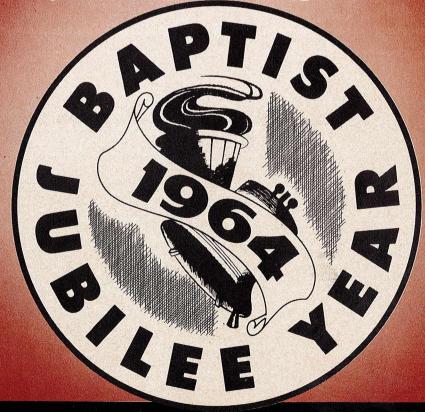
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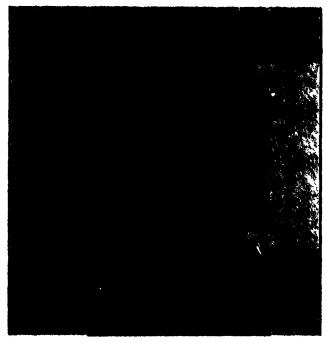
AS FRESH WINDS stir smoldering fire into flame, so God's Spirit swept through Baptist churches in North America 150 years ago to stir Baptist people to a world-encircling mission. Through two men, Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson, the Holy Spirit spoke to the churches.

Luther Rice was the apostle of united support for the missionaries. On horseback he forded streams, on foot he walked to frontier settlements, on ships he sailed to seacoast cities, persuading isolated and free-spirited Baptist churches that true freedom in Christ must be expressed in duties that are shared with others. This servant of God called the churches together in Philadelphia in 1814 to form the first national organization among Baptists of America, the General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States of America for Foreign Missions, to support missionaries and to act as a responsible national church body.

Adoniram Judson was the first evangelist of salvation in Jesus Christ from the new world to the Far East. He signalled the start of a stream of missionaries who have preached the gospel of Jesus Christ and who have served people in His name on every continent.

North America have enjoyed in their worldwide purpose to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, we have engaged for five years in a Baptist Jubilee Advance. We have listened anew to the word God is speaking to us in the Scriptures and in world events. We have sought to deepen our daily experience of life in Christ. We have engaged with new understanding in our ministry of witness in the world. We have invited many people to come and follow Christ. We have enjoyed Christian fellowship without barriers of race, nation, or denomination, looking toward the 150th anniversary year in 1964.

Therefore, WE PROCLAIM the year 1964 a YEAR OF JUBILEE among Baptists in North America, when we shall give thanks for the fellowship we share in the mission God has given us. We shall examine ourselves and confess and repent of those faults within us that cause the light of life to burn fitfully in this gusty world. We shall pray that the Holy Spirit, whose fire burned in Rice and Judson, may give us the light that will illuminate every man in the world. We urge the Baptists of North America to join in the Jubilee Celebration in Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 22-24, 1964.







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### WINNING WITH TH

THE ADAGE "The pen is mightier than the sword" is true. The power of the press is tremendous. The printed word influences history, of nations as well as of individuals. The spoken message has a way of changing, but the written story remains the same for centuries.

Evangelizing the world increasingly becomes a more difficult task with its amazing population increase. This focuses the need for more mass communication, in which the printed page plays a strategic role.

The Costa Rica Baptist Mission's ministry of literature is dedicated to a two-fold purpose: using the printed word in evangelism, and providing churches the best materials to develop strong Christ-centered programs of Christian education. This divides itself into three emphases: book stores, colportage, and the book deposit of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House.

### **Book Stores**

"IMire aquella libreria! Es una libreria evangélica." ("Look at that book store! It's an evangelical book store.") This was overheard one day soon after we had started our Baptist Book Store in San Pedro, a residential suburb of San José. The remark was made in derision, but it demonstrated the witness and testimony that such a Christian store carries on the mission field.

Costa Rica's book store ministry began a few years ago with a small stock of books in a missionary's office. Later they were moved to the first floor of the building housing the Mission offices and the Baptist Theological Institute. The first month's sales netted about \$5. They now average more than \$1,000 a month.

Another store was started in the new Centro Bautista building near the University of Costa Rica campus. Of modern design and with contemporary display cases, the store is intended stock the finest materials for churches, as well as to give a Christ witness to the university students a residents of San Pedro.

Last year both stores had sales about \$15,000. They distributed so 1,500 Bibles, 3,500 New Testame and more than 25,000 Gospel portion

### Colportage

"It's useless to try selling a Bible that woman. She won't even let yenter her house." Such was the adventura Robleto, our colporteur, ceived from a friend.

This only served to challenge V tura. Several days later he stood front of the house, offering a prato the Lord for guidance. Then, paing for an answer, he noticed seve flowers on the porch. He knew this his clue.

Ventura knocked on the door. I lady answered, and before she cospeak a defensive word, Ventura sulfate, I was walking by your ho and noticed the many lovely flow My wife raises flowers. I want compliment you on your work."

Outside book store and Theological Institute are students and faculty.



A passerby is attracted by th



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The startled lady hesitated, then asked him to come in. When Ventura emerged from the house some 30 minutes later, he had sold a Bible.

So it goes. Daily, from morning until night, Brother Robleto goes quietly and untiringly at his task of placing the Scriptures into the hands of the ost, as well as of our church memors. Last year this Baptist colporteur sold some 750 Bibles, 1,500 New Testaments, more than 10,000 Gospel portions, and at least \$500 worth of Christian books and pamphlets.

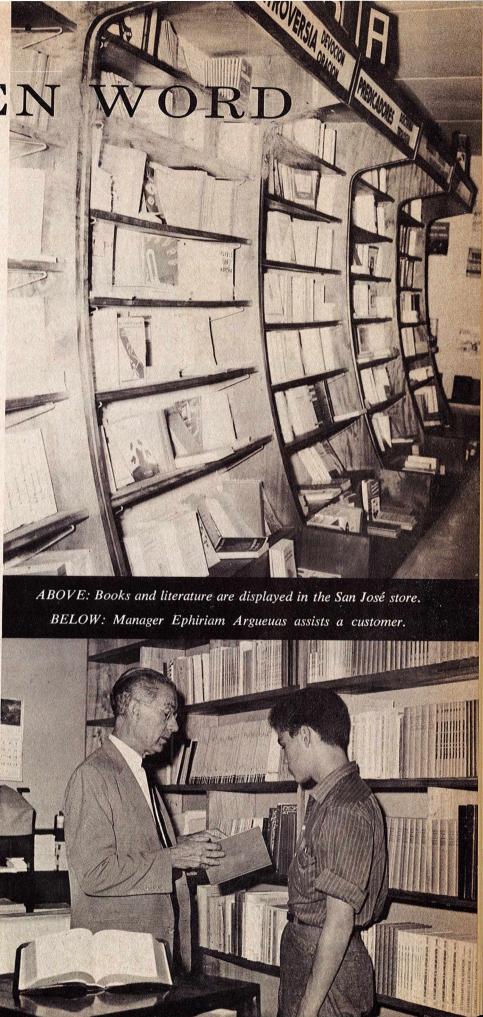
### Book Deposit

The book deposit is an attempt by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex., and the Costa Rica saptist Mission to provide better accessibility to books and materials. This means greater distribution.

The Publishing House has placed one \$10,000 worth of books and marrials in deposit with the Mission, vailable at a moment's notice. This parantees a permanent and adequate apply for the churches and their memors. Other Christian book stores in the country can also purchase from

w of the San José book store.





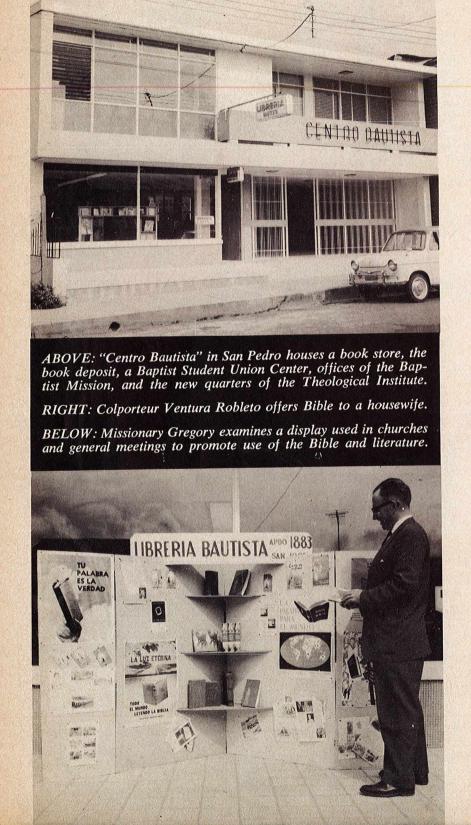
the deposit, increasing its value many-

The deposit is still in its first year of operation. Prospects are bright that it will provide a "spark" in the literature program of Costa Rican Baptists.

One day when I was in the post

office, an employee there motioned to me. He introduced himself as a member of a local evangelical body. He needed help. He was evangelizing two fellow workers and was receiving a difficult time from them over Matthew 16:18-19.

Upon returning to the book sto I found a small, inexpensive pamphl on the subject, and I returned to the post office with copies of it. Son days later he explained how helpf they had been and expressed his gratude. Once again the printed word here





carried its message. Testimonies similar experiences are numerous.

Many years ago a pioneer Bap missionary editor, J. G. Chasta stated that "whoever supplies the ligious literature of a people, it is to direct their thoughts, mold the religious characters and in a meass shape and determine their destiny. In other words, the pen and pressemighty instruments for sowing seeds the gospel.

