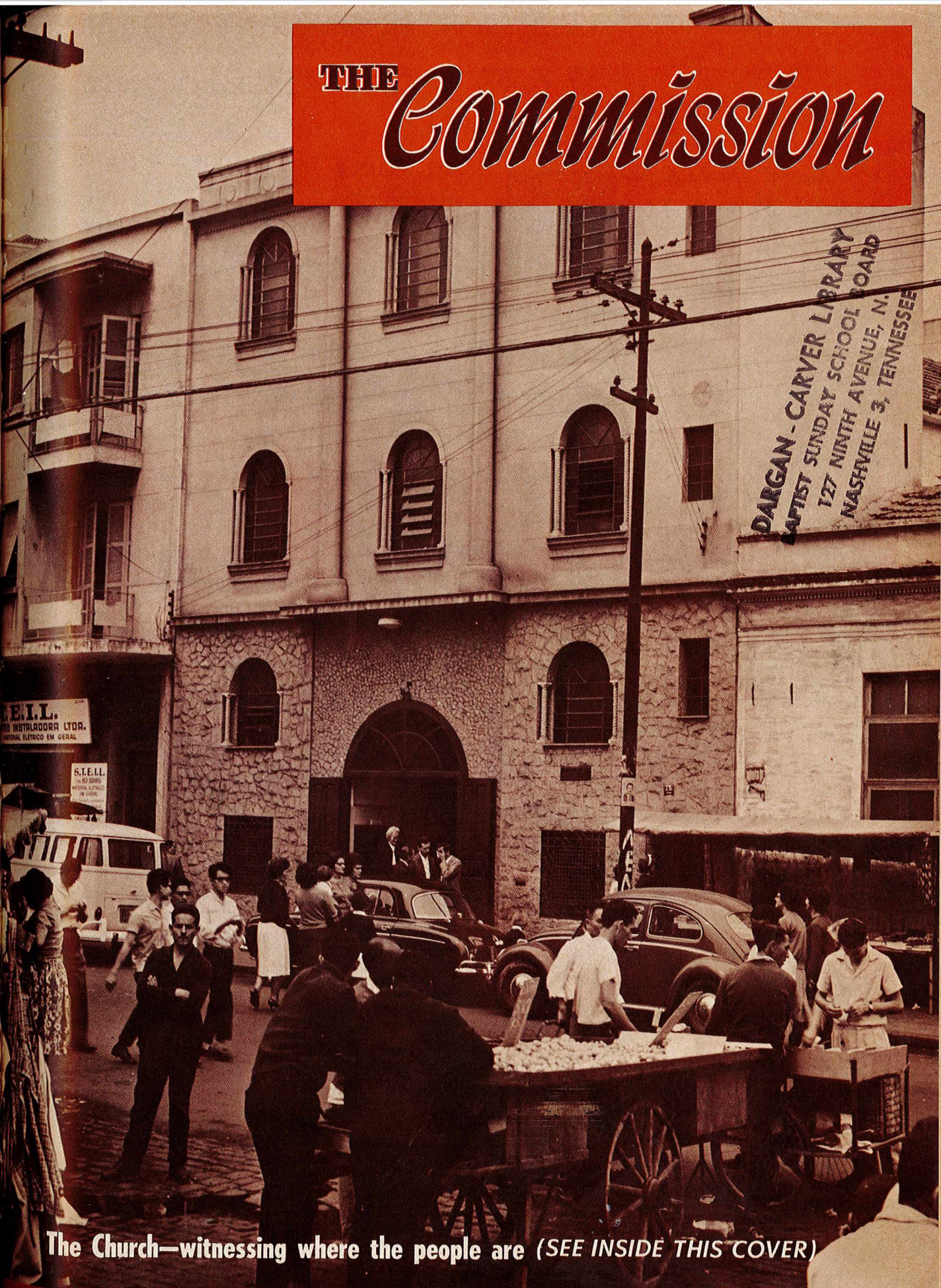


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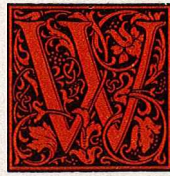
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e have entered a new day in world evangelism. On many of our foreign mission fields national conventions of Baptist churches have emerged. From among them God has raised up leaders for today and tomorrow. Now they stand before us with their prayer-wrought plans for nation-wide evangelism. They ready themselves for an effort to confront every person with the gospel of redemption.

From six of these countries come appeals to Southern Baptists for prayer. They have asked us to join with them as they seek the Holy Spirit's power for the most extensive series of evangelistic crusades ever conceived.

The Foreign Mission Board's Consultant in Evangelism and Church Development, Joseph B. Underwood, reports these developments in this issue (see page 2). He presents the plans and goals as fully as he has received them from Baptist leaders in the six countries. The first crusade begins in a few weeks; the others come later this year and in 1965. We will surely see this cause as ours and meet its challenge with effectual, fervent prayer.

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Evangelistic Crusade Leaders
of Six Nations Have Asked Us:

WILL YOU PRAY?

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THE COVER: Sunday services go on in Bras Baptist Church, Sao Paulo, Brazil; outside at market stalls, people carry on business as usual. They represent the millions to whom churches of the Brazilian Baptist Convention would make Christ known in 1965. Brazil is one of several Southern Baptist mission fields where nation-wide evangelistic crusades have been planned for the near future.

THE SPECTACULAR can never substitute for the regular, day-by-day, patient, continuing work of the missionary and his associates in and through churches. It is a demonstrated fact, however, that extraordinary endeavors vitally supplement and accelerate our total program of missions. Since 1950 various types of simultaneous and other special evangelistic crusades have been used on mission fields with remarkable success. A sense of compelling urgency causes Baptists of all countries to develop creative new approaches in evangelism and to project gigantic plans.

Southern Baptists can share with fellow Baptists throughout the world through a vital prayer partnership. The most poignant appeal of missionaries is not for additional personnel or financial resources, although both are desperately needed, but for prayer support that they may be empowered by the Holy Spirit for a spiritual breakthrough of colossal proportions. Special evangelistic campaigns of unusually large scope are being planned in Brazil, Malaysia, Mexico, Portugal, Lebanon, and Ecuador for 1964 and 1965.



BRAZIL

THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE endeavor ever undertaken to reach Brazil's 75 million people with the gospel of Christ is being planned by the Brazilian Baptist Convention. They have divided their country into 10 regions, preparing for simultaneous revival crusades in 1965. The campaign will begin in the North and sweep like an ocean wave from region to region until it reaches the southern border. Brazilian Baptists anticipate that approximately 4,000 churches and missions will concentrate their resources in an effort to win 100,000 persons to Christ. Brazilian pastors and Portuguese-speaking missionaries will serve as evangelists.

Dr. Rubens Lopes, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention and Missionary Earl Peacock, assisted by Brazilian leaders, missionaries, and invited guests, will conduct state clinics on evangelism in preparation for the crusades. Preaching rallies are expected to attract hundreds of thousands of people. Mass distribution of evangelistic and doctrinal tracts with invitations to the churches will also characterize this vast effort to reach all the people of Brazil.

Brazil, largest independent nation in South America in area and population, occupies slightly less than half of the continent. It was developed as a colony of Portugal, but proclaimed independence in 1822. Brazil became a republic in 1889. This Portuguese-speaking country has a population of 75,270,000. The country is largely Roman Catholic, but freedom of worship is guaranteed. When Brazil was still an empire (1822-89), the pioneer missionaries adopted the plan of opening work in the larger cities, with the purpose of carrying the gospel to every state. It has now become a reality. Brazilian Baptist Convention was organized in 1907. Its Foreign Mission Board maintains work in Portugal and Bolivia. The Home Mission Board has led the way in opening and developing work in the interior.

Entry: 1881. 246 missionaries (107 couples, 32 single ladies). 1 missionary associate. 1,740 churches (204,596 members). 1,090 national pastors. Baptist work in Brazil's 22 states, 4 federal territories, and federal district is divided into three areas, each with its own Mission.



crowd listens at a simultaneous revival rally in Recife, capital city of Pernambuco state. Every city and town of Brazil is crusade target for 1965.

Rubens Lopes, pastor of São Paulo's Villa Maria Baptist Church and president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, leads people with a vision of an evangelized Brazil.



Pastor-evangelist Nilson Fanini preaches at a downtown mass meeting in one of Brazil's largest cities. National preachers and Southern Baptist Missionaries are working together effectively for the nation-wide crusade.



MALAYSIA

THE MALAYSIA EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE will require the use of many languages to communicate the gospel, as was true on the day of Pentecost. Nine of the evangelists must preach in Cantonese, two in English, three in Teochew, four in Hokkein, one in Mandarin, one in Tamil, and one in Hakka. Missionaries and pastors from various countries of Asia have been invited to serve these preaching responsibilities.

A musical team, featuring a pianist, a vocal soloist, and possibly a violinist, will conduct a concert in each principal city in preparation for the crusade. Laymen—including a scientist, an educator, and a statesman or businessman—from various countries will give their Christian testimonies at these concerts and at special preaching rallies also to be conducted prior to the campaign. Rev. E. O. Akingbala of Kaduna, Nigeria, will be one of the preachers for these rallies.

Extensive advertising, designed to attract the attention of the masses, includes the use of billboards, huge streamers, transit advertising, and invitations listing the churches and their addresses; also calendars, newspaper and theater advertisements, and thousands of four-color posters. The churches plan to distribute at least 150,000 copies of the Gospel of John with a special crusade imprint on the cover, also vast quantities of evangelistic and doctrinal tracts. Individually marked New Testaments will be used in personal soul winning. It is hoped that the visiting musicians, laymen, and preachers for the rallies will be interviewed on radio and television, even though it is now impossible even to buy time on these mass communications media.

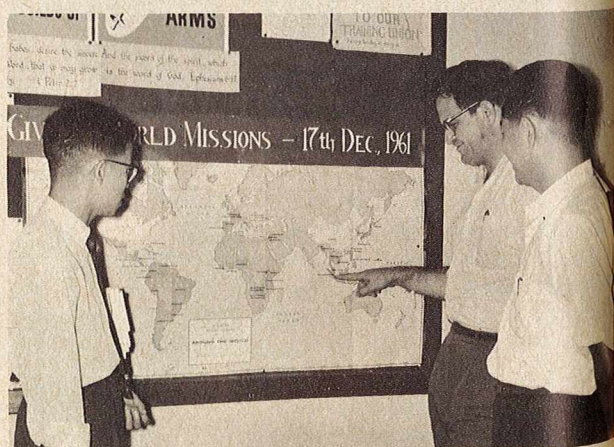
Serious study is being devoted to methods of maximum conservation. Churches will select and train counselors to work personally with those who make decisions. Carefully prepared materials, including a special book for new converts, will be produced.

The new country of Malaysia (population 10,100,000) came into being in 1963. It includes the former states of Malaya, Singapore, Sarawak, and North Borneo (now called Sabah). This new federation is an independent nation within the British Commonwealth. In area, Malaysia is almost twice the size of Oklahoma. The original people of Malaysia are the Malays with a culture of simple village life and small states with autocratic Muslim rulers. But Malaysia today is cosmopolitan and complicated. There are Chinese people almost equal in number to the Malays living primarily in the cities and playing a central part in the commercial life of the area. There are also a large Indian population and smaller groups of Europeans and Eurasians. Thus Malaysia (especially Singapore) is a meeting place of the races and nations of Asia and a crossroads of culture and religions. They speak the Malay language, also Chinese and Indian dialects. Religions: Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, animism.

