chik Suen Lam of Hong Kong, and João Soren of Brazil, president of the Baptist World Alliance. Other reports were made by missionaries on furlough and by Foreign Mission Board staff members.

Speakers Warn of Losses

KANSAS CITY (BP)—Southern Baptists deserve to lose their place in history if they do not tell the world about Christ, a denominational leader told a laymen's group here.

Paul M. Stevens, director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, said there is a great need for personal action in mission work today. Speaking at the Kansas City Baptist Men's Fellowship, he stated that Southern Baptists are frustrated in their efforts in missions because they are being "propagandized by outside forces."

Vance Havner, an evangelist of Greensboro, N. C., told the Pastors' Conference before the Convention that the gospel is not moving the world because of a sleeping church.

"It is predicted that by 1973 less than 2 per cent of the Western world will be committed to Jesus Christ," Havner told the preachers.

Students Give for Inoculator

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here have donated \$1,300 to buy a high-speed mass inoculator for Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusan, Korea.

The offering was taken at the end of the first observance of William Wallace Week. The week's purpose was to emphasize and aid medical missions through a tribute to Dr. Wallace, Southern Baptist medical missionary to China who died at the hands of Chinese Communists in 1951.

Dr. Robert Hingson of Cleveland, inventor and developer of the jet inoculation "gun," closed the week with an address about his trips to Asia and Africa in 1958 and 1962. The medical professor took several inoculators and two teams to each continent, immunizing more than 300,000 persons against several diseases.