We must constantly increase our of the printed page as a spearhead winning lost people to Christ and, as through the written word, enlist them as members in strong, New Tement churches.

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<sup>\*</sup> J. Wilson Ross, Sowing the Seed Spanish, (El Paso: Baptist Spanish I lishing House, 1962), p. 5

# ANOSISYE MWABULUMA --present-day apostle

BY WILLIAM E. LEWIS, JR.

Missionary field evangelist in Tukuyu, Tanganyika

WINS WERE BORN in a small, bamboo-thatch hut in the heart of Africa, at the upper tip of Lake Nyasa in Tanganyika. They were born physically on April 18, 1959, just six days after their father was born again spiritually.

The babies received the names Atupakisye (meaning "God has had mercy on me") and Atufwigwege ("God be praised") because of their father's desire to constantly thank God for the blessings of his salvation and the birth of his twins, both events in one week. With their older sister and brother, Eneki and Enson, they comprise the family of Anosisye and Efa Mwabuluma.

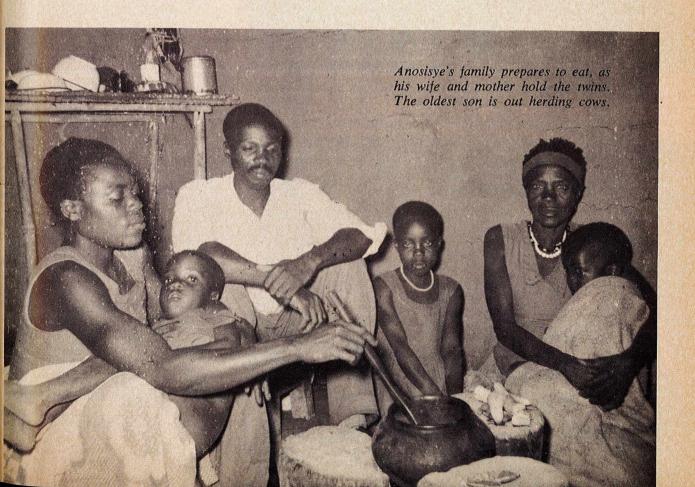
Favored by a Christian home (their mother became a Christian soon after their father), the twins are experiencing lives guided by a dedicated man of God. As they grow in understanding, they will know why their father was chosen as chairman of Rungwe Baptist Association, formed by more than 30 new churches. They will realize why the association sent him 20 miles up in the mountains to spend most of three months helping a group of new congregations get a better start. They will come to the place where they, too, will thank God for this consecrated, Spirit-led man.

Born in 1925, Anosisye saw his father and four of his six brothers

and sisters die before he was 15. From his early years, as with most Africans, death was a fearful, omnipresent reality.

Living in a pagan family (though his father only had one wife), Anosisye as a child never wore clothes—only little bells around an ankle which were supposed to impart strength to him. Around his village of Igembo he learned the local farming methods. The only unusual occurrence in his young life was a period of a few months when he went to a "bush" school where he learned the alphabet.

At an early age he also saw a white man for the first time—a strangely garbed, bearded man with beads and



a small cross around his neck. In his own fearful way Anosisye associated him with Kyala, the god who supposedly lived in the mountains above their low hills and farms. Later more white men passed. He saw priests and government men, but not one ever stopped to greet the local people.

In 1949 Anosisye went to Southern Rhodesia and worked in a diamond mine. He returned to his home and married, but after being given a small plot of ground and finishing his house he went again to the diamond mine until 1958.

Upon returning again to Tangan-

yika, he paid the bride price for a second wife. While waiting for the wedding, however, Anosisye became a Christian, so he never accepted the second wife.

Anosisye often had opportunity to greet a childhood friend, Edwardi Mwaijande, who passed his home in going to a lower village called Busilya. Edwardi explained that he was employed by Carlos Owens of the Baptist Mission, who lived at Mbeya 60 miles away, and that he was going to Busilya to preach about Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. Carlos also came by now and then.

Out of curiosity one day, Anosisye went with them, and he heard the gospel preached for the first time. The Christian workers occasionally asked Anosisye about his soul's condition.

Thoughts of the world began to oppress his mind, and he said to himself over and over, "When I die where will I go?" He had heard the Scripture of John 14:2, however, concerning Jesus' preparing a place for him. Then the Holy Spirit brought conviction of sin to his heart, and he knew that no one in heaven would receive him if he had all this guilt of sin. Who could save him?

Finally, trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, he was saved on April 12, 1959. He entered an inquirers' class for new Christians and, on December 20, followed his Lord in baptism.

While in the class Anosisye became obsessed with a desire to read God's Word so that he could learn more about his Saviour. Borrowing a New Testament in the local language and memorizing passages in church and in the class, he began slowly teaching himself to read with his meager knowledge of the alphabet.

Because the Sunday school literature was published in Swahili, Tanganyika's national language, Anosisye also wanted to learn Swahili in order to study the lessons. Another reason he wanted to know it was in order to read the Old Testament, as only the New Testament is printed in the local language. He finally accomplished this difficult task by borrowing a Swahili Bible and comparing it with his local language, to which there are some similarities. He is continuing to improve his reading and writing ability, and he recently took a Bible correspondence course in Swahili.

Another notable result of Anosisye's poring over the Bible is that his con-

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Inside his bamboo and thatch house, Anosisye studies the Scriptures.

Anosisye's family pounds and cleans corn as he repairs his bicycle.



sideration of human personality is always based on comparison with a personality in the Bible.

Growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus, Anosisye soon began preaching for his friend and pastor, Edwardi Mwaijande, when Edwardi had to be away. Later the pastor was asked to serve in Mbeya. Thus Lupando Baptist Church, about two miles from his boyhood home and organized the day Anosisye was baptized, became pastorless.

As the missionary advisor, I asked the members of the church to join in prayer to seek the Lord's will in calling a pastor. Eventually the people voted to ask Anosisye to lead them, but he refused. He became disturbed spiritually, until after a particularly fitful night he surrendered his life to the Lord's will. He felt great relief when he said he would preach for and lead the people of Lupando Baptist Church.

After becoming their pastor, he experienced many trying months of being refused by the villagers when he attempted to witness for Christ. But his testimony is that, as in the book of Acts when the followers of Jesus conquered fear and became strong witnesses by the power of the Holy Spirit, so it has been in his life.

Everyone in his area now looks to him for help and advice. And in two

years his church grew from 14 members to 90. He also was chosen as chairman of Rungwe Baptist Association, which was new and just learning its purpose. He has been sent on numerous preaching missions by the association, and he is loved and appreciated by all who know him.

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As the days lengthen into years, Atupakisye and Atufwigwege will know that one of their best blessings was by God's providence to be born children of Anosisye Mwabuluma, who by God's grace no longer fears death and by God's power has fitted himself for the service of Christ.



ABOVE: Before going on a brief preaching mission, Anosisye bids good-bye to a deacon at the church.

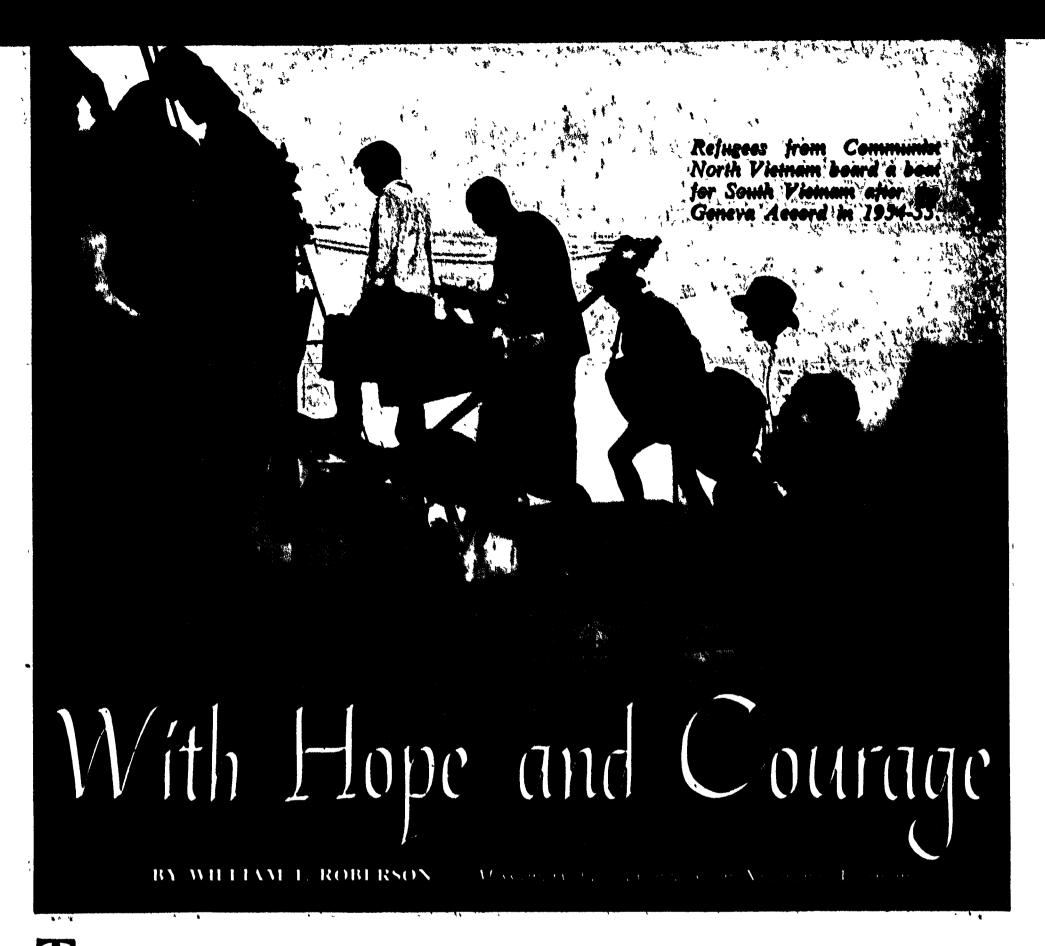
LEFT: Pastor Anosisye watches a Sunday school pupil ringing the church's bell, an auto crankshaft,

BELOW: He greets neighbor women passing his home.