Entry: 1950. 40 missionaries (16 couples, 8 single ladies). 4 missionary associates. 25 churches (2,302 members); 19 self-supporting. 17 national pastors.



Missionary G. Harold Clark (left) enjoys chat with the younger attendants at Canning Garden Baptist Center, Ipoh.

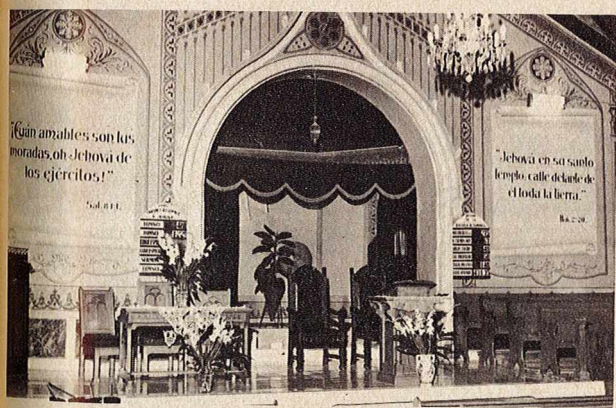


Missionary Charles H. Morris points out Singapore on a map as he discusses plans with the crusade chairman and secretary.

MEXICO

BAPTISTS OF MEXICO are convinced that churches must be revived if evangelistic crusades are to be truly successful. They are, therefore, focusing their attention on special monthly emphases that envision a spiritual awakening within the churches in preparation for nationwide evangelistic crusades. Dates for the crusade in South Mexico are November 8-15, 1964, and in North Mexico, April 4-11, 1965. Conferences on evangelism will be conducted in both zones to inspire and challenge churches to dedicate themselves to the most aggressive evangelistic endeavor they have yet undertaken. Area institutes are also planned for the purpose of disseminating information, exchanging ideas and plans, and stimulating enthusiasm among the people.

Huge evangelistic rallies will be conducted in strategic centers prior to each crusade to create mass interest. Through radio, television, and newspaper, efforts will be made to carry the gospel of Christ into every home in Mexico.



Interior view of First Baptist Church, Saltillo, capital of Coahuila.



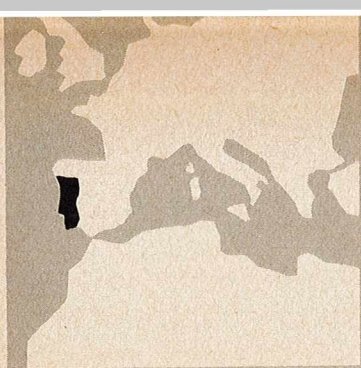
San Pedro de Rosal Baptist Church, Mexico City; it is symbolic of a ministry needed among the country's 11 million Indians.

Mexico, our next-door neighbor and home of the ancient Aztec civilization, is almost equal in size to all our states east of the Mississippi River. Independence was proclaimed in 1810. Her population, which has been increasing at the dizzy pace of one million a year, now stands at 37,235,000. Racial groups: mixed or mestizo, 60 per cent; pure Indian, 30 per cent; white, 10 per cent. Mexico is the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world. In addition, over fifty Indian dialects are spoken. The National University of Mexico (founded 1551) is famous among Latin-American universities. It is predominantly Roman Catholic. Mexico was the first country in Latin America to be entered by Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Mexican Baptist Convention was organized in 1903. The Mission maintains student homes in four cities. These are not schools as such, but rather boarding houses providing the atmosphere, discipline, and orientation of a consecrated Christian home for young people who live in them and attend public schools.

Entry: 1880. 62 missionaries (29 couples, 4 single ladies; 12 in language school). 141 churches (10,999 members). 160 national pastors.



Roberto Porras, executive secretary of the National Baptist Convention, discusses evangelism with Missionary Roy L. Lyon.



PORTUGAL

TRIUMPHANT FAITH characterizes Portuguese Baptists as they launch plans for their nation-wide evangelistic crusade. Certain limitations make it impossible for them to use some of the features that other countries generally incorporate in such campaigns.

Pastors of these churches will meet together May 11-14 this year, to devise ways and means for reaching the greatest number of persons possible. This conference will also be an occasion for deepening their spiritual life through Bible study and prayer. They will study methods of preparing churches for revival and for leading church members to become effective personal witnesses.

Campaign evangelists will include two Brazilian Baptist pastors and the Foreign Mission Board's Consultant in Evangelism and Church Development. The first week of the crusade will involve churches in and around Lisbon. The second week it will be conducted in cooperation with churches in the northern area of Portugal.

The date for the crusade is October 18-November 1, 1964. Missionary Grayson C. Tennison and Antonio dos Santos, president of the Portuguese Baptist Convention, anticipate 100 per cent cooperation by the 23 churches.



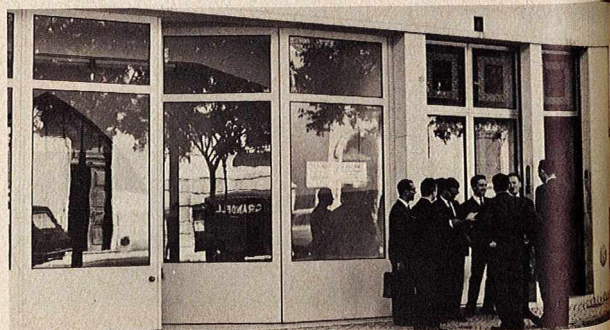
Dr. Antonio Mauricio (left), long a leader of Portuguese Baptists and one of the crusade planners, discusses preparations with missionary Grayson C. Tennison.

The beginnings of Portugal as a nation independent from Spain go back to the twelfth century. This small country, barely the size of Indiana, has 9,275,000 inhabitants. An organized Baptist work was started in Portugal as early as 1888. Portuguese Baptists, however, consider the official beginning of their work as December 20, 1908, when Brazilian Baptists started work there. The Foreign Mission Board of the Brazilian Baptist Convention and the Portuguese Baptist Convention requested Southern Baptists to join with them in this effort to win Portugal for Christ. In 1959, Southern Baptists' first fraternal representatives went to Portugal. Today Portuguese, Brazilian, and Southern Baptists labor side by side for the growth of God's kingdom here on earth.

Entry: 1959. 2 missionaries (1 couple). 22 churches (1,006 members). 15 national pastors.



Convention president Antonio dos Santos (left) and missionary Grayson C. Tennison appraise poster publicly.



Third Baptist Church, Lisbon, is one of the few centers of evangelistic witness in this small, strategic country.

ECUADOR-LEBANON

SPECIAL EVANGELISTIC CRUSADES will also be conducted in Ecuador, September 1-13, 1964, and in Lebanon, November 8-15, 1964. The features of these campaigns will be similar to those of the other special endeavors. Evangelists from Argentina and other Spanish-speaking countries will assist the churches in Guayaquil and Quito, Ecuador. In Lebanon evangelists will come from Jordan, Syria, and Egypt.



University Baptist Church, Quito, Ecuador, has strategic witnessing opportunities through contacts with student life.



Sitting with the congregation at Kebr Mishky, Lebanon, missionary Finlay M. Graham (white suit) shares the meaning of a message.

Ecuador became a republic in 1830. Named for the equator which crosses its northern provinces a few miles above Quito, it is about the size of Arizona. The population is 4,650,000 (over one-third Indian and one-third mixed; whites are in the minority). Spanish and Indian dialects are spoken. In spite of a strongly entrenched Roman Catholic Church, the door is open for the gospel, and the opportunities are overwhelming. Two small churches, which for many years had been independent but holding Baptist beliefs and using Baptist literature, officially became Baptist churches in 1954.

Entry: 1950. 16 missionaries (8 couples; 2 in language school). 6 churches (322 members). 10 national pastors.

Lebanon is slightly smaller than Connecticut. The 1,785,000 people are Arabian, Armenian, Circassian, and Turkish. Lebanon has sought to sustain itself as officially half Christian (Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Maronite) and half Muslim, but it has found the delicate cultural, commercial, and political balances difficult. Arabic is the official language; French is also spoken. At the London Conference of 1920, the Southern Baptist Convention accepted responsibility for Baptist missions in Palestine and Syria. Missionaries in Palestine made periodic visits to Lebanon (then a part of Syria), but it was not until late in 1948 that two Southern Baptist missionaries went there to live. In Lebanon the emphasis is on educational missions and the development of churches.

Entry: 1948. 22 missionaries (9 couples, 4 single ladies; 7 in language school). 8 churches (388 members); 5 self-supporting. 9 national pastors.

PRAYER APPEAL

BAPTIST LEADERS and pastors of these countries appeal to Southern Baptists for maximum spiritual reinforcement through prayer. They recognize that heaven's resources are necessary for spiritual achievements. They have set for themselves extremely high goals in their desire to glorify God and bless innumerable hosts of men. Their planning is thorough

and their organizations complete, but only as Christians are energized by the dynamic of the Holy Spirit can their plans be genuinely effective. Only the Spirit can supply the thrust necessary for victory.

Think of the spiritual power that could be released if one million Baptists would join in earnest, persistent intercession for these crusades!

REINFORCEMENT for EVANGELISM

BY L. RAYMON BROTHERS

Missionary Educator in Nigeria

IT WAS on a narrow, crooked path leading from the Ibadan-Abeokuta highway to Oganla, that I was overtaken by a middle-aged Nigerian. In our conversation I soon learned that he, too, was going to Oganla. His son, Iyanda, attended the Baptist school there and was to be baptized that day. He wanted to witness that event.