January 1964





HEY TOOK a long chance, the night Khoi, his young wife Tho, and their children returned to Hanoi. They had been living with relatives at Tho's birthplace, far from North Vietnam's capital city.

Eight months earlier, they had left their prosperous dye business to flee the Communist revolution around Hanoi. Their decision to leave had been made in haste and in fear for the safety of their four small children. Now they had changed their minds. They felt it best to return to the city, for they found no safety in the countryside, either.

Entering and leaving Hanoi was dangerous because of constant rebel harassment. Instead of traveling as refugees, they went with farm produce packed over their few belongings, appearing as farmers going to market. They made most of their trip by boat,

but the last 20 kilometers had to be by foot.

Once back in the city, they found their business taken and their home wrecked. Nevertheless, they stayed and sought to re-establish themselves. Soon they had reinvested all their savings.

Although relative prosperity was evident, however, fear was in the people's hearts. The fighting gradually worsened. Khoi's and Tho's long, hard months of getting back on their feet stretched into years.

Finally Hanoi fell to Viet Cong and rebel forces. Havoc ruled. The couple's hope that their business could be saved quickly vanished. They decided to flee to South Vietnam, where a new beginning and freedom had some promise. Leaving everything except what they could pack into four suitcases, they and their children moved again in search of security and peace.

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Having worked for the French colonizers as an interpreter, it was not difficult for Khoi to arrange for a flight to Saigon in 1954. The day they left Hanoi, their hearts were heavy with sorrow and their minds disturbed by the tragic series of events that had robbed them of their possessions.

South Vietnam was better, but it hardly offered the haven which they and the one million other refugees from North Vietnam had sought. Khoi, Tho, and their children were first located in a resettlement camp near Saigon, where they lived with a hundred other refugees in one crowded schoolroom. Their entire area was a single grass mat. Conditions were almost unbearable. They were given about a dollar each day for subsistence, and they managed the best they could, but they could not live in that manner indefinitely. Something had to be done.

They heard of better circumstances in a resettlement village near Dalat, a small resort town high in the mountains, 180 miles northeast of Saigon. After two months they obtained permission to relocate. They were off again for a fresh start.

But their move was only to bring them more disappointment. In their new camp they were late arrivals, and no provision could be made for a house. They moved in with friends and tried their hand at farming. They worked hard, but their circumstance became gradually worse. In desperation they moved back to Saigon, hoping to find work. They possessed nothing. Life was bare indeed.

By this time the three oldest daughters were old enough to work outside the home. With odd jobs here, and there, the enterprising family was able to save a little money, borrow a little, and set up a beauty salon. They found a small shop and bought the necessary equipment. Life was beginning to look better.

Under the strain of privation and heavy responsibility, however, Khoi's health began to break. He was no longer able to do any physical labor. Medical expenses began to mount. And, just when the business reached its best, their building's lease expired and they had to relocate in a different section of the city.

This move meant losing their old customers and starting, over. Again they worked hard, hoping to save enough to buy property of their own some day. But, once more, they lost their lease and could not renew it.

With this, Khoi's health was broken. Getting another start was too much to tackle again. Soon the children had to be taken out of school because there was no money. The wealth they once knew was a memory that haunted them. Each day brought continued discouragement. Many days offered only a little rice. Their rent was long overdue.

What could they do? They had done all they knew, yet every effort had

failed. Life could not go on like this for long. Khoi and Tho saw no hope at all. Their continual plight drove them to seriously contemplate suicide. But events were to take a different turn.

On her way to seek work, Tho noticed a sign over the gate of the Baptist mission in Saigon, inviting people to come to worship. She hardly knew how to explain why she decided to enter. She thought to herself that maybe this place would help her. She recalled the days when she had heard about Christianity as a child in a Catholic school. This had meant nothing to her, however. She entered—doubting, somewhat suspicious. But what could she lose?

As Tho listened to the hymns and words of the gospel, she was attracted to a strange warmth of the service. A happiness upon the faces of the people spoke of other realities, of things she didn't know about or understand. She left promising herself to return.

On her third visit she responded to



Khoi and his eight children listen as Tho reads a passage from the Scriptures at their home in Saigon.



Khoi and his family sing a hymn in a service at the Baptist mission.

the invitation to accept Christ and follow him. She felt compelled to go forward and confess Christ as her Saviour. Two of her children followed her in that decision. For the first time in her life, her steps seemed light and her burdens were gone.

The people of the mission soon learned of the family's dire circumstances and sought to help them. But Khoi and Tho had vowed they would not accept charity. During the following weeks, conditions continued difficult, but Tho now had Someone to bear her up.

Before trusting the Lord, she testifies, she knew only a growing despair in the face of the things she didn't have. Now she has a vital awakening to spiritual realities, which gave her a new grip on life. Each week Tho assisted at the mission by ushering and witnessing. The missionaries began to fondly call her "Mrs. WMU." Her radiant smile and happy manner always made the services more attractive and friendly.

One afternoon one of the missionaries and national Christians made their way through a narrow alley leading off a noisy main thoroughfare. There they were greeted cheerfully by several of Tho's children, who seemed unusually happy. They led their visitors up rickety, winding stairs to their loftlike quarters.

The family, now numbering 10, lived in a room 10 by 15 feet, furnished with one chair, a small table, and many boxes—all of which spoke of other days. A few old pictures were tacked on the walls. The room re-

ceived the full blast of the unrelenting tropical sun.

Strangely enough, the nature of the room seemed unimportant because the order of the home and the radiance of the family filled it with an attracting beauty. The missionary suddenly realized that the lack of physical things no longer worried this family.

Khoi, who had not yet professed Christ publicly, explained the difference. Even though they had suffered many hardships, he said, they had discovered that their worst suffering in the past years was spiritual. "Now we have Someone to help us bear our privations," he affirmed.

Then Tho entered the conversation, saying her husband's health had mysteriously and remarkably improved. He had not needed to take any medicine for more than two weeks.

As the missionary left, a prayer was spoken, thanking God for his multiplied blessings. This couple and their children had no new worldly belongings. Instead, they had discovered the most precious possession of all: Jesus Christ.

Their physical needs had not been met, but they had been enabled, through Christ, to face the tomorrows with hope and courage. Former earthly cares had slipped into oblivion. A new day had come. They had been introduced to a new world and had joyfully entered in.

Missionary Herman P. Hayes baptizes Khoi, along with Tho and their oldest daughter, in Saigon last March.





Donald R. (Don) Kammerdiener San José, Costa Rica

# Does God Want Southern Baptists To Do Far More?

WE MUST CONFESS a sense of embarrassment when we compare our missionary outreach with that of some smaller groups. Whereas we 10,200,000 Southern Baptists are represented by some 1,800 missionaries—a ratio of about 1 to 5,666—one of the Mennonite groups with only 70,000 members has sent out 300—about 1 to 233. We cannot help asking ourselves whether God has not purposed that we should be doing far more.

The answer does not lie only with the Foreign Mission Board. Advance waits upon the individuals and churches who must provide the human and financial

resources.



C. Eugene Thomas Lilongwe, Nyasaland

### Human Slave Yokes Signify Mankind's Bondage by Sin

ONE SATURDAY we visited Mpanda Village at the foot of beautiful Mpanda Mountain. In the midst of beauty, the wages of sin were visible everywhere.

The sight of two insane men wearing heavy slave yokes, which bowed them almost to the ground, spoke of human misery. We were told they had worn the yokes for 20 years without their once being removed. The story in Mark 5 of the demon-possessed man took on new meaning as we saw these men in bondage.

Though the physical yokes are tragic, this is but a reminder of the terrible yoke of sin enslaving the multitudes here and across the world. Jesus Christ alone is

the Way, the Truth, and the Life.



William T. (Bill) Roberson Nhatrang, Vietnam

### Many Ready for the Gospel; Door Is Open To Win Them

WE DO NOT KNOW what will be the outcome of the complicated conflicts in evidence throughout this little nation. Certainly we pray that peace may come again to this land, but strife, resentment, hate, and bloodshed now stretch from the big city to the tiny hamlet.

In spite of these events—or maybe because of them—

we find many people ready to hear the gospel. One Sunday morning seven men and one woman made public professions of Christ. Five came the previous week. Recently we opened a book room and Bible teaching center in Nhatrang. Three times the number we could teach each week came to register for Bible study.

As we think of the harvest around us and the fact that young and old Vietnamese Buddhists are burning themselves in behalf of their religious convictions, we keep praying that God will call many Baptists of America to come to this country, not to burn themselves to death but to offer themselves as burning evangels, that the lost masses may be sayed. The door is open today.