I asked this happy father if he had ever gone to school. He replied by

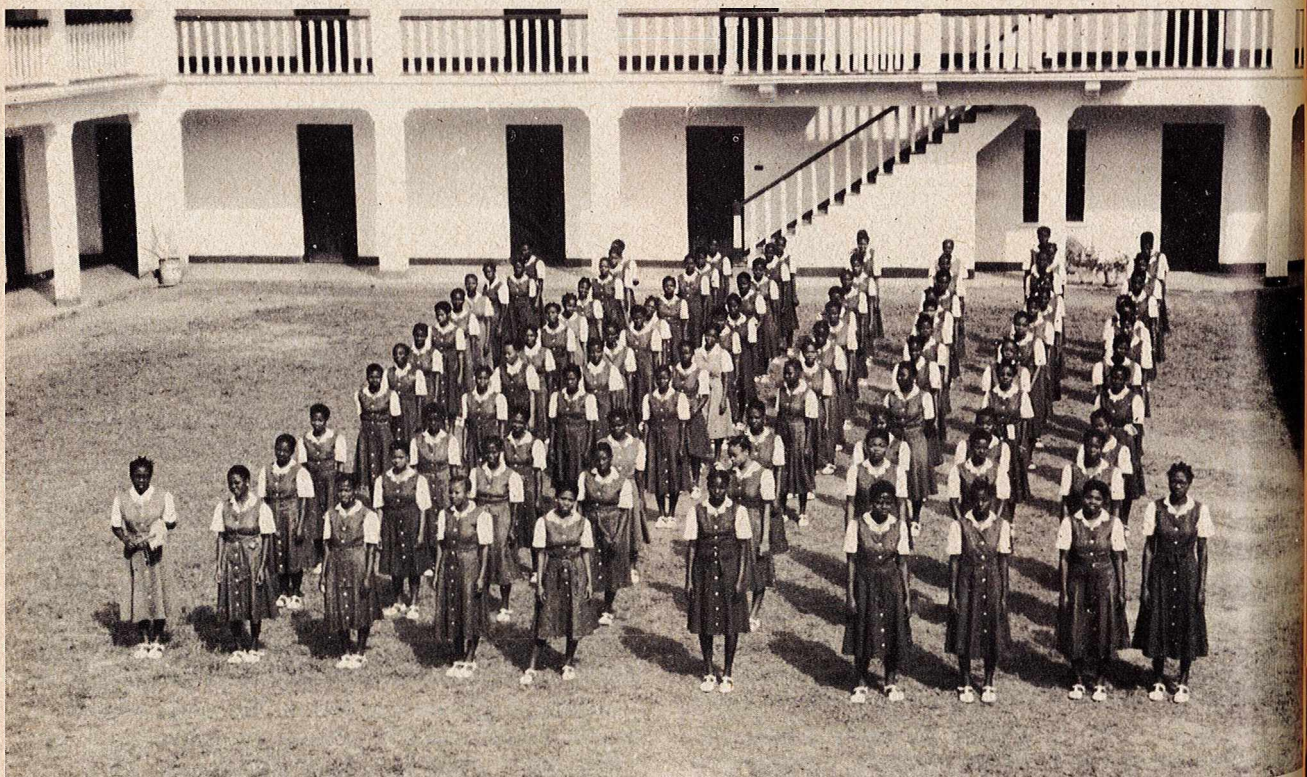
telling how he had been forbidden to go to school because of his pagan father's fear that he would become a Christian. Although this man who walked with me had not been allowed to get a Christian education he had determined that his own son would have such schooling. It was a Christian man telling me all this. His son, after four years in the Oganla Baptist Primary School and with the help of a teacher there, had succeeded in win-

ning him to a saving knowledge of our Lord.

With feeling he then said, "Although late, and despite my father's desire, the school finally brought Jesus Christ to me." There was a special thrill for me that day as I examined, passed, and baptized Iyanda, along with eight other boys and girls at Oganla.

There are about 500 Baptist schools in Nigeria with over 3,000 Nigerian

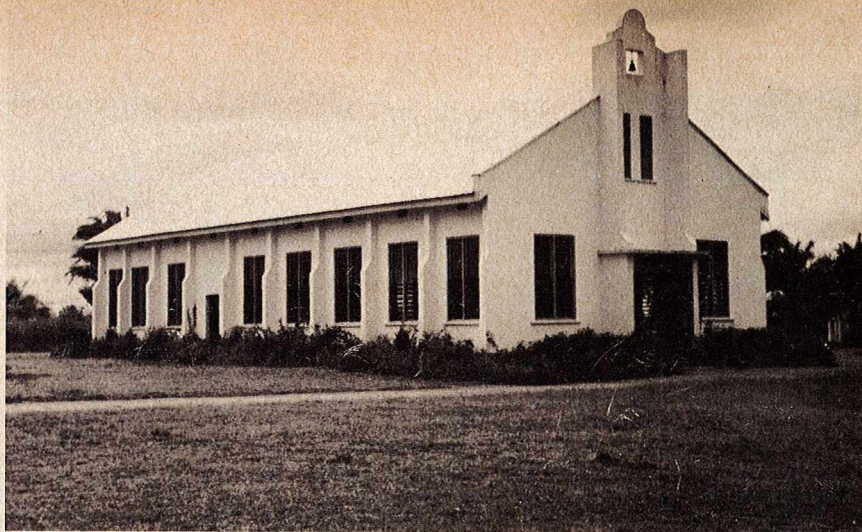
The physical and spiritual combine to develop the whole person. Girls in formation at Baptist Girls School, Abeokuta.



teachers serving in them. Some ask why Southern Baptists chose general education as a method in their foreign missionary program. The *Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists* answers this: "Impelled by the desire to reinforce evangelism by every possible technique, Southern Baptists logically have used general education. In 1910 William Owen Carver wrote: 'Church buildings, hospitals, printing plants, school buildings, missionaries' homes constitute in many ways an impressive advantage for the work of Christianizing the life of the nations. They give assurance to the workers, provide facilities for the work, and proclaim to the people the benevolence of its purpose.'

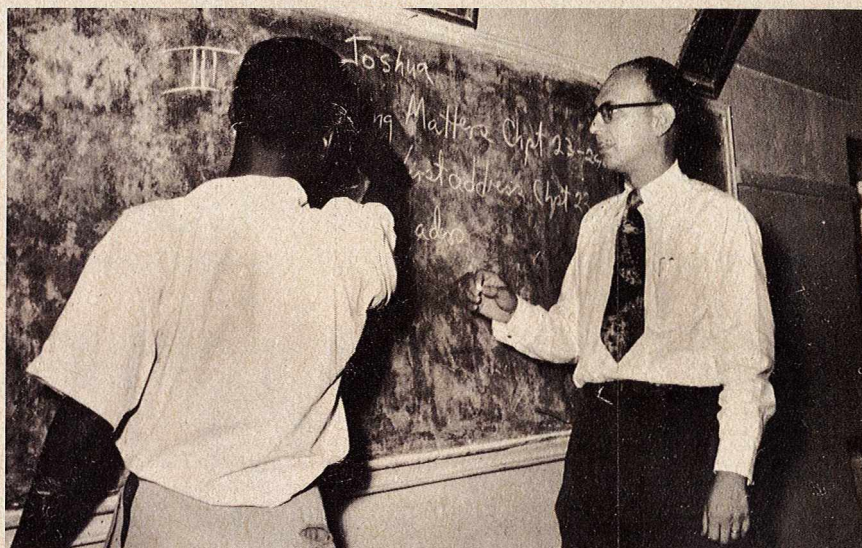
"The ministry of education has a biblical basis: 'And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.' (II Tim. 2:2)"

Pastor-student William Omolola told me about his preaching in the Ibariba country during the seminary vacation season. He found that in this predominantly Muslim and pagan area many children did not go to school because of their parents' fear of their being converted to Christianity. They stressed the importance of faithfulness either to Mohammed or to their idols. Pastor Omolola said he was called a "scribe" because he was literate. So boys and girls were told: "Beware of the scribe." The Ibariba country is the section where Missionary Hattie Gardner has labored so many years and



In Baptist Boys High School chapel, Oyo, every pupil encounters the gospel.

In a Bible class at Baptist Boys High School, missionary teacher William D. Bender works with pupil at chalkboard. Teacher-pupil relationship means much.



This pupil housing area for Baptist Boys High School is typically African, but others are of more contemporary design.





In Baptist Girls High School science hall, Aghor, Christians teach pupils to come to grips with the twentieth century.



Pupils find enrichment for mind and spirit in libraries like this one at Reagan Memorial Girls School, Lagos.

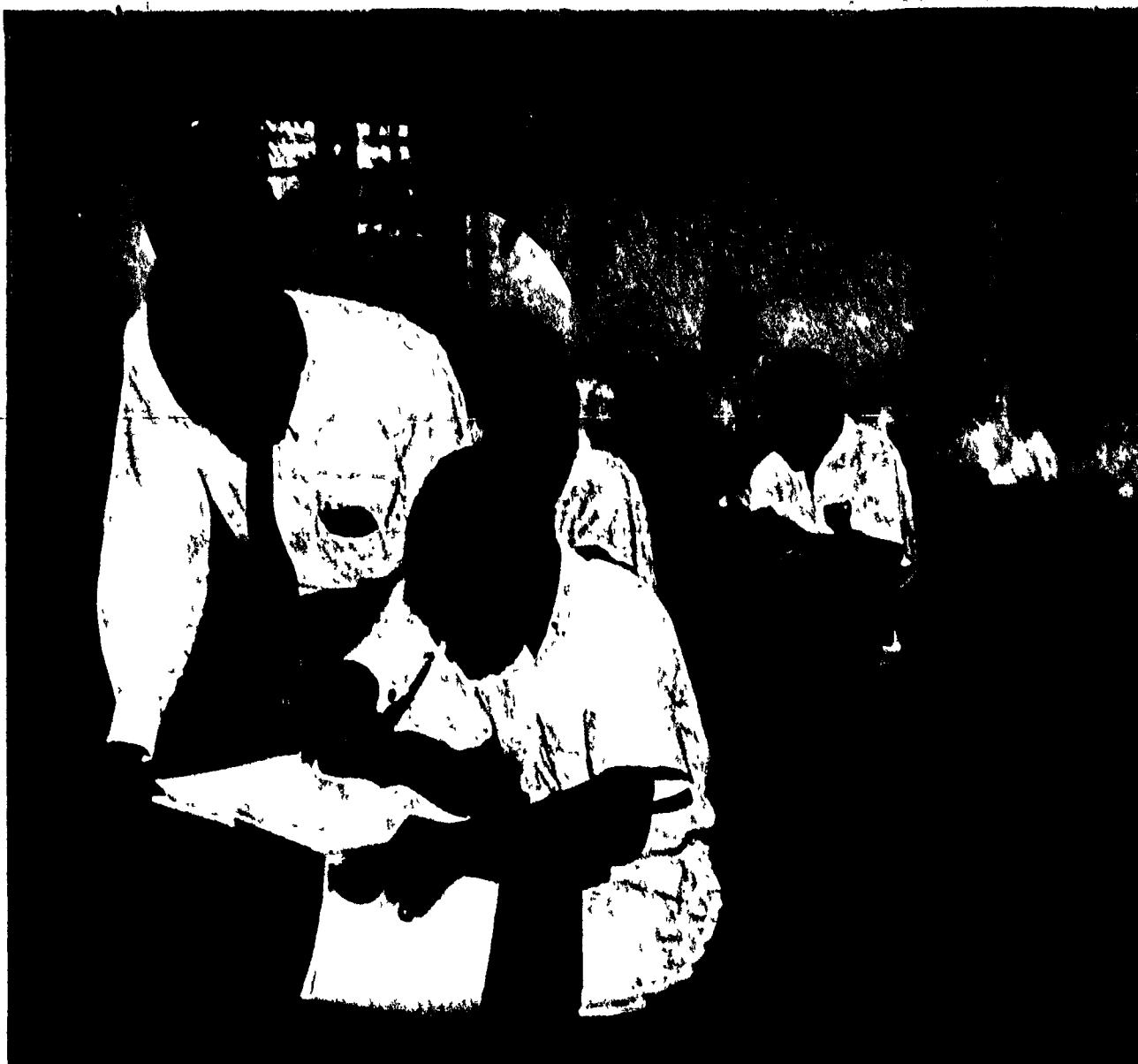
where the boys and girls are now coming to the six schools established at Okuta and in nearby villages. An abundant harvest of souls is anticipated in this area.

Schools and colleges have been fields as well as instruments for a program of evangelism. Nigerian Baptists have found that schools have constituted one of the most effective means for evangelism, for service, and for progress in their country. While serving as education secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention I am also missionary adviser in the Ibadan Baptist Association. It includes 42 Baptist churches and preaching stations, 19 primary schools, and three secondary modern schools. There are only two ordained Nigerian ministers in the association, so it has been my responsibility to do the greater part of examining and baptizing candidates for church membership. The Baptist schools in the area have produced the greatest number of converts.

Some months ago when 72 were baptized at Ikire it was noticeable that 37 of them came from the local Baptist secondary school and 15 from the primary school.

As I write this account of the work, our association is in the midst of simultaneous revival meetings. Of the three reports already received, the one from Awaye Baptist Church is outstanding. There have been 33 professions of faith, of which more than 20 were by pupils from the Paku-Awaye primary schools.

Our schools have produced leaders as well as converts. While this fact makes another story, I call attention only to those Nigerian political leaders who are now legislators, ministers of government, and one who is a premier. In addition, there is a host of denominational leaders of whom Dr. J. T. Ayorinde, Rev. S. A. Lawoyin, and E. O. Agboola are a few. These and other workers, along with their missionary colleagues, are living out a twentieth century fulfillment of the apostle Paul's exultation: "But thanks be to God, who continually leads us about, captives in Christ's triumphal procession, and everywhere uses us to reveal and spread abroad the fragrance of the knowledge of himself" (II Corinthians 2:14 *New English Bible*. The Delegates of the Oxford University Press and the Syndics of the Cambridge University Press 1961.)



A Christian Nigerian teacher, Mr. J. A. Adegbite, assists a pupil in mathematics.

We are training Christian teachers to continue with the evangelistic purpose. Abeokuta Baptist Girls School students return to campus from practice teaching.



SEVERAL people have asked us: "What's it like to be a missionary? What are your feelings about your new country and language? And, do you get homesick?"

An opportunity finally came for me to shape up some answers to those questions. We were on our way to Paso de los Toros where we would attend for our first time the Uruguayan Baptist Convention. About three-fourths of the way there, we came to a river so swollen by flood waters that we could not cross at the highway bridge. Crossing was possible only at the nearby railroad bridge, so we would have to wait in line for our

lated litter from our sandwich lunch, and the patter of a steady rain conspired to prevent any atmosphere for study. I then resorted to thinking about those questions and the answers I could give.

My mind raced back across our first several months in Uruguay; I could recall enough experiences, it seemed, for a lifetime. I remembered our first day of Sunday school here at Mercedes and how thrilling it was; the late summer evangelistic campaign and the Bible schools; and the blessings of our first Mission meeting. I couldn't forget the satisfaction I had felt when our screens were finally installed, or

But God has marvelously helped us see the meaning of being caught up in a task that is part of his plan for the whole world. How can anyone with that vision be homesick for long?

Despite fatigue, I remembered the almost indescribable thrill of seeing our Sunday school enrolment grow to 30. Then I thought of 12-year-old Juan, who comes every Sunday morning but attends a Catholic school during the week. After he was converted in our summer Bible school he asked his mother to let him attend the public school. She promised that if he found his interest in evangelicals still strong after one more year in the Catholic

being a ^{new} missionary... what's it like?

BY CAROLYN DUBBERLY *Missionary in Uruguay*



Gene managed to get all the camping gear and nine people into our truck.

turn on the flatcar. Powered by a locomotive, it was safely carrying people and vehicles both directions across the torrent.

For the first part of what turned out to be a two-hour wait we were entertained, especially the children, by watching the loading and unloading of cars and trucks for the crossing operation. The children eventually became restless so Gene and I, as dutiful parents, had to think up something else. Along with singing—to keep our one-year-old Stephen from crying and our four-year-old David from fussing—I tried to put the finishing touches to a talk I was to deliver at the Woman's Missionary Union Convention. It was to be my first public message in my new language—Spanish. But the fretting of two tired children, the accumu-

lated time when some of the new converts so willingly cleaned up the church yard. On the day my husband left for camp there had been much excitement, as there was (of another kind) when David tumbled down a flight of stairs. But most of our experiences had been happy ones.

My reverie ended as our turn finally came for crossing the river. As we rode the flatcar, Gene got out and made some pictures of the train and passed out some gospel portions. Everyone seemed to want one of the attractive copies of the Gospel of John. We trust that they read the marked passages indicating the plan of salvation.

Arriving safely at the church in Paso de los Toros we moved into a small Sunday school room which was to be our hotel space for the next three nights. We could tell that the first session of the Convention was already in progress for we could hear the crowd singing. The sound of familiar hymns in Spanish indicated to us immediately the warm spirit of the Uruguayan Baptist Convention and thrilled our hearts.

That night as I "collapsed," dead-tired, onto my cot I continued with my thoughts of our first months in this wonderful land. To the one who had asked us if we were ever homesick, I would have to answer "Yes."

school, she would allow him to change. He is still compelled, however, to attend Catholic mass on Sundays for that is where his grades are given out. In order to attend our 10:00 a.m. Sunday school, Juan gets up in time to go to the very early morning mass. His mother is now coming with him to our Sunday evening services. It is difficult to describe our joy at seeing changes like these in people's lives.

As I thought of these and other victories we had experienced as new missionaries, I fell asleep. For those persons who ask if being a missionary requires too many sacrifices, I had the answer: by comparison, they sacrifice the greater part who never go far enough with God to know what it is like to be a new missionary.



There were many rewards in Vacation Bible Schools. The marching was fun.

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Visit Mission Fields

BY TIME AND temperature we are at another season of tourism and possibly another record breaking summer for overseas travel. It is already difficult to reserve airline or steamship passage to the more popular vacation areas of the world.

Among the many thousands of Americans bound for foreign ports in the next few months there are surely a few thousand Southern Baptists. Will they visit countries where their foreign missionaries serve? It would almost require deliberate planning for a person to miss all of the 54 countries that are now Southern Baptist foreign mission fields.

For some, this year's travel will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the actualities of a mission station and missionaries on the job. To miss it for lack of information, or for any other reason, would be regrettable.

We have asked several travelers, soon after their returns from overseas tours, if they met some of the missionaries and saw them functioning at their posts of duty. Several did, but more did not. They gave widely different reasons, one of which became the suggestion for these comments. One person in particular expressed surprise as we advised him of the well-established and sizeable work by Southern Baptist missionaries in a country he had recently visited. As you make plans for going beyond U.S. shores this summer, include visits to the mission fields of your denomination. Ask the Foreign Mission Board to send you a copy of its Directory of Missionary Personnel. And if you will name the countries included in your itinerary, our literature distribution office will gladly provide a pamphlet for each mission field involved.

Many of the missionaries are stationed in well-known cities and have numerous visits by touring Baptists. Others are off the beaten path and in remote sections where seldom, if ever, comes anyone from "back in the States." We would only suggest that the traveler give some thought and investigation to the possibility of venturing beyond the routinely planned itinerary. To venture deep into a country is to see more of what it is really like. Whatever the choice of routing, there are blessings in store for those who would look in on the missionary and his assignment. The missionary, too, is blessed—notably the one who seldom sees anyone from America. Many a church has received inspiration from the shared experiences

of a member who has seen and felt the circumstances at one of these world outposts.

Be sure to keep Christ in all the vacation plans and put "missions" into your overseas travel plans for this year. You can get the information you need about the mission fields and the missionaries themselves.

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Strategy Planning

BY BAKER J. CAUTHEN

SINCE its beginning, the Foreign Mission Board has looked to the organizations of missionaries on the fields for recommendations as to how to get to the task at hand. In the earlier days travel was slow and the missionaries seemed far away. Only on the rarest occasions was it possible for a representative from the Board to visit them. Years often went by before there could be any personal contact between a mission field and the administration at the home base.

Since World War II, rapid transportation has brought all sections of the world much closer together. Area administration has thus been strengthened, for it is now possible for secretaries of the Board to frequently visit the fields. The area secretaries, upon whom rest the major responsibilities for field administration, travel to their areas several times each year to counsel with missionaries on the fields.

All our Missions conduct annual meetings, at which times they study in detail their programs of work, and send recommendations to the Board for both finance and personnel. Often the recommendations find their origin in a unit of work such as an association, convention, theological seminary, hospital, publishing house, or other organization. After those recommendations are carefully evaluated and listed according to the most essential needs, they are submitted to the Board for consideration. It is always necessary to eliminate many of them because funds are inadequate, even for the work that is most urgent. When the Board considers such recommendations from the field, it does so with the assurance that these vital needs have had careful and prayerful study.

The Board places much confidence in those who make use of mission funds. It knows that the requests for those funds represent the best thinking on the part of national Christian leaders and missionaries. The persons most eager to make every mission

dollar achieve its maximum are those who serve on the mission fields. They are confronted by so many needs that they are constantly seeking to derive full value from every resource.

In more recent years a further step in strategy planning has come into existence. Field conferences are now held, to which representatives from all the Missions of an area come together for a study of their work. These conferences have been used for the last 10 years with increasing fruitfulness and meaning. In some instances they are attended by missionary representatives from across an entire administrative area. On other occasions they are conducted for only a section of the territory so that studies can be made of particular needs, and in more depth.

These field conferences enable missionaries from many countries to strengthen each other by sharing experiences they have had in their separate fields. The approaches they plan in evangelism and church development, as well as their evaluations of work in Christian education, seminary training, medical services, and mass communications can be made on a much broader scale.

The missionaries in their field conferences apply themselves to serious consideration of various important aspects of the missionary task. Work groups make depth studies and present papers for consideration by the group as a whole. Recommendations from the field conferences are submitted to the Missions for their study and consideration. Often these studies result in further recommendations to the Board.

During recent weeks, I have shared in two significant field conferences in Latin America. The first was attended by missionary representatives from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, and the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso. The second was made up of representatives from



Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina, and Chile.

It is a rich experience to observe the dedicated men and women in those meetings as they work together on the problems that confront them in their mission fields. A glance around the room convinces one that he is in the midst of a select group of highly trained servants of God. They approach their tasks, not only with personal dedication and experience in Christian leadership, but also with college, university, theological seminary, and professional school training. Many have graduate degrees in their fields of study and many have left responsible places of service at the home base for ministries on mission fields.

For several years another step has been taken which has had bearing upon missionary strategy. A conference for furloughing missionaries has been conducted annually, immediately prior to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. At this conference missionaries are able to share their experiences and observations with their colleagues from all over the world. In this manner they share creative ideas and give their appraisals of various types of work.

All of this amounts to missionary research. It is necessary in the world we face today, because conditions are changing so rapidly that the missionaries feel a need for approaching their tasks as creatively as possible.

Furthermore, this approach is in keeping with our basic Baptist way of

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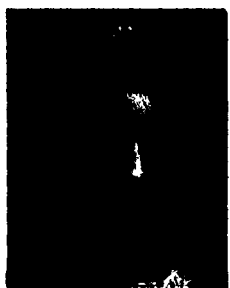


Rosemary Spessard
Bangkok, Thailand

Townfolk Voice Approval of New Hospital at Open House

WE HAD open house at the hospital for the people of Bangkok Friday, February 14. I would not try to guess how many came, but I suspect that a good portion of the citizenry came during the day. Our students wore their brand new blue-and-white-striped seersucker uniforms (the white aprons are not yet completed) and the two orderlies in their whites proudly showed their friends and neighbors through the hospital. Over and over again we heard such comments as: "It's so clean!" (few hospitals in Thailand are noted for cleanliness); "It's so pretty!"; "We're so glad we have our hospital. Now we don't have to go to Bangkok to get good medical care."

Those who have given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering from which the funds were supplied for both the hospital building and equipment, would have been richly blessed to hear these comments. Do keep praying that these same persons will come to look upon this hospital as more than just a place for physical care.