Robert E. (Bob) Smith Santos, São Paulo, Brazil

### Acts Against Minorities Make Task More Difficult

EVENTS of the past year in the United States have left the Brazilians mystified. They cannot understand how such things can be possible in a land which has enjoyed such extraordinary blessings of the gospel of Christ throughout its history. Every instance of prejudice, of intolerance, of injustice toward any minority group, of expression of hatred, makes a little more difficult the task Southern Baptists have sent their missionaries around the world to do. More than once we have had to bow our heads in shame in the face of questions from our Brazilian friends about news from America.

May God help you during this coming year, within the sphere of your own activities and influence, to help make America more genuinely and thoroughly Christian.



John C. Calhoun, Jr. Singapore, Malaysia

### He Rejoices with Members For Larger Worship Room

TODAY I attended a service at one of our Baptist churches in Singapore in which the members dedicated their enlarged worship quarters. I was expecting to see a nice, remodeled building with adequate facilities and plenty of room for Sunday school.

I wish there were words to tell you what I experienced. These people had come to dedicate one room about the size of an average American bedroom. None of this space was of new construction; they had only knocked out three existing walls to provide seating. Their

total space was one room 20 by 30 feet.

They sang, they prayed, they preached. They rejoiced in the Lord as if they had built a \$100,000 building. As I sat and listened, I thought of the many churches in America where people have complained about and criticized our mission program. I thought of churches that wasted more space than these people were dedicating. I bowed my head and wept with joy for them, and I prayed that God would forgive us for being such poor stewards of our resources.



William E. (Bill) Lewis, Jr. Tukuyu, Tanganyika

### Open Grave—Not Crate— Begins Post-Furlough Work

A THOUSAND miles by train, 9,000 miles by ship, and another 5,000 over sand roads in a jeep is enough to make anyone travel weary. We were just that when we arrived in Tukuyu to settle down after our furlough.

Beginning to unload our crates the next morning, we breathed a sigh of relief that we could get this little chore done and then really get lost in our work here.

"Daddy, there's someone at the door," I was soon informed. And so started the endless circle of listening to the problems of the people and seeking ways to help. But this was different, for it was not so much a problem as a message. 'Ambokile, one of the deacons of Tukuyu Baptist Church, had been wasting away physically for more than a year and a half, and now he was dead.

Instead of looking with satisfaction into an empty crate, I stood over an open grave with sadness but knowing that Ambokile had died being able to say, "I am satisfied with Jesus!"

There was no time to lament the death of this fine, capable deacon. More than 100 persons attended the funeral for Ambokile, whom Jesus wanted to see in heaven, so I preached a message of victory. We miss him, but even his funeral was a sermon to his people that "whosoever will may come."



Ernest L. King Kediri, Indonesia

# Pastor Sacrifices European Education to Serve Christ

WE HAVE a fine national pastor at our Supriadi Chapel, and he is doing a fine job in working to make it grow in numbers and spirit. He has completed his third year at our Baptist seminary, commuting from Semarang to Kediri each week end.

He comes from a strong Muslim home, and his parents at first rejected him when he became a Christian. His father has had a change of heart and accepted his decision, but his mother is still much disturbed about it and writes letters pleading for him to come and be with the family. She tells him that if he will do so, they will pay for an education in any European school of his

choice. His father holds a position in the foreign service, and evidently the family is well-to-do.

What strength he must have to withstand the temptation to be with his loved ones and to have the advantage of an education in Europe. Although he is a little man in size, he is a man of strength and a wonderful testimony to us all.



James M. Watson Madrid, Spain

### U.S. Officers Deny Church Right to Inform of Services

WE HAD the usual problems of advertising our revival in Madrid during the simultaneous evangelistic campaign conducted by the English-language Baptist churches of Europe in September. The unofficial newspaper for personnel of the Strategic Air Command's 16th Air Force, published weekly by a private firm but in no way connected with U.S. Air Force, anxiously accepted a two-week ad. Its representative made two appointments with a member of our church to write it. The ad came out the first week, but it was denied the second week.

When we inquired, the answer was that military orders from our U.S. forces refused the second one. It doesn't make sense: Spain being more tolerant toward our ad-

vertising than our own American authorities.

My reasoning is that Southern Baptist preaching and programming is fast becoming a force to be dealt with, as many servicemen and their families desire their own religious services outside the military chapels. For some reason the chaplains seem to feel that Southern Baptist people should be confined to the chapel programs. This must be the reason, or our church would not find so much opposition. God's work has never been easy.



James N. Westmoreland
Gatooma, Southern Rhodesia

# Student Dies after Sermon On Unexpectancy of Death

ONE SUNDAY night the preacher urged all who had not accepted Christ as Saviour to do so. "You may not have another chance," he said. Speaking especially to our students, he remarked: "At your age you do not think of death, but you cannot know when it may come."

On Monday morning a message came to us from the

hospital: "One of the students is dead."

Arriving quickly at the hospital, we found that Silas, age 14, had died and seven others were ill. They all had eaten meat which had been sent by one of the families and had developed acute food poisoning. The seven recovered, for which we truly thank God.

And how thankful we are that Silas was a Christian. When we asked his uncle where the family wanted to bury him, the man said, "Here on the mission station, where he went to school and where he met the Lord."



Howard L. Stevens
Torreón, Coahuila, Mexico

# Persecuted Man Witnesses In Communist Home Village

MEXICO seems to be standing at an open door of opportunity for the preaching of God's Word. The people are spiritually hungry and marvelously receptive to the gospel's presentation.

A case in point is El Cuije, a Communist community a few miles from Torreón. The people decided to become Communists some time ago, largely in line with a governmental land division that gave each family a small plot. A young man there heard the gospel, accepted Christ, and soon was called to preach. He entered Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary for preparation and built an excellent record as a personal worker.

One night some of his former friends called him out to talk. He didn't show up until the next morning, after a night filled with worry for his wife. He staggered home half dead from a beating. He had walked many miles from the desert where he had been taken by his "friends," beaten, and thrown out of the car.

One of his places of witness as a seminary student was his home community, El Cuije, and through him the Baptist Caravan of Evangelism presented motion pictures, slides, and preaching. Some months later his witness had become a mission supported by First Baptist Church of Torreón, with great hopes and plans for the future.



Robert J. (Bob) Hall Oyo, Nigeria

# Way Nation Goes Depends On Whether Told of Christ

OUR IMPRESSION of Nigeria primarily is of people—numberless thousands of people—living close together for mutual protection and companionship. Averaged over Nigeria, there are about 100 persons per square mile, compared to about 20 in other areas where I've lived. And the people are always on the move—industrious people, a nation of traders. Seldom does an hour go by day or night that travelers are not passing our house, usually on foot or bicycles, though lorries (trucks) filled with people or goods are frequent sights.

The nation is lifting itself by its own bootstraps, and it is going to rise. But the direction it goes depends on whether this great mass of people is told of the God who controls the destiny of nations and of the love shown by his Son, or whether it is led to conclude that the future is only a matter of economics, so that the people become willing to sell their souls for a mess of pottage. Neither I nor the 200 other Southern Baptist missionaries in this country can tell all its citizens the story of Jesus. Pray that the Lord will reveal himself to these people in a spirit of revival that will use us and fill them.



W. Trueman Meere Decca, East Pakistan

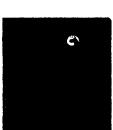
# Time To Train Converts Lacking Amid Many Tasks

THOUSANDS of Hindus want to be converted, and the number of inquirers among Muslims is so great that we do not have time to talk with all of them. More people are being converted than we have opportunity to nurture, train, and befriend.

Even though I work in my office nine and 10 hours a day, still I am not able to finish. Direct evangelism is my main work, and I am chairman of the American Southern Baptist Mission's evangelism committee, which is responsible for projecting, planning, and promoting all our evangelistic work. In addition, I am treasurer of the Mission, handling all funds; I serve on the property, executive, and personnel committees; and I am in charge of the language school here in Dacca. Also, I show a filmstrip with Bengali narration every Saturday night, conduct worship services in Bengali on Sunday mornings, help with the English services on Sunday nights, teach a Bengali Bible class Mondays through Fridays, oversee a book store and reading room, and study the Urdu language.

I am, incidentally, the father of four fine, boisterous children and the husband of a very understanding wife, all of whom deserve some of my time.

I'm neither bragging nor complaining. I just want to ask: "Oh, Lord—oh, Southern Baptists—how long. . ?" We look with anxious eyes toward our seminaries, colleges, and churches for reinforcements.



BiH C. Atchison Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil

# Weak Training Is Evident In 'Missionary's Paradise'

IN BRAZIL we find a condition that could be described as a missionary's paradise. Not only are the people responsive to the gospel but there are almost no restrictions on preaching it. Evangelical Christianity is growing at a faster rate in Brazil than any other place in the world. Statisticians tell us that, notwithstanding an alteration in the trend, Latin America will be the center of evangelical Christianity in several decades.

Still, we can see many weaknesses. The training program in the churches is woefully weak. The pastors seem well trained, but the local church leaders in most cases are not. This appears to say, "They do well with what little they have and know; what could they do under different circumstances?" These circumstances will be changed when Baptist young people—with their wonderful church training and preparation, with fertile minds, with energy and a deep sense of commitment—will face up to the commission of our Lord and answer his call.