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

Nervous, Sin-Tortured Man Discovers Peace in Christ

IT HAS BEEN a joy to see some of our patients accept Christ. One wealthy, well-educated man came 1,500 miles from the state of Uttar Pradesh to our outpatient department. He told us of his many complaints and that he was no longer able to do his work because of extreme nervousness. It seemed, however, that he had no real physical illness.

Then he began describing his personal problems, saying that his life was full of sin and that he could find no forgiveness. Jasper asked him why he thought he had sin, because the Hindu writings do not condemn his acts of sin. He answered, "I have read the *Gita* (Hindu Scriptures) through and it does not tell me I have sinned; I have been to Hindu priests and to Muslim

doctors, and they only tell me that I have no sin; but, doctor, there is something inside me that convicts me of sin. My life is in such turmoil that I must find peace. If Jesus Christ can give me that, doctor, please lead me to him."

Becoming a believer would probably mean losing his family, home, and business; yet, whatever the cost, he wanted to find peace in his life. He told us that there was no Christian in his town, and that he had never really known one.

After some days of counseling, Jasper was able to lead him to the Lord. When the family came to take him home, his Hindu wife remarked, "We marvel at what Christ has done for him, for we can see even now that he is a changed man."



Adrian W. Coleman
Monrovia, Liberia

Campus Revival Brief but Effects Are Widespread

AS WE CAME to the closing service of a three-day revival here at Ricks Institute, we were hopeful that none would go away without Jesus. It was the first of December and the students would be leaving on vacation the 20th and would not return until the next school year began in March.

One afternoon we all walked to the little creek at the back of our campus where I baptized 22 persons. One was the wife of a faculty member who had been baptized several months earlier. (This man is now a leader in our village evangelism program.) Another was a boy who had been expelled by the faculty last year because he was a problem. After reconsideration by the faculty, he was taken back into school and in less than a year he was saved. Still another was a boy from the Congo whose parents sent him here last year, after Dr. Tolbert had helped get his brother out of a Communist-controlled territory. He now hears English well, although he knew only French when he first came last July, and he would shock the campus by kneeling to pray to Allah. He now has broken with the Muslim background and is a Christian! I could go on and on with stories about some of those who came and were baptized. We have seen many saved who will join other churches of their choice. A total of 51 were baptized last year into our church.



Carolyn (Mrs. William L.) Smith
Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil

Seminary Students Make Good Impression, Stir Optimism

A FEW MONTHS ago, two students from our seminary in Rio de Janeiro stayed in our home one weekend. They were our first Brazilian guests and gave us a wonderful opportunity to try out the little Portuguese we had learned up to then. As we had the opportunity to share in the spirit of these fine young men, we came to feel more strongly optimistic about the future of the Baptist work here. Before they left, they expressed appreciation for our being here.

The day of the missionary has not passed, for he is still needed here as in other parts of the world. But pray that more young nationals will be called out to serve and that they will adequately prepare for the work that needs to be done. It is estimated here that probably more than half of the churches are without pastors; they are simply waiting for someone to come lead out in the work.

Bill recently spent a weekend with one of our missionaries who was leading a weekend revival. From Friday through Sunday there were 34 conversions, plus decisions by two young ladies and one young man for special service. Brazil is wide open for evangelism today and there is a marvelous responsiveness to the gospel.



Orvil W. Reid
Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

City and Area Feel Impact of Baptist Booth at State Fair

WE HAVE TRIED something new in evangelism in the state of Guanajuato. We secured a booth at the State Fair for our Book Store with the idea of spreading the gospel, not only at the Fair but also to surrounding towns and villages. From early morning until late at night, we played recordings of hymns and Scripture passages on our public address system and also used it for announcements and gospel messages.

Some liquor dealers had a stand near ours, but they did not turn on their loudspeaker until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. This meant that during the day they repeatedly heard hymns and the spoken gospel messages. Before long we heard them, in their liquor booth, singing some of our recordings, including "Para Que Pecar?" (Why Should I Sin?).

Baptist workers were present at all times in our booth ready to talk personally with the people who came by and to hand each of them a gift package. It contained a Gospel, evangelistic and antialcohol tracts and dramas, a list of Bibles and other books available at our Book Store, and information about a free correspondence course of Bible study. We gave out over a million

pages of Christian literature, including more than 11,000 Bible portions.

The people bought 150 Bibles and New Testaments, among them 20 copies of the Catholic version. We sold Bibles even to a priest and to some nuns. Our daily 15-minute radio program had a special emphasis on the Bible, and our sale of it at the Fair booth was announced in five different sections of the daily newspaper.

Although the Fair was held in one of Mexico's most fanatical cities, we encountered hardly any public hostility. Instead, we feel that the impact made on both the city and the thousands at the Fair was great. It was reported that the attendance for one Sunday was 150,000. During those 15 days of the exhibition probably more persons of that region read or heard something about the message of salvation than during the previous five years.



Welden E. Viertel
Nassau, Bahamas

Islanders Welcome, Await Bible School Teams' Return

LAST SUMMER was indeed a busy one, as we tried to reach as many islands as possible with Bible schools, and conferences. The plane and boat schedules were studied and fitted together as closely as possible, for each team would arrive in Nassau by air one day and go out the next by water. Such tight-fitting schedules are not too bad—that is, if a boatman does not decide, unannounced, to put his craft in dry dock for a week or more. That is just what happened—twice.

Before leaving for Andros Island, I went to the dock to reconfirm the boat schedule for the other Bible conference team's trip to Ragged Island. But the captain was putting his boat—the only means of transportation to Ragged Island—in dry dock for a week. What could we do? Nothing, but switch Bible conferences almost over night and go to another island to which there was a weekly plane flight. We would go to Ragged Island later when the boat got out of dry dock. The same sort of thing stranded a team of Vacation Bible school workers on Andros Island. The boat left them there, came back to Nassau, and also went into dry dock for two weeks. We finally had to send a chartered plane, for that team had other schedules to meet and could not just sit and wait.

The travel situation here is often indefinite, and the weather is dreadfully hot, despite what the travel folders say; the mosquitoes and sand flies are constantly with us, and the water for drinking is often questionable. But there was no question last summer about the genuine hospitality of the people. They gave us the best they had, often moving out of their small houses and living with neighbors so that they could provide enough room for the two or three team members. There was no question about their desire to know more of God's Word. They came and drank deeply of its wisdom and truth as interpreted by those who had come to teach them.

There was no doubt about our being welcome or

their appreciation, for they came to the boat to see us off and asked, "When will you come again?" Before asking, they knew that it would be at least another year before someone else could come. It was hard for me to tell them that, because of furlough, I would not be back this summer, and I could not promise that there would be someone else.



Martha (Mrs. E. Harvey) Walworth
Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico

New Mission Thrives in Dedicated Mechanic's Home

WHEN deacon Manuel Ruiz and his family moved to Caborca they found no Baptist church. As soon as they were settled and he opened his mechanic shop for business, they began laying plans for a mission in their home. It would be sponsored by the church in Culiacán, Sinaloa, where they were members.

Ana Maria Alvarez, our missionary señorita, directed a late summer Bible school in their home, and Harvey preached on their patio each night. The people sat on planks laid across the tops of grease cans. On the last night over 100 attended, and the following Sunday morning the first Sunday school was held. Pray for this fine family as they seek to witness in that city of 15,000 people.



Elizabeth (Mrs. Orby L., Jr.) Butcher
Bangkok, Thailand

Reaching Millions Calls for Stewardship of Total Self

RECENTLY I read an article entitled "World Evangelism Waits on Stewardship," stressing the need for giving money. As I read, a restlessness came upon me and from within came a cry, "No! No! World evangelism does not wait just on stewardship of money; it waits on men and women who love Jesus Christ and whose lives are so transformed that they want every person who is lost in darkness, ignorance, and sin to have his life transformed also."

Many are willing to give money, but not willing to give themselves. Outside Bangkok, we have six preachers responsible for areas with a total population of more than 4,500,000. If I were to say that 5,000 persons here have heard the gospel of Jesus Christ more than once, my figure would probably be too high. In Bangkok, Thonburi, and Paknam, with a combined population of over 2,370,000, we have seven preachers, two language student preachers, and three language student doctors. Other Christian groups are small, except the Catholics, in any of the areas where we work outside Bangkok. In three provinces, we are the only group.

Since we have been on the field, we have seen what

money can do in building churches, homes, and the hospital here. These are all in Thailand to show God's love and mercy to a people who do not understand what love and mercy are. Buildings do not bring men to salvation, but one person telling another what Jesus Christ means to him is the way.

We have crowds coming to learn English, but not crowds coming to hear the gospel. We have people coming who hope that some American prosperity will rub off on them, but not wanting the wealth of joy, peace, and love that God has promised.



Sue (Mrs. Hubert N.) Lindwall
Quezaltenango, Guatemala

Dedicated Dentist's Visit Brings Blessings to Many

THE LORD LED a wonderful Christian dentist, Dr. Neal Goss of Florida, to Guatemala early this year. His two weeks here brought physical and spiritual blessings to many needy people.

For two days we had a dental clinic in our kitchen and Dr. Goss worked on persons from our church. We then took him to San Pedro where conditions are more primitive. A patio across from the church was our office and we used a kitchen chair for the patients. We boiled the instruments all day Friday over an open fire, and the doctor washed his hands at the yard faucet. Ted (my husband) preached that night and the congregation presented 16 pieces of special music, and "all was very happy," as they say in Spanish. They gave him some of their village cloth for a shirt so that he can dress like them when he goes there again.

Saturday morning at 8:30, the doctor again began seeing patients, using me as interpreter and then our son, Timmy, who filled in when I had to attend a conference at the church. An average day's work for Dr. Goss is 18 people, but he treated 36 that first day. The next morning during Sunday school, he set up clinic in the church yard and then worked for seven hours more.

Never have I seen more spirit in a visitor from the United States. He is a real missionary! He never showed any weariness, and he seemed to have a good time. The people expressed their gratitude with gifts of firewood, meat, and eggs. We give God the praise for sending this dedicated dentist and friend to us. He also worked in Santiago, Atitlán, and left a wonderful memory of his Christian witness in both places.

One of my conferences was on health and hygiene. After telling the mothers that they should bathe babies, I offered to demonstrate. One mother brought me her big, healthy, but very dirty four-month-old boy. Then the fun began! When I put him in a basin filled with warm water he screamed as if he were being murdered and with his kicking nearly drowned me. People came from everywhere and, seeing what had happened, laughed at us both. When he was all clean and dressed, the mother was very grateful and I was very wet!

Emma Watts
Ogbomosh, Nigeria

Worship Experience Causes Missionary To See Self Anew

OUR fine Nigerian associational Woman's Missionary Union supervisor and I lost our sense of direction while winding through the streets of Ogbomosh, looking for a church one Sunday morning. A man, who was a member of that particular church, came along and showed us the way.

We came to a small, one-room building, with mud walls, pan roof, and a cow dung floor. Furnishings consisted of two rough tables, a leaning cupboard, two pieces of chalkboard, a small pulpit stand, a few chairs, and backless benches. The walls were decorated with a picture of Billy Graham and some posters—one concerning the university fund in which the Nigerians are so interested (they want an advanced school so that their young can be trained within their own country).

The people came in very slowly to Sunday school, but by the time the lesson was over, about 60 were present. Three classes were held in the little room, with the children out in the open for theirs.

The pastor is a seminary student and a converted Muslim. His influence counts for much in the community as he shares Christ with the people.

Most of the women and a number of the men are illiterate, but their interest and enthusiasm inspires and challenges those of us who have had more opportunities. They clapped their hands and sang choruses, something a bit out of the ordinary for us who prefer more dignified worship.

After Sunday school the congregation stood as the choir marched in. There was no organ or piano, so they did the best they could without accompaniment. Then they had the usual procedure of songs, announcements, and scripture, and listened to the reports of four members who had just returned from the Nigerian Baptist Convention at Ogbomosh.

The supervisor and I were given an opportunity to say a few words. We encouraged them to pray, to give, to study God's Word, to live as Christians, and to share Christ with others.

One receives many impressions from such an experience. At this little church in the heart of a city of 140,000 people, what is really expected of the missionary? He is the stranger and he understands only some of what is being said; he may recognize some of the hymn tunes and catch a few scattered words; but for the most part he comprehends little.

He desperately feels the need of inspiration and spiritual food, but he feels so empty. He does not want to make the people feel that he has come to tell them how to run their church; instead, he wants them to feel he is there to help. He recognizes that the constituted group is an independent body of persons with the right to decide their own ways of doing things. Only with patience, and loving concern can he hope to challenge, advise, and assist them toward an enlarged vision of service.

He remembers that he is in the midst of multitudes who do not know Jesus. He also realizes what a leavening force this group of people could be if they truly understood Christ's great commission. One has to search his own heart and life, reexamine his motives, pray as never before, and rededicate his life to the greatest work on earth—calling men and women to recognize God's claims on their lives.



Jean F. Dickman
Gaza

Voice Gone, Aged Patient Shows Others His New Joy

AFTER CHAPEL one morning, I made the usual rounds in the front men's ward. In the fourth bed lay Ahmed, an elderly man on whom Dr. James M. Young, Jr., had operated for cancer. Along with the tumor he had removed the man's larynx so that now he breathes through a permanent opening in his neck. He was a sweet old man, and very helpful on the ward when he began to feel better.

One day Ahmed clapped his hands loudly so that the nurse turned and noticed an impending mishap. A little boy who was still groggy from a tonsillectomy anesthesia, was about to fall out of bed. Several days before, a little patient was objecting loudly to the removal of sutures from his hernia incision. Ahmed came and, though unable to say a word, waved his arms and moved his lips. From the expressions on his face one knew that he was trying to comfort the lad and encourage him to be quiet and courageous.

Once he told me by sign language (which I understand better than Arabic and for which I don't need a translator) that his throat was still sore when he tried to swallow . . . and he was disturbed by some swelling in both his feet. When I assured him that he would receive medicine which perhaps would relieve the swelling, he seemed encouraged. As I started to the next bed, he motioned wildly for me to stay . . . he had more that he wanted to tell.

As I watched his hands and his lips, trying to understand, he made a cross with one index finger over the other and then pointed to his heart. His face was wreathed in a radiant smile. When I hesitated, not quite certain that I understood, he made the same motions again. I asked in my broken Arabic: "You mean that you are now a 'believer'—that Jesus Christ now lives in your heart?" "Yes, yes!" he nodded—his face glowing with pleasure that I understood him, but even more because of the newfound joy of Christ in his heart. "Do you believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for your sins? Has he washed your heart clean and white by the power of his blood?" I asked. Again he nodded, "Yes!"

The Holy Spirit had convicted Ahmed's heart sometime during his stay in the hospital and had worked a miracle, bringing him to a saving faith in Christ.

My heart thrilled as he confessed that faith openly to me, but there were tears in my eyes as I grasped his hand and called him "Brother." I thought of the many Christians who have the ability to tell aloud—even to shout—the good news of salvation through faith in Christ, but apparently have lost the joy and thrill of it. Some of them go from place to place never confessing their faith or speaking a word in behalf of their loving Saviour.

Later I spoke to my housemates about Ahmed's confession. One of them said that he had also told her, by pointing first to a picture of Christ on a calendar at the front of the ward, and then to his heart. Oh that we, by all means, might be zealous to confess to others what Christ means to us and what He is able to do for all who will put their trust in Him!



Joyce (Mrs. Jimmie H.) Carpenter
Kediri, Indonesia

Grief Melts Young Mother's Resistance to Christ's Love

WE WERE deeply concerned when we learned that Tjutju, the young mother who irons for us, had a very sick three-year-old girl. This doesn't seem so startling except that the child had been ill for three weeks and had not been to a doctor. Tjutju had been at work every day and had not once mentioned her daughter's condition. As soon as Jim heard of it he went immediately to see the child and found that she probably would not live. It all seemed so unnecessary. It began as a case of worms, then diarrhea, dehydration, malnutrition, and the worst case of vitamin deficiency Jim had ever seen.

Tjutju had lost one child at a hospital, so she was afraid to tell about this one's illness. She did not want another hospital experience like the first one. Jim immediately had the little girl hospitalized and examined by a pediatrician. It was found that she had already lost the sight of one eye and would probably lose it in the other if she lived.

While they were at the hospital our little group at home prayed for the baby and for Tjutju, because she was not a Christian. She had been to church and had worked for missionaries before, but did not want to become a Christian. Some of our prayer group were her people and I did not understand their words; nor did they understand mine, but God knew our hearts. The child responded at first to the treatment but died the next day.

When Tjutju came to work the following week she broke into sobbing. I held her close and tried to tell her that the child was happy now with Jesus and no longer suffered. This woman so desperately needed to know him and his love for her, so that one day she, too, could be with him and with her little girl.

The next Sunday, after I talked with her a little more in my faltering Indonesian, she made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ.



Fred L. Hawkins, Jr.
Tupã, São Paulo, Brazil

Gift of Large Farm Assures Encampment Development

BAPTISTS in Brazil have been thinking for some years about establishing an encampment or assembly—something like Ridgecrest—for the use of all our people. Last year they found a site, made plans to begin right away, and asked me to consider serving as general director. The idea of leaving our work with the Sunday school department had not occurred to us, but as we thought and prayed about it, the Lord laid it on our hearts to accept the new assignment.

The new assembly is to be built on a farm named "Palma." It is about 10 miles out of Tupã on a dirt road that we hope will be paved in the near future. The property is being donated to the Convention by the Latvian colonists who settled there about 40 years ago.

The story of the colony would fill a book. From the original group of approximately 300 settlers it has dwindled to about 50. The younger people have gone and those who remain are no longer physically able to work as in the past. For these reasons they decided to give all of the property, improvements, and equipment to the Baptist Convention so that all will continue to be used for the Lord's glory.

The transaction includes approximately 1,800 acres of land, 400 cows (200 of which are dairy Holstein), and 4,000 chickens; also an electric power dam and generator, a farm tractor, two trucks, more than 50 buildings of all types, and numerous other items. We will not be able to use the present buildings for the camp program, so will build those we need.

The assembly management will continue the farm operation and will seek to improve the herds, pastures, etc., for we believe that the farm products can mean much to the support of the camp program. This requires a good farm manager. Please pray that we will be led to the right person.



C. Ray Rogers
Bandung, Indonesia

The Nation Is New, But Spiritual Needs Unchanged

MALAYSIA is a young nation—less than seven months old; each of its components, however, has a history to blend with the whole—the Federation of Malaya, Singapore, Sarawak, and North Borneo. From the outset, serious political problems have plagued the forming of the new government. But the door to missionary opportunity in Sarawak and North Borneo may swing open for Southern Baptists in the near future. The population is about 10 million, and less than 1 per cent is Christian. Personnel and funds, however, must be made available

if we are to keep pace with present needs as well as the demands for expansion. Will you make Malaysia a matter of prayer.

During last summer I served as the pastor of Penang's Georgetown Baptist Church. It is only seven years old, yet it sponsors two mission stations, and a Bible class in a member's home. It was a real joy to see the members actively engaged in winning their friends to Christ.

Penang is the beautiful palm-studded island known by many as "The Pearl of the Orient." In its natural grandeur, God reveals himself; orchids grow in profusion and mountains slope majestically down to the sea. But all is not sweetness and beauty. Penang has about 350,000 people, of whom hardly one-half of 1 percent are Christian. Squatters' huts and hand-to-mouth existence is the plight of the majority. What we would call "garbage" in America is the difference between life and death to many here. The major religions are Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and a form of ancestral worship. Many do not believe in anything, but some are searching for light. They are restless; they burn their joss sticks, worship their idols, and come away from the temples still under the burden of sin and guilt. "They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity." (Isa. 46:2)

What great joy and satisfaction it is to your missionaries to point them to Jesus! He is the only one who can open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God; from him alone can they receive forgiveness of sins. This is the "why?" of Christian missions. Other religions do not call men out of sin.



Bill C. Atchison
Maceió, Alagoas, Brazil

Songfest Shows Triumph of Gospel Among All Nations

HOW unforgettable our experience one night at the Russian Baptist Church in São Paulo. Many national groups were there to sing in their native tongues and our language school quartet had been asked for a song in English. Over 1,000 persons crowded into the building for this special night of Brazilian Baptists' Foreign Missions Week.

As group followed group to the platform we were impressed as never before by the immediate evidence of the gospel's universal reach. Eight elderly folk from Russia sang first, then a family of six from Germany, followed by a Romanian young men's quartet; also a youthful mixed quartet from Israel, a group of Japanese, and then another that sang in two Spanish dialects. Then we listened to several numbers by the 50-voice choir of Latins, Slavs, Anglos, Negroes, and Orientals. The service closed with a powerful missionary message by Alcides Tulles de Almeida, executive secretary of the Brazilian Foreign Mission Board.

It wasn't exactly a comfortable meeting, physically speaking, for many of us had to stand two hours (standing

and two-hour services are both common in Brazil), and it was extremely hot. In spite of these conditions our hearts were lifted by what we saw and heard. We were in São Paulo, a city filled with immigrants, as is much of South Brazil. That night we saw proof of what the gospel of Jesus Christ can do to help remove every racial, social, and economic barrier separating mankind.

This was one of last year's highlights for us in South Brazil. We won't go into some of the lowlights, but I'm sure none of you are so naïve as to think that the missionary lives always in a sanctified and rarified atmosphere. We feel the need every day for more strength from above, through your prayers. When the plumbing fouls up, a transformer fails, or the roof springs a leak during a heavy rain, or any one of a dozen other irritations of South American living occurs, it does us good to drive through our town and look at the thousands who would be glad to trade problems with us. And when we get to thinking about the "good ole days" back in the U.S. where living with people was so uncomplicated—same language, same culture, same way of looking at things—it is a comfort to realize that we are in a place of enviable opportunity, happily involved in work to which God has called us. The needs and rewards are great and we have the assuring satisfaction that we are in the right place at the right time.



S. Thomas Tipton
Mombasa, Kenya

Troubled by Scripture Verse, Young Asian Seeks Christ

ONE OF OUR preaching points is concerned with reaching the Asian people in Old Town. We have an inquiry room and information center for them. Several months ago, some of us noticed with special interest a young Asian who attended one of the services. He obtained a Bible and began reading it. He was a strict Hindu, and if he were to become a Christian he would be an outcast in his community. He attempted to abandon the whole idea, but a portion of one verse he had read in the 14th chapter of the Gospel of John kept bothering him—"if it were not so, I would have told you." He decided to talk with the missionaries and seek their help. Soon he became a Christian.