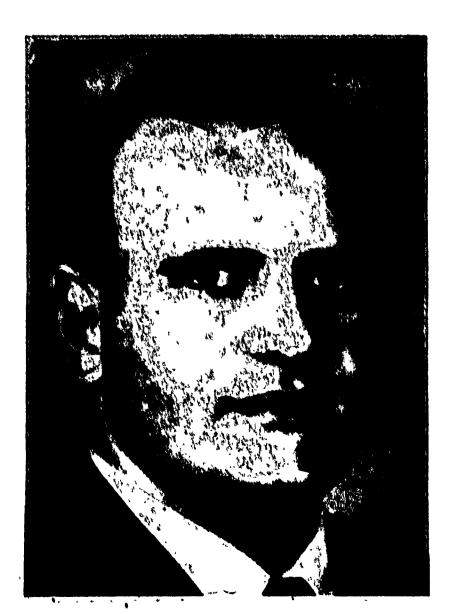
# Daw INTRODUCING: New Staff Members

### R. KEITH PARKS

A missionary to Indonesia since 1954, Dr. R. Keith Parks begins serving this month as an associate secretary in the Foreign Mission Board's Department of Missionary Personnel. On recommendation of its Orient Committee the Board granted him leave of absence from the mission field in order that he might serve in this

new capacity for a time.

Dr. Parks will counsel and interview candidates for missionary service overseas, working closely with the secretary for the department, Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, and with the Board's personnel committee in the procedures leading up to the appointment of new missionaries. The western part of the United States, including Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California, constitute the area in which Dr. Parks will work. He has already been serving in this capacity on an emergency basis since last July when he arrived in the States for furlough.



Born in Memphis, Texas, Dr. Parks is a graduate of North Texas State College (now North Texas State University), Denton, where he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree. He then attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he received both the Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Theology degrees. Before missionary appointment in 1954 he was pastor of a church in Red Springs, Texas, and teacher of Bible at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas. He also did summer mission work on San Andrés Island, Colombia.

Dr. Parks has been serving as professor in the Baptist Theological Seminary of Indonesia, Semarang, and acting president of the seminary during the furlough of the missionary president. Besides his teaching and administrative tasks, he was counselor, building supervisor, and evangelist in the Semarang area.

Dr. and Mrs. Parks, the former Helen Jean Bond, of Abilene, have four children: Randall, 10, Kent, 6, Eloise, 21/2, and Stanley, a year old this March. The family has

moved to Richmond.

### WILLIAM W. MARSHALL

Rev. William W. Marshall comes from a pastorate to be an associate secretary for the Department of Missionary Personnel. Elected by the Foreign Mission Board at its December meeting, he will work closely with the personnel department secretary, Dr. Fletcher, and the Board's personnel committee. The territory in which he will interview and counsel missionary candidates is the central area of the United States, including Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mis-

Mr. Marshall has been pastor of Rosalind Hills Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia, since October, 1961. He had earlier been in evangelistic work in Kentucky, where he had also been pastor of Karn's Grove Baptist Church, Owensboro, and of a mission in Lexington which he began and which has since been constituted as Highlands Baptist Church. While in Roanoke he was program chairman for the Baptist Ministers' Conference.

Born in Frankfort, Kentucky, Mr. Marshall attended Eastern Kentucky State College, Richmond, and Georgetown (Ky.) College on football scholarships and played professional football briefly in Santa Maria, California. He then served two years with the United States Marine Corps and after military discharge completed his studies at Georgetown from which he was graduated with the



Bachelor of Arts degree. He then attended Southern Baptist-Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, where he received the Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1961.

Soon after marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, the former Alice Lee Gardner, of Kentucky, taught for a year in the Baptist school in Nazareth, Israel. During the summer of that year they worked and studied the Hebrew language in a kibbutz (a co-operative farm village) near Nazareth. The Marshalls have two children, Stephen Walter, 2, and Sharon Jo, 9 months. They will soon reside in Richmond, Virginia.

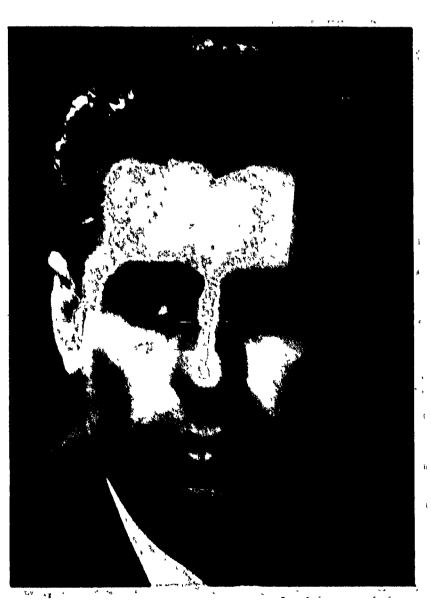
### HAROLD G. BASDEN

Dr. Harold G. Basden is the Foreign Mission Board's new associate secretary for promotion. Beginning at his new position early in January, Dr. Basden will direct the Division of Promotion, in the Board's Department of Missionary Education and Promotion, headed by Dr. Eugene L. Hill. He succeeds Joseph B. Underwood, who vacated the post last June when elected to be the Board's consultant in evangelism and church development. The other divisions are Publications, Press Relations, and Visual Education. With the coming of Dr. Basden all the division posts are filled for the first time since the department was organized in 1947.

Besides directing the Board's deputation program, securing missionaries and headquarters personnel for speaking appointments at many types of gatherings, Dr. Basden will work with the planning and foreign missionary personnel needs of the Southern Baptist Schools of Missions program; the planning, production, and utilization of the Board's promotional literature; and the arranging of Foreign Mission Board exhibits at Southern Baptiet Convention-wide, state, and associational meetings and assemblies.

Since January 1, 1954, Dr. Basden has been pastor of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. Prior to that he was pastor of churches in Jackson, Mississippi, and Larue and Petty, Texas. As well as being known for his ability as a speaker at assembly and student group programs, his name is recognized among Southern Baptists for his service on various boards, commissions, and committees of the states where he has held pastorates and of the SBC. At the time he was elected by the FMB he was a member of the SBC Radio and Television Commission, the executive board and the program coordinating committee of the Texas convention, the board of trustees of Baylor University, and the national board of Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.

Born in Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. Basden was graduated by Mississippi College, Clinton, receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree. He then pursued a course of study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, where he received Master and Doctor of Theology degrees. For two years he taught in the Memphis public schools and for three years at Mississippi College. Dr. and Mrs. Basden, the former Marjorie Lynn Abbott, with their two children, Lynn, 10, and Paul Abbott, 8, have taken residence this month in Richmond, Virginia.



### Evangelism Worldwide

BY BAKER J. CAUTHEN

EVANGELISM is the heart of the missionary task. This has always been true, for Christ's Great Commission states: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

The objective of making disciples lies at the center of every activity on mission fields. Many missionaries give themselves to preaching the gospel of Christ and developing churches. They teach the Bible constantly and share it as the Word of life in visits to homes and businesses.

Such activities as kindergartens, good will centers, and Vacation Bible schools are aimed at making disciples. These avenues give opportunities not only to influence children but to bring parents into knowledge of Christ.

Ministries of love and mercy through hospitals, clinics, relief activities, agricultural missions, and public health services are effective in providing people opportunities both to hear the gospel and to sense the loving care involved in Christian service.

Many of the best means for evangelism are in programs of education conducted by Southern Baptists on mission fields. We now have 1,060 schools overseas, with enrolment of more than 169,000. Persons attending them are confronted daily with a Christian witness so that, during seasons of special evangelistic effort, they are already in position to make decisions of depth and clarity.

Occasions for evangelism expand as work is projected. That is why such remarkable open doors exist today in some countries. When work is begun in a new field steady progress is made, with confidence that many additional doors will be opened in due time and that opportunities will become even more inviting.

The avenues for evangelism on a world scale today are significant in view of the surrounding need. For example, in Japan with its vast population, only ½ of 1 per cent of the people are professing Christians. The majority do not know even the rudiments of Christian teaching.

When a willingness to listen exists,

it becomes our Christian responsibility to give the message of Christ as clearly and widely as possible. The population explosion throughout the world makes it imperative that witness be borne on the widest possible scale. For this reason, such media as radio, television, newspapers, tracts, and books are of great importance.

This remarkable open door for evangelism has given rise also to many special projects throughout the world. During the past 10 years the Foreign Mission Board has undertaken a number of them, in response to recommendations by our Missions and the national conventions with which they work. These have been fruitful and have accelerated growth. It has been a joy to see large congregations gathered to hear the gospel preached and to sing of its wonderful message.

The projects have been varied. Some have been simultaneous evangelistic efforts, such as conducted in Mexico, Brazil, and other lands of Latin America. They have proved abundantly fruitful and in some places have become annual undertakings. The Baptists of Brazil are now planning for 1965 the largest simultaneous evangelistic crusade in their history.

### City Campaigns Held

Some large-scale campaigns have taken place in major cities, such as Hong. Kong, Taipei, Tokyo, and others. Thousands of people assembled in a large auditorium to hear the gospel of Jesus present a thrilling sight on a mission field and bring vast encouragement to those who work diligently to make Christ known.

Musical evangelism has proved its fruitfulness, and it is probable that much more along this line will be undertaken. The gospel in song attracts people, making their hearts warm and receptive to the testimony of God's saving grace in Christ Jesus.

Beyond a doubt, many new and creative approaches in evangelism will emerge in lands where crusades have not as yet become possible, such as



the predominantly Muslim areas or in Israel. Through group discussion and viewing of visual aid material, Christian fellowship can be shared so that bridges can be built over which messengers of the cross can find their way into hearts with the Word of life.

As we engage in worldwide evangelism, it is wise for us always to keep in mind the parable of the sower. Jesus told it so that we might never be discouraged, for even though a great deal of the seed falls on stony ground and other springs up among thorns, the sower can always remember that some will fall on good soil.