His family compromised by allowing him to remain in their house, but only on the condition that he would never talk to them about becoming Christians. The agreement was made, but several months later his younger sister became a Christian and was recently baptized. The older brother has made a secret commitment to Christ, but because of his position in the Hindu community, it is quite difficult for him to decide to make public his decision.

Another convert from Hinduism, Mahesh Chavda, is now in the States studying at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Texas. His desire is to return to Mombasa and be of help to his own people.

in Atlantic City...

The Foreign Mission Board will present its report
and program to the Southern Baptist Convention

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 7:50 P.M.

- Pray that this presentation will bring to Southern Baptists a compelling new vision of a world yet to be won.
- Pray for this program on the night it is presented.
- Pray that its impact will reach out to every church, calling forth the highest responses ever—in prayer, cooperative giving, and life commitment.
- Pray that many qualified men and women will submit themselves, even on this night, for the ministries so tragically understaffed on foreign mission fields.



YOU ARE INVITED

to the

*Foreign Mission Board
Reception*

The Renaissance Room
Ambassador Hotel

Wednesday - May 20
4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES

THE WORLD IN BOOKS

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

African Creeks I Have Been Up

By Sue Spencer

David McKay Co., 212 pages, \$3.95

Students of emerging Africa's problems will find a welcome change of pace in this book about the adventures of an American family living in West Africa. With unflinching good humor—through letters written by the author to her college-age daughters in the States—it delightfully tells the family story of triumph over difficult living conditions, a wearing climate, primitive native society, and mishaps too numerous to mention. The author's keen perception, revealed in simple but refreshingly vivid expression, gives the book a unique quality. The author's complete lack of prejudice provides some answers for Christians seeking to overcome their personal prejudice toward those of other races and cultures.—J.G.

Shinsei

By Billy Keith

Jordan Press, 152 pages, \$3.00

The author, a Southern Baptist missionary in Japan, has used for his book's title the Japanese word meaning "new life." He tells the story of the 1963 New Life Crusades in Asia. A journalist, he relates the events both as a reporter whose eyes are trained to see what is newsworthy, and as a missionary whose great concern is for the working of God's power through such revival efforts.

The book shows the reader how missionaries and nationals together laid the foundation and how dedicated preachers, musicians, and laymen from other parts of the world joined them in giving their time and talents for the crusades.

Composed mainly of quotations from crusade participants, the book is adequately illustrated with photographs.—N.S.

The Two Viet-Nams

By Bernard B. Fall

Præger, 493 pages, \$7.95

Written by a recognized authority on Vietnam, this book is valuable as background for understanding the nature of that country's current war and the related problems faced by the American Government. The author's approach is thorough and scholarly, including useful appendices, footnotes, bibliography, and a fairly comprehensive index. Though it includes brief chapters of background information on the geography and history

of Vietnam, the treatment centers on political and military developments during the past 20 years. It is thought-provoking as it faces frankly the faults and liabilities of the South Vietnam Government, and is openly critical of many of the U.S. Government policies and actions. Thus it serves as a counterbalance, offsetting some of the official statements which defend those policies and actions.

The book is relatively well-written and for a work so serious in nature and purpose is interesting reading.—W.C.

As You Go, Preach

By Billy Keith

Privately published (in Tokyo)

165 pages, \$2.50

Twenty-four evangelists are represented in this book of sermons presenting the claims of Christ on the human heart. Including Mr. Keith, 18 of them are missionaries serving under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and all are ministers known for their gospel preaching.

Preceding each sermon is a brief biographical sketch of the preacher and an explanation of the background against which the sermon was delivered. In the foreword, Herschel H. Hobbs says: "Here is your opportunity to walk with these soldiers of the cross . . . to whet your own missionary enthusiasm as you hear the clash of the Sword of the Spirit against the citadels of evil. . . . You will see afresh the difference that Christ makes."—N.S.

Trinitarian Faith and Today's Mission

By Lesslie Newbigin

John Knox Press, 78 pages \$1.25

A part of one sentence sums up this paperback—or small essay, as the author calls it: ". . . the secret of the recovery of missionary advance lies in taking more seriously the New Testament understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit."

Mr. Newbigin sets forth the uncertainties that hamper missions advance. He asks three questions: (1) Can one separate the story of the church and the whole story of mankind? (2) Is the job of all Christians to organize a countermovement to paganism? (3) Can we ever identify God's purpose with a currently successful political line?

The purpose of the essay is to provoke thought and to encourage study and conversation across denominational lines. The noted author asks questions and

seeks for honest consideration of missions in view of the Scriptures, secularization, and the present state of Christian witness across the world. By illuminating some of our failures, this essay may also light the reader's way to deeper faith and more meaningful witness.—J.J.

REVIEWS IN BRIEF

Theodore F. Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., answers in *Tell Me How* (Harper & Row, 138 pages, \$3.00) 16 of the questions he is most frequently asked.

Enno Wolthuis, a trained scientist and practicing Christian, points out in *Science, God, and You* (Baker, 121 pages, \$2.50) the way toward a clearer understanding of the relationships that exist between science and Christianity.

Admirers of Dr. A. T. Robertson as a great scholar and writer on the New Testament, will welcome the reprint of *The Mother of Jesus* (Baker, 71 pages, \$1.75), which corrects many false impressions found in both Protestantism and Catholicism.

Great Sermons on the Birth of Christ (Wilde, 236 pages, \$4.50), the first in a series of seven volumes compiled by Wilbur M. Smith on the person and work of Jesus Christ; offers excellent sermons by Charles Spurgeon, G. Campbell Morgan, Harold J. Ockenga, and other celebrated preachers.

Messages on Stewardship, by K. Owen White, Herschel H. Hobbs, J. Ralph Grant, and Others (Baker, 141 pages, \$2.95): 11 sermons, each from a well-known minister who believes in and preaches Christian stewardship.

500 Bible Readings, by F. E. Marsh (Baker, 366 pages, \$3.95), a reprint, offers an amazing variety of subjects in alphabetical order. It can be valuable as a guide to daily Bible readings.

H. Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, brings together in *The Second Coming* (Broadman, 112 pages, \$2.75) the sermons of nine outstanding men, among them R. G. Lee, Herschel H. Hobbs, Paul S. James, J. D. Grey, and Angel Martinez.

In *The Christian Layman* (Broadman, 128 pages, \$2.50), Franklin M. Segler spells out in clear, forthright manner the important role and work of the layman in the church.

NEW FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

Appointed March 1964

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Boswell, Ronald Neal (Renny)

b. Houston, Tex., Jan. 20, 1933, ed. Wayland Bap. Col., B.A., 1957; SWBTS, B.D., 1961. Shoe salesman, 1953-56; hosp. orderly & drugstore clerk, Plainview, Tex., 1956-57; aircraft mechanic, Grand Prairie, Tex., 1957-58; music & youth dir., Westview Church, Slaton, Tex., 1954-57; asst. pastor & youth worker, Clarendon Drive Church, 1958-59 & pastor, Cedar Temple Church, Dallas, 1959-64. Appointed for S. Brazil, Mar., 1964, m. Marlene Drumgold, Jan. 1, 1955. Perm. address: 218 W. Montana, Dallas, Tex. 75216

SOUTH BRAZIL

Boswell, Marlene Drumgold (Mrs. Ronald Neal)

b. Dallas, Tex., Oct. 1, 1935, ed. Wayland Bap. Col., 1954-55; SWBTS, 1963-64. Teletypewriter, Plainview, Tex., 1955-57; credit firm mgr.'s sec., Dallas, 1957-59. Appointed for S. Brazil, Mar., 1964, m. Ronald Neal Boswell, Jan. 1, 1955. Children: Charles Edward, Aug. 7, 1953; Richard Lynn, May 15, 1959; Cheryl Ann, Feb. 8, 1961.



Green, James Henry

b. Monroe, La., Jan. 1, 1930, ed. Northeast La. State Col. (fmlly. Northeast Jr. Col. of La. State Univ.), 1947-48 & 1952-53; Tenn. Temple Col. & Wheaton Col., 1953; Baylor Univ., B.A., 1955; SWBTS, B.D., 1962. Newspaper routeman, Monroe, La., 1948; serviceman, U.S. Navy aboard D.D.S. 727 & U.S.S. Dixie, 1948-52; pastor, Cypress Church, W. Monroe, La., 1952-53 & Oenaville Church, Tex., 1954-55; laundry routeman, Waco, Tex., 1955; clothing salesman, Covina, Calif., 1956-57; electronic technician, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1957-62; pastor, Happy Hour Church, Lufkin, Tex., 1962-64. Appointed for Mexico, Mar., 1964, m. Barbara Ann Hanscom, Mar. 23, 1956. Perm. address: Box 1204, W. Monroe, La.

MEXICO

Green, Barbara Ann Hanscom (Mrs. James Henry)

b. Chicago, Ill., June 12, 1930; ed. Calif. Bap. Theol. Sem., B.A., 1956. Sec. & ins. policy writer, San Diego, Calif., 1948-51; med. sec., Mangan Med. Clinic, Covina, Calif., 1953-56; office sec., Azusa, Calif., 1956 & SWBTS, 1957-59. Appointed for Mexico, Mar., 1964, m. James Henry Green, Mar. 23, 1956. Children: Melissa Ruth, May 17, 1957; Michael Scott, Jan. 31, 1960; Christopher Paul, Aug. 19, 1962.



Gwynn, Orman Wayne

b. Corpus Christi, Tex., June 7, 1933, ed. Howard Payne Col., 1950-51; Univ. of Corpus Christi, 1951-53; Del Mar Col., summer 1957; Tex. Col. of Arts & Industries, 1957-59; Mont. State Col., B.S., 1960; SWBTS, 1961—(B.D. expected July, 1964). Plate glass co. salesman, Corpus Christi, Tex., summer 1952; pastor, First Church, Dale, Tex., 1952-53; shoe salesman, Corpus Christi, 1952-53; radar operator & squadron barber, U.S. Air Force, U. S. & Labrador, 1953-57; pastor, First So. Church, Shelby, Mont., 1955-56; farm laborer, Great Falls, Mont., 1955-57; U.S. Dept. of Agriculture reporter, Robstown, Tex., 1957, & performance supervisor, Kingville, Tex., 1957-59; pastor, College Hts. Church, Bozeman, Mont., 1959-60; glazier, Bozeman, 1959-60 & SWBTS, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1961-62; mechanic, Denton, Tex., 1962, & 1963-64, & Ft. Worth, 1962-63; pastor, Lois Church, Valley View, Tex., 1961-64. Appointed for N. Brazil, Mar., 1964, m. Elizabeth Ann Folkes, Nov. 16, 1951. Perm. address: Rt. 1, Box 92, Corpus Christi, Tex.