The parable also helps to keep us from misinterpreting what we see. Many demonstrate interest in Christ and profess faith in him but quickly fall away. Then we discover that some of the seed has fallen on shallow ground. As one reads the Gospels he is impressed by the fact that this happened in the ministry of Jesus. As he taught the multitudes, he was aware that many responded superficially and that only a minority really came to know him.

For this reason evangelism on a world scale calls for a high combination of seed sowing and cultivation. Without apology the missionary goes into a world that knows little about the saving power of Christ and undertakes to bring people to faith in him and commitment to his lordship.

The task does not stop here but goes into all the responsibilities of

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# Your Deathless Dollars

BY JAMES C. AUSTIN

Director of Endowment and Capital Giving Promotion, Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission, Nashville, Tenn.

Southern Baptists are committed to a vigorous, spirit-led program designed to carry to the whole world the good news of what God has done and can do through Iesus Christ. We have an ever-expanding and increasingly effective foreign missions program, with more than 1,800 missionaries now serving in 53 countries.

Southern Baptists are committed to missionary advance. We will continue to surge forward in the countries where we now serve and to launch into the vast areas where we have no witness.

It takes tremendous financial resources to carry on this enterprise for the Lord. The Foreign Mission Board has adopted a budget of \$22,133,031.94 for 1964, an increase of \$1,692,124 over last year's.

Stewardship and missions are inseparable. Stewardship without missions is hopeless, and missions without stewardship is helpless. In plain language, missions cost money. Our missionary advance must rest upon a solid basis of financial support.

The main sources of support and reinforcement are the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions, capital gifts, and endowment.

The Cooperative Program is Southern Baptists' unified mission budget. Through it our churches pool their mission money for maximum service.

In December each year our people are given the opportunity, through the Lottie Moon Offering, to express their love and concern for the masses of the world who need to know the redeeming grace of Jesus Christ.

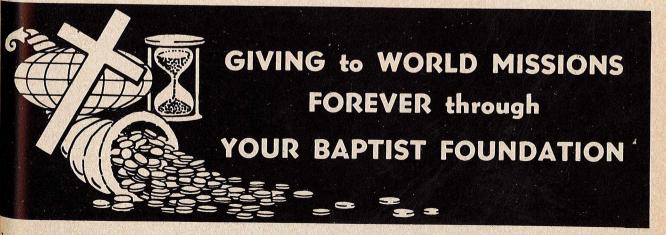
These combined income sources are inadequate to meet the pressing needs. We do not wish to operate on a subsistence level. Our purpose in our worldwide ministry is not subsistence but extension. I feel there is a need for increased endowment for our foreign mission work.

You can give to foreign missions forever by putting some of your dollars to work for God through your will. A bequest in your will can establish a testamentary trust to be administered by your Baptist foundation. You can specify that the income is to go to the Foreign Mission Board in perpetuity. Such a trust can also be established during your lifetime.

Consider this thrilling possibility. If you contribute \$10,-000 and it earns 5 per cent a year, you would contribute \$500 annually to our foreign mission program through all the years to come. In 20 years you would distribute an amount equal to the original sum. And the original held in trust would continue earning interest until the Lord returns. Thus, even in death you can continue to serve the Lord through our denomination's worldwide ministry.

The sincere Christian cannot win to Christ all he would like to win in his lifetime. He cannot print all the literature he would like. He cannot speak in all the languages he might wish. He cannot support as many trained missionaries as he desires. But after his death his money can keep busy printing Bibles, building churches, and winning the lost to Christ and nurturing them in faith.

You can have an enduring witness! You can give to world missions forever! How? By leaving a will that establishes a trust (or by doing this in your lifetime) to be administered by your Baptist foundation. Your deathless dollars will do mighty works in the name of Christ.



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### FOREIGN MISSION BOARD



John D. Hughey, Jr. (l.), new secretary for Europe and the Middle East, receives files from H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, as he began responsibilities the first of January. Hughey's administrative area is one Goerner previously handled in addition to Africa. Formerly president of Baptist Theological Seminary in Switzerland, Hughey will remain at Rüschlikon until this summer.

### One Appointed; Now 1,802

The Foreign Mission Board appointed one missionary at its meeting in January, bringing the active missionary staff to 1,802 as of Jan. 9.

Appointed for Nigeria was Mrs. Jack E. Tolar, Jr., whose husband was appointed as a missionary physician in August, 1962. The couple married in May last year.

### BRAZIL

### Music Wins Against Rain

"The gauchos passed the water test," said Missionary William H. Ichter, director of Brazilian Baptists' church music department, after a week's music school in Pôrto Alegre.

Despite heavy rain every night but one, average attendance was 197—16 per cent of the church members. One church, Central, had 25 per cent with an average of 52 participants.

Pôrto Alegre is the capital of Rio Grande do Sul, state of the famed gauchos, cowboys of the pampas.

Along with various classes, films on music were shown, and choral groups rehearsed new music. The final night's program, a concert, drew an audience of 600.

The faculty of national and missionary musicians included Charlotte Hallock, a "missionary kid" vacationing from the University of Oklahoma.

Pôrto Alegre Baptists are the only ones in Brazil who have already held as many as five music schools. Ichter said. Their 12 churches, including German- and Russian-speaking, have about 1,200 members in total.

### COLOMBIA

### **Baptists Stress Evangelism**

The Colombian Baptist Convention, meeting in Cartagena, established a board of religious education, elected its first full-time denominational worker, seated messengers from four new churches, and adopted evangelism as its main emphasis in 1964.

Attending the 13th annual session were 147 messengers representing 38 Baptist churches. The host was Central Baptist Church of Cartagena.

Under the new religious education board will be the departments of Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood.

Sebastian Barrios, pastor of First Baptist Church in Bogotá, was elected

to promote stewardship and evangelism in the churches and the national publication, The Baptist Herald.

Planning for emphasis on evangelism in 1964, the Convention recommended that each church have one or more revival campaigns and open several preaching centers, that gospel tracts and portions of the New Testament be placed in as many homes as possible, and that every Baptist layman be encouraged to be an evangelist by witnessing, preaching, and giving out literature.

Conferences on evangelism for pastors and laymen have already been planned for the year, according to Missionary John W. Patterson, the Convention's promoter of evangelism and professor at International Baptist Theological Seminary in Cali.

The messengers also discussed religious persecution, citing cases of public school and civil discrimination.

"However, it was reported that the overall picture regarding religious persecution in Colombia is gradually improving," Patterson said. "The general attitude at present appears to be one of passive tolerance of Protestants, though economic and social pressures still exercise a strong role against the work of evangelicals in Colombia, and severe isolated instances of persecution still exist in nearly all rural areas and in certain urban areas."

### **ECUADOR**

### Institute 1st Class Graduates 8

Baptist Theological Institute of Guayaquil recently awarded eight students the Diploma in Theology on Dec. 20, in the first graduation of its three-year history.

One of the two women graduates, Miss Francisca Pezo, won a prize for the highest scholastic average. She was also elected by the student body and faculty as the model student.

Missionary Ben H. Welmaker, president of International Baptist Seminary in Cali, Colombia, presented the baccalaureate address.

Students Miguel Veloz and Angel Mosquera have been ordained and are now pastors of churches. Alberto Flores and Miguel Ramia are pastors of missions and are expected to be ordained soon. Ruben Lalama and Juan Hernandez probably will be considered for mission pastorates with the anticipated opening of new missions in the next few months, said Missionary

Elza Lakschewitz, outstanding young pianist, leads sight singing class.



THE COMMISSION



Graduates of Baptist Theological Institute in Ecuador are (l. to r.): Ramia, Pezo, Moreno, Hernandez, Veloz, Lalama, Mosquera, and Flores.

Shelby A. Smith, institute director.

Miss Pero will serve as secretary for the Ecuadorian Baptist headquarters office. She had already completed training in a secretarial school and had been offered a good job when she enrolled in the Theological Institute against her family's wishes (see The Commission for September, 1961, page 17).

Miss Cecilia Moreno is now receptionist at the Baptist Medical Dispen-

sary in Guayaquil.

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The Institute began in May, 1961, with 12 students and with Missionaries Smith and Archie V. Jones as part-time professors. Missionary William R. Hintze began teaching in 1962.

"During these Institute years we have seen some students in critical financial condition, with little food and clothing," Smith said. "Some have had to walk two and three miles one way for lack of bus fare."

Smith added that Southern Baptists "have helped to relieve some of the harshness of this situation by your mission offerings, which have provided work scholarships for those in greatest need as well as textbooks for each student."

### **HONDURAS**

### 3 Are Graduated in 1st Class

Honduran Baptist Theological Institute in Tegucigalpa graduated its first class November 27 during the national Baptist convention.

James D. Crane, missionary field representative in northern Latin America, delivered the charge to the three graduates, Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Valladares and Rafael Castillo. Missionary Cecil H. Golden, director of the institute, presented the diplomas.

Both of the men graduates have been called to pastorates, Valladares to First Baptist Church in Choluteca and Castillo to First Church in San Pedro Sula.

The institute began full-time operation in 1960 with six students in a back room of the Baptist book store. Two years later, classes were moved to the new building of Tegucigalpa's First Baptist Church.

The institute's forerunner was a course Missionary Harold E. Hurst taught one student in the basement of his home.

### MONDHALE

ISRAEL

naries and colleges.

### Acre Church Gives Israel 4

A church organized in Acre on December 7 gives Baptists in Israel established churches in four locations.

HONG KONG

Thus It Is Written, a book on the missionary theme in the Scriptures by H. Cornell Goerner, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Africa, has been published in Chinese by Baptist Press

W. Carl Hunker, missionary to Taiwan (Formosa), assisted Li Shih

Chinese is the sixth language into which the book has been translated.

First published by Broadman Press in 1944, Thus It Is Written was pre-

The others are Spanish, Portuguese,

pared for the Foreign Mission Board

as a study book for Adults, adapted

from lectures Goerner gave to his

classes in missions at Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary in Louisville,

Ky. The book has been used as a text

for mission courses at several semi-

Book Is Published in Chinese

of Hong Kong.

Fang in the translation.

Italian, Hebrew, and Arabic.

Nazareth Baptist Church, sponsor of the Acre work for five years, planned the organization service. Its pastor, Fuad Sakhnini, moderated.

Among some 90 persons overflowing the meeting place were representatives also from Baptist churches and missions in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Petah Tiqva, Haifa, Cana, and other villages.

Southern Baptist Representative Robert L. Lindsey preached the dedicatory sermon, and Representative James W. Smith delivered the charge to the new church, emphasizing the importance of a ministry to persons now outside its influence.

When the invitation was given for Baptists in the Acre-Haifa area to sign the church's charter as first members, 12 responded.

Edward Souti, a native of Nazareth, will continue as acting pastor.

### 13 Arabs of Ramah Baptized

Thirteen Arabs from the village of Ramah were baptized recently in a quiet cove along the Sea of Galilee near Capernaum. Fuad Sakhnini, pastor of Nazareth Baptist Church, and

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Missionary James D. Crane speaks to graduates of Honduran Baptist Theological Institute: (l. to r.) Mr. and Mrs. Valladares and Mr. Castillo.





Pastor Fuad Sakhnini of Nazareth Baptist Church baptizes Arab believers of Ramah in the sea of Galilee, with Representative Smith assisting.

Southern Baptist Representative James W. Smith conducted the service.

The new believers are now working toward forming a Baptist church and buying property for a building.

Leaders from the Nazareth church have sponsored weekly Bible study and worship services in Ramah for more than a year, in response to an appeal from several families. The rented hall the group now uses can no longer accommodate the crowds that attend, Mrs. Smith reported.

Ramah, populated mainly by Greek Orthodox and Druse Arabs, is a small village nestled in the olive grove hill section of the area once allotted to the tribe of Naphtali. It is in a part of Galilee being developed for Jewish settlements, Mrs. Smith said.

### **JAPAN**

### Nakajima Heads Convention

Yoshikazu Nakajima, pastor of Osaka Baptist Church for more than 12 years, began his duties Jan. 1 as executive secretary of the Japan Baptist Convention. He was elected in the Convention's annual meeting last summer.

Nakajima had served the Osaka church since his graduation from the Theological Department (seminary) of Seinan Gakuin in 1952. He was then the new pastor of a new church, succeeding the work begun in 1950 by Missionary A. L. (Pete) Gillespie.

The oldest son of a coal mine personnel director in Fukuoka Prefecture, his mother died when he was 14. Entering Fukuoka Foreign Affairs College in 1947, he roomed in the house of a Christian, a graduate of Seinan Gakuin, the Japan Baptist university. Through attending Baptist services in

the room below he found Christ as the Saviour, and was baptized in the summer of 1948.

Within a few months he felt called to the ministry and, upon graduation from college in 1950, entered the seminary, finishing with the first class after World War II.

Nakajima was married in 1954 to Miss Hisako Hiraga, a graduate of Scinan Jo Gakuin, the Baptist junior college for girls in Kokura.

As executive secretary he succeeds Shinji Hikasa, who resigned last year after seven years in the post to return to the pastorate.



Yoshikazu Nakajima

### **KENYA**

### **Baptists Dedicate Church**

Four days before Kenya gained its independence Dec. 12, the Baptist church in Mukuria dedicated its new building that was made possible by gifts of land, trees, stones, and labor

from people of the community.

Baptist services were started a year earlier by a man won to Christ while working in Nyeri, 70 miles away, who had returned to his home village. A small store building was rented for a meeting place, but it proved inadequate.

With the roof on the new building, the church moved in. Six weeks later there had been 58 conversions.

### **Church Baptizes 30 Converts**

Kanunga Baptist Church, near Nyeri, baptized 30 persons in November, the second baptismal service for the pastor, David Nganga, since his ordination last summer. In October he baptized 13 at Karatina Baptist Church, which he also serves.

### **KOREA**

### 1,000 Confer on Stewardship

About 1,000 persons attended three stewardship conferences in December, representing most of the 200 churches and missions co-operating in the Korea Baptist Convention. Held in Scoul, Taejon, and Taegu, the meetings lasted two days each, with morning, afternoon, and evening lecture periods followed by questions and answers.

Leaders were James V. Lackey, director of stewardship development for the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission; Horace G. Hammett, executive secretary of the South Carolina Baptist Convention; and R. Archie Ellis, pastor of First Baptist Church in Columbia, S.C.

Missionary Albert W. Gammage, Jr., estimated at least two thirds of the participants decided to tithe.

"Perhaps the most significant result of the conferences will be their influence upon the pastors," Gammage said. "They provided eyewitness evidence that men will respond to a straightforward proclamation of the biblical doctrine of stewardship."

### PARAGUAY

### 76 Study 'Wallace of China'

Seventy-six women studied the book Bill Wallace of China, by Jesse C. Fletcher, the story of a martyred Southern Baptist, missionary doctor, during a spiritual retreat in November.

The author is the FMB secretary for missionary personnel.

Other features of the retreat at the Baptist camp in Itacurubi included studies on the home and on Woman's Missionary Union methods.

### THAILAND

### 28 Training To Be Nurses

Twenty-eight young women are training to become nurse's aides in Thailand's Baptist hospital, scheduled to open at Bangkla in February, reported Missionary Rosemary Spessard, director of nurses.

The training began November 4 in Miss Spessard's home, but it will be moved to the hospital classrooms as soon as they are completed.

The 28 students were chosen from 100 applicants, all of whom had completed the 10th grade. Three are Christians.

Miss Spessard and a Thai graduate nurse teach nursing subjects and supervise the students' practice time. Harlan L. Willis, missionary physician, teaches anatomy and physiology, and Ronald C. Hill, missionary chaplain and evangelist for the hospital, has charge of orienting the students to work in a Christian hospital, teaching basic Christian beliefs and a Christian philosophy of caring for patients.

### Chonburi Chapel Is Dedicated

The new Baptist chapel in Chonburi was dedicated in November, with a sermon by Joseph B. Underwood, Foreign Mission Board consultant in evangelism and church development.

Representatives of five Baptist churches and three chapels in Thailand gathered around the pulpit while the pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Bangkok led the prayer of dedication. Direk Arayakosol, evangelist for the chapel, presided on the program.

The two-story building has an auditorium upstairs and a Christian information-reading room, assembly hall, pastor's study, and small pantry downstairs. The reading room has a large plate-glass window opening on a busy thoroughfare now being widened. The assembly hall is used for classes in Bible and English, and can be adapted for social functions.

While construction was under way, many visitors dropped in to indicate an interest in Christianity, reported Missionary Rose Reeves.

### UNITED STATES

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### **Over Million Study Missions**

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptist Schools of Missions in 1963 were attended by 1,484,304 persons. This report was made here at the annual conference for the schools' state directors, who set a 1964 goal of two million in the 3,600 churches planning Schools of Missions.

Lewis W. Martin of Atlanta, secretary of the Department of Missionary Education for the Home Mission Board, said: "This is a significant number when one realizes the number of schools is limited by available missionary personnel."

The schools are one-week, intensive efforts at learning about Southern Baptist missions. Persons attending study mission books and hear missionaries from state, national, and foreign mission agencies.

Martin reported that 3,760 churches in 1963 had conducted 8,500 classes, with 22,000 missionary addresses. Persons making decisions to give their lives in missionary service numbered 1,216.

The state directors elected W. L. Stagg, Jr., of Alexandria, La., as president of their conference; Harold Cameron of Carbondale, Ill., vice-president; and F. J. Redford of Plainfield, Ind., secretary.

### Scholarship Fund Now \$1,000

The Littlejohn Scholarship fund, a project of the Carver School Alumni Association, is now over \$1,000. This was reported by Association President Mrs. Charles Standridge in the December issue of *The Tie*, published by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

When the fund reaches \$5,000 the interest will be used for scholarships to women students majoring in missions at the seminary, with which Carver School of Missions and Social Work is now merged.

Mrs. Standridge also has appointed a committee of three Louisville women to interview applicants for the Little-john and McLure Scholarships. They are Mrs. Raymond Brown, chairman, Miss Mary Lou Powell, and Mrs. George R. Ferguson.

The Alumni Association in November presented its annual McLure Scholarship to Miss Dorothy Scott, a missionary nurse volunteer.

### BWA Gets 91st; Picks Theme

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptist Convention of Guatemala has been admitted into the Baptist World Alliance, the 91st group participating.

The BWA Congress at Miami Beach in 1965 will have the theme: "... and the truth shall make you free."

### VIETNAM

### Saigon Church Fetes 1st Year

Saigon's Grace Baptist Church celebrated its first anniversary in November, with members, friends, and American guests filling the chapel. The celebration emphasized progress and plans for the future.

Organized with 42 baptized Vietnamese among its charter members, the church now has 82 members. It sponsors two chapels staffed by lay Christians and assisted by Missionaries Samuel F. Longbottom, Jr., and Lewis I. Myens, Jr. Myers is pastor of the mother church.

In addition, Grace Church ministers to several Americans and Vietnamese recently baptized in Nhatrang.

### Evangelism Werldwide

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teaching believers to observe whatever our Lord has commanded. Disciples must be made, but they also must be instructed in the ways of the Lord. Those who make professions of faith must be led to understand that believing in Jesus is not adding one more object of worship to an already extensive array of gods but is looking to him alone as Saviour and Lord, with a committal to follow him at any cost. This sternness of discipleship should cause him who has made a demonstration of interest in Christ to pause and thoughtfully consider what is involved.

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### **ADOPTION**

WARMATH, Dee Anne, foster daughter of Rev. & Mrs. William C. (Bill) Warmath (Japan), born Oct. 25, adopted Oct. 30.

### BIRTHS

Keitii, Kimberly Anne, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Billy P. Keith (Japan), Dec. 2. Moorefield, William Louis, son of Rev. & Mrs. Virgil H. Moorefield, Jr. (Italy), Dec. 9.

### **DEATHS**

DAVIS, Robert Carr, Sr., father of Rev. Robert C. Davis, Jr. (Vietnam), Dec. 9, Marlin, Tex.

DICKERSON, Mrs. Charles W., Sr., mother of Dr. Ruth Dickerson (East Pakistan).

LEE, Mrs. Annie W., mother of Sr. Wyatt W. Lee (Mexico), Nov. 28, Houston, Tex.

STUCKEY, Julie Lynne, infant daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Robert H. (Bob) Stuckey (Indonesia), July 22, Bandung, Indonesia.

WALKER, Blanche Rose, emeritus (China), Dec. 21, Dallas, Tex.

### MARRIAGE

TOLAR, Dr. Jack E., Jr. (appointed to Nigeria), to Barbara Ann Corrington, May 18, 1963, Ft. Worth, Tex.

### Correction

The first name of Mrs. William L. Smith (South Brazil) is Lela, rather than Lelia as given in THE COMMISSION for April, 1963. Please make this change in your Missionary Album.



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### Modern Japanese Religious

By Clark B. Offner and Henry Van Straelen

Twayne, 296 pages, \$8.00

The Protestant and Roman Catholic missionaries who wrote this study have dealt with a subject claiming allegiance of 15 per cent of the Japanese people. In reading their investigation of Tenrikyo and the new religions related to Omoto and Nichiren Buddhism, it is hard to avoid comparisons and reactions from the Christian viewpoint, which the authors verify in their conclusion.

They sum up the importance of this study for Christians in one sentence: "It is not impossible that there are lessons which the Christian movement in Japan can learn from them," meaning, of course, from the modern religions which have undeniable vitality today. The authors' findings indicate that the lessons to be learned are at points now under discussion wherever missionary strategy is considered. Faith indigenous to the people who embrace it, ways to reach "the masses," and the motivation for Christian confession and service are among the factors involved. This study merits the attention of all who are serious students of the gospel's proclamation, especially in Japan.—J.J.

### To Hunger No More

By I. W. Moomaw
Friendship, 163 pages, paperback,
\$1.95

Dr. Moomaw served for many years as an agricultural missionary for the Church of the Brethren. Later he served Agricultural Missions, Inc. He has also traveled extensively in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean area. Now, in his retirement, he has prepared this fact-packed book.

This is not a book of mere opinion on the problems of hunger and an exploding population; it is far more. The author comes to grips with the question of how we are to feed countless millions of human beings. He emphasizes the special role of the churches and points out their relationship to other agencies.

The book is to be commended for the honesty with which it confronts both the failures and the successes, giving thought to the causes of both. Dr. Moomaw sees fear growing in a world where the rate of population increase in low-income countries seems to be outstripping the ability to produce sufficient food. At the

same time he offers practical hope.

Accurate information is needed in order that our dedication be sound, our international help be really helpful, and wise use be made of past experiences. This book is a step in that direction.—

J.M.W.

### Mud Walts and Steel Mills

By Richard W. Taylor and M. M.
Thomas
Friendship, 128 pages, paperback,
\$1.75

Richard W. Taylor and M. M. Thomas are qualified observers of the tremendous social revolution that has been going on in India since its independence in 1947, for they have been vitally involved in this struggle. They present their studies from the Christian viewpoint of a people who have a freedom that is not quite freedom.

This book concerns the vast changes that must take place in India's politics, culture, economics, and religions. India is seeking to bring about her nationhood, involving a new acquaintanceship with industry. Progress is coming, but it is a step-by-step process of meeting and overcoming centuries of prejudice, poverty, the caste system, and religious outlooks that prove to be stumbling blocks.

The Government has carried on a series of plans in search of newer and better patterns of life to correspond with political freedoms. The authors look carefully at these movements toward self-development.—J.M.W.

### Egypt: Yesterday and Today

By Georgiana Stevens Holt, Rinchart & Winston, 234 pages \$3.95

The author has written a comprehensive, but concise, analysis of Egypt. She sketches Egyptian life in the past, traces the origins of the people and evaluates the effect of the desert upon them, and deals, at greater length, with the revolution of the past decade.

Here is a sympathetic appraisal of Egypt's constitutional and land reforms, industrialization, education and welfare, and relations with the East and West. Each chapter begins with a brief summary.

This is excellent background reading for persons who need quick orientation

or who need to supplement limited knowledge of the historic region along the Nile.—G.G.

### Communism and the Theologians

By Charles C. West Macmillan, 399 pages, paperback, \$1.95

Charles West has been studying the world and the Christians in it for quite a few years. He is also a student of communism and of the meeting of Christian with non-Christian. In this book, West has set himself to a task generally beyond our reach, and we can benefit from his scholarship and Christian insight.

To study one modern theologian's approach to communism is a large undertaking in itself. Here, West analyzes half a dozen men thoroughly and mentions others. However, he repeatedly comes back to one Christian—you, me, or himself—encountering one Communist in some aspect of modern life.

This book cannot be approached casually, quickly. Perhaps the broad range of the material is in a sense a weakness, for the reader is forced to travel over a long and difficult trail. In the conclusion, however, many viewpoints come into sharp focus, and the content of encounter stands revealed for what it is: Christian witness in and through whatever circumstances one is called upon to experience.—J.J.

### REVIEWS IN BRIEF

Peloubet's Select Notes, 1964, by Wilbur M. Smith (Wilde, 419 pages, \$2.95), is an invaluable teaching aid on the International Bible Lessons for all preachers and Sunday school teachers. This marks the 90th anniversary volume.

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Bible Personalities, by Mary Jane Haley (Broadman, 192 pages, student's edition \$1.00, teacher's edition \$2.75), presents Old Testament personalities in a clear and effective manner, with stories, class projects, and other helps.



# BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY



February 2

THIS IS a year of evangelism for Baptists around the world. Together we seek to win others to faith in Jesus Christ.

Against the background of this common objective, we observe Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Congregations and isolated believers in 115 countries meditate this day on the variety of situations under which Baptists live and work. They sing the hymn, written by Baptist John Fawcett: "Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love. . . ." They pray for each other and rededicate themselves to Christian witness and service.

The world today stands in need of a fresh outpouring of Christian love, for we live in a world of hate and violence. Suspicion and fear engender strife between neighbors, nations, and races. This strife has, perhaps, made the world vaguely aware of its need for love, but the world does not seem to expect much help from churches where love is often lacking among those who profess to be Christians.

Let us remind ourselves, this Baptist World Alliance Sunday, that Christian love is rooted in the nature of God and his revelation of himself in Jesus Christ.

"God is love" (I John 4:16).

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16).

Christ said: "A new commandment I give to you,

that you love one another; even as I have loved you" (John 13:34).

Love is a way of life, rather than a mere high-sounding declaration. Love like the love of Christ is sacrificial love. He loved us and gave himself for us (Ephesians 5:2). Paul calls love the "excellent way" (1 Corinthians 12:31).

Christian love is a revolutionary force. Love is not satisfied with things as they are (I Corinthians 13:6). Christ's way of love demands that we include in our love not only those who love us but those who reject our love (Matthew 5:44-46). The objective of Christian love, therefore, is not to destroy those who are enemies of God, as once we all were, but to win them for God's kingdom.

Christian love is the invincible motive for all Christian work. Without love our endeavors of evangelism, missions, education, relief, and fellowship are in vain (I Corinthians 13:1-3). But with "faith working through love" (Galatians 5:6) we will win. No adverse power can separate us from the love of Christ, and "we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (Romans 8:35,37).

"So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (I Corinthians 13:13).

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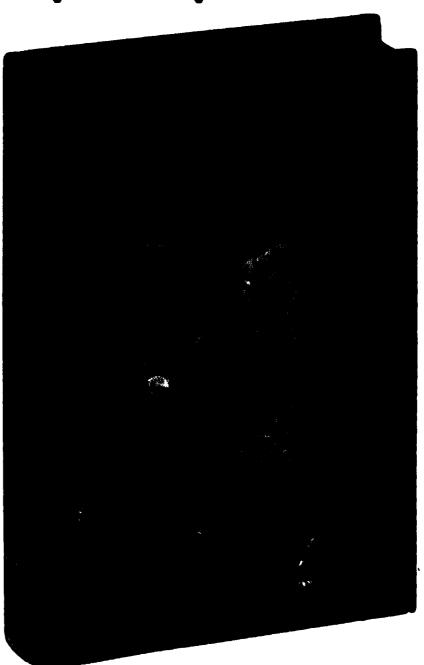
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