NORTH BRAZIL

Gwynn, Elizabeth Ann Folkes (Mrs. Orman Wayne)

b. Kaufman, Tex., Oct. 14, 1934, ed. Univ. of Corpus Christi, 1952-53; Tex. Col. of Arts & Industries, 1958; Tex. Wesleyan Col., 1961-63; John Peter Smith Hosp. School of Nursing, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1961-63; diploma and R.N., 1963. Proofreader, telephone co., Corpus Christi, Tex., 1953-54; clerk-bookkeeper, Great Falls, Mont., 1955-57; groc. co. bank reconcile clerk, Corpus Christi, 1957-58; bank proof dept., & teller, Kingville, Tex., 1957-59; clinic bookkeeper & receptionist, Bozeman, Mont., 1959-60; bank bookkeeper & teller, Bozeman, 1960-61; bookkeeper, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1961 (part-time). Appointed for N. Brazil, Mar., 1964, m. Orman Wayne Gwynn, Nov. 16, 1951.



Merrell, Rondal Dan, Sr.

b. Tulsa, Okla., July 17, 1929, ed. So. Bap. (Jr.) Col., A.A., 1953; Ark. Polytechnic Col., B.A., 1955; NORTS, B.D., 1958. Restaurant kitchen helper, Tulsa, Okla., summer 1946 (part-time); hotel employee & delivery boy, Tulsa, 1946 (part-time each); shipping & sales clerk, Tulsa, 1947-51; pastor, Good Hope Church, McCrory, Ark., 1951-53 (half-time), & Pleasant Valley Church, Truman, Ark., 1952 (half-time); offset pressman, So. Bap. (Jr.) Col. Printing Shop, Walnut Ridge, Ark., 1952-53 (part-time); motor tester, Memphis, Tenn., summer 1953 (part-time); pastor, Tupelo, Ark., 1952-53; salesman, Sears, Roebuck & Co., summers 1953, '56 & '57 (part-time); pastor, Calvary Church, near Demopolis, Ala., summer 1953 (half-time), & Salem Church, Thomsauba, Miss., 1953-60 (half-time, becoming full-time 11/55); fellow, NORTS, 1958-59 (part-time); pastor, First Church, New Iberia, La., 1960-64. Appointed for Vietnam, Mar., 1964, m. Betty Jo Caughron, July 16, 1948. Perm. address: c/o Fred Caughron, 3532 W. 41st, Tulsa, Okla.

VIETNAM

Merrell, Betty Jo Caughron (Mrs. Rondal Dan, Sr.)

b. Tulsa, Okla., Feb. 16, 1928, ed. So. Bap. (Jr.) Col., A.A., 1953; Ark. Polytechnic Col., B.A., 1955; NORTS, 1958-59. Dress shop sales clerk, 1944-45, & accounting clerk, Tulsa, Okla., 1945-51; registrar's sec., So. Bap. (Jr.) Col., Walnut Ridge, Ark., 1951-53 (part-time); accounting clerk, Memphis, Tenn., summer 1953; music dir., First Church, Russellville, Ark., 1954-55 (part-time), & music-educ. dir., South Side Church, Meridian, Miss., 1955-58; prof.'s sec., NORTS, 1958-59 (part-time); private piano teacher, New Orleans, La., 1958-60. Appointed for Vietnam, Mar., 1964, m. Rondal Dan Merrell, Sr., July 16, 1948. Children: Rondal Dan, Jr., Feb. 2, 1960; Timothy Edward, May 3, 1962.

Moore, Peyton Matterson

b. Meridian, Miss., Aug. 10, 1930, ed. Meridian Municipal Jr. Col., 1948-49; Miss. So. Col., 1949-50; Miss. Col., B.A., 1952; SWBTS, B.D., 1958. Janitor, E. End Methodist Church, 1948-49 & groc. clerk & stock boy, Meridian, Miss., 1949 (part-time); service station attendant, Hattiesburg, Miss., 1949-50; pastor, Vicksburg Methodist Circuit, Miss., 1950-51; baptized, First Bap. Church, Clinton, Miss., 1951; youth dir., First Bap. Church, Belzoni, Miss., summer 1951, & Rosen Hts. Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1952-53; pastor, Tuska, Okla., 1954-55; health physics monitor, Ft. Worth, 1954-57; pastor, First Church, Franklin, Tex., 1957-60, & Bethel Church, Houston, Tex., 1960-64. Appointed for Vietnam, Mar., 1964, m. Celia Torres, Aug. 29, 1953. Perm address: c/o Ralph Torres, 493 8th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

VIETNAM

Moore, Celia Torres (Mrs. Peyton Matterson)

b. Brooklyn, N.Y., June 11, 1929, ed. Mars Hill Jr. Col. (now Mars Hill Col.), A.A., 1950; Baylor Univ., B.A., 1952. Life ins. co. messenger, 1947-48; import & export sec., New York; summer 1949; adjustment bureau clerk, New York, summer 1951; teacher, Ft. Worth (Tex.) Independent School Dist., 1952-57, & Mumford (Tex.) Independent School Dist., 1959-60. Appointed for Vietnam, Mar., 1964, m. Peyton Matterson Moore, Aug. 29, 1953. Children: Terry Morelle, May 16, 1953; Ralph Gregory, Feb. 21, 1958; Celia Anne, Aug. 29, 1963.

Willis, Avery Thomas, Jr.

b. Lepanto, Ark., Feb. 21, 1934, ed. Okla. Bap. Univ., B.A., 1956; SWBTS, B.D., 1961; further study, 1962—. Bible & religious book salesman, Nashville, Tenn., summers 1953, '54 & '55; student dir. Main St. Rescue Mission, Shawnee, Okla., 1953-54; pastor, Center Point Church, Wilburton, Okla., 1954-56, Sunset Hts. Mission (became a church in 1959), Ft. Worth, Tex., 1957-60, & Inglewood Church, Grand Prairie, Tex., 1960-64. Appointed for Indonesia, Mar., 1964, m. Shirley Jean Morris, Dec. 17, 1955. Perm. address: c/o Clarence Morris, 748 S. Pecan St., Nowata, Okla., 74048

INDONESIA

Willis, Shirley Jean Morris (Mrs. Avery Thomas, Jr.)

b. Nowata, Okla., June 11, 1934, ed. Okla. Bap. Univ., B.A., 1955; Northeastern State Col., June-July 1953, & summer of 1954 (both by correspondence); SWBTS, 1956-59. Dry goods sales clerk 1951-52 (part-time becoming full-time in summer); prof.'s student asst., Okla. Bap. Univ., Shawnee, 1953-55; summer missionary, HMB, Ft. Apache, Ariz., 1954, & to Choctaw Indians, Philadelphia, Pa., 1955; architect's sec., Shawnee, 1955-56. Appointed for Indonesia, Mar., 1964, m. Avery Thomas Willis, Jr., Dec. 17, 1955. Children: Randal Kean, Jan. 13, 1957; Sherrie Dennotto, Aug. 8, 1959; Wade Avery, Jan. 1, 1961.

SPECIAL PROJECT NURSES

At its February meeting the Foreign Mission Board employed Ava Nell McWhorter and Dorothy Ruth Scott for urgent needs on two foreign mission fields. Both are registered nurses and will serve for two years. Miss McWhorter goes to assist at Baptist Hospital, Gaza, and Miss Scott will work at Baptist Tuberculosis Hospital, Mbeya, Tanganyika.



Ava Nell McWhorter



Dorothy Ruth Scott

APPOINTMENTS (March)

BOSWELL, Ronald Neal (Ronny), Tex., & Marlene Drumgold Boswell, Tex., *S. Brazil* (218 W. Montana, Dallas, Tex., 75216).
 GREEN, James Henry (Jim), La., & Barbara Ann Hanscom Green, Ill., *Mexico* (2008 Broadus, Ft. Worth, Tex. 76115).
 GWYNN, Orman Wayne, Tex., & Elizabeth Ann Folkes Gwynn, Tex., *N. Brazil* (1921 Boyce, Ft. Worth, Tex. 76115).
 MERRELL, Rondal Dan, Sr., Okla., & Betty Jo Caughron Merrell, Okla., *Vietnam* (110 W. Lawrence, New Iberia, La.).
 MOORE, Peyton Matterson, Miss., & Celia Torres Moore, N.Y., *Vietnam* (190 Annette, Houston, Tex. 77022).
 WILLIS, Avery Thomas, Jr., Ark., & Shirley Jean Morris Willis, Okla., *Indonesia* (2001 Virginia Dr., Grand Prairie, Tex. 75050).

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BADGER, Rev. Ted O., Bap. Mission, 1154 M. H. del Pilar, Manila, *Philippines*.
 BEDENBAUGH, Rev. & Mrs. Charles W., Box 2731, Dar es Salaam, *Tanganyika*.
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 HUGHES, Rev. & Mrs. R. Brown (appointed to *N. Brazil*), Caixa Postal 552, Campinas, São Paulo, *Brazil*.
 LAKE, Virginia (Mrs. John), Box 1262, Waipahu, *Hawaii*.
 LAMBERT, Rebekah, Bap. Mission, APO 59, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. (first-class mail); Bap. Mission, Box 76, Pusan, Korea (all other mail).
 McMILLAN, Rev. & Mrs. Tom W., Bap. Mission, Box 799, Arusha, *Tanganyika*.
 MEUTH, Mary Sue, Djl. Gunung Sahari VI/36, Jakarta V/2, *Indonesia*.
 MOOREFIELD, Rev. & Mrs. Virgil H., Jr., c/o Dr. Roy F. Starmer, Via Antelao 2, Rome, *Italy*.
 NELSON, Rev. & Mrs. Edward W., Casilla 9796, Santiago, *Chile*.
 REDMON, Rev. & Mrs. Donald H. (appointed to *Uruguay*), Apartado 4035, San José, *Costa Rica*.
 SAUNKEAH, Rev. & Mrs. Jasper, Jr. (appointed to *Argentina*), Apartado 4035, San José, *Costa Rica*.
 SCOTT, Dorothy (spec. project nurse), Box 2731, Dar es Salaam, *Tanganyika*.
 SMITH, Rev. & Mrs. J. Leslie, Box 6, Kediri, *Indonesia*.
 TOPP, Rev. & Mrs. Charles A., Bap. Mission, Box 799, Arusha, *Tanganyika*.
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 SMITH, Rev. & Mrs. John D., Djl. Hegarmanah Kulon 34, Bandung, *Indonesia*.
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IN MEMORIAM

Christine Coffee Chambers



Born Coleman County, Texas
February 17, 1885

Died Denver, Colorado
March 12, 1964

CHRISTINE COFFEE CHAMBERS was a missionary to China for
27 years, serving as a teacher and in publication work.

The second of eight children born to Richard Cornelius and Ollie Cath-
erine Coffee, Christine accepted Christ as Saviour at 16 and was baptized in
the First Baptist Church, Brownwood, Tex. She first became aware of her
missionary calling in the summer of 1904, while attending the Palacias
(now Texas-Palacias) Baptist Assembly.

With a background of country school education intermingled with farm
and ranch work, she enrolled in 1901 at Howard Payne College, Brown-
wood, Tex. After one year there she taught in country schools and took a
business college training course in bookkeeping and stenography at Poly-
technic (now Texas Wesleyan) College, Ft. Worth. In September, 1907,
she entered Simmons College (now Hardin-Simmons University), Abilene,
and was graduated in 1911 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and top student
honors. She had earned her college expenses as a pastor's secretary, an
English assistant, and a dormitory supervisor. In addition, she had assisted
with the city missions program and served as a field worker for the college.

The following September Miss Coffee enrolled at Woman's Missionary
Union Training School (now merged with the Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary), Louisville, Ky., becoming the first woman to take the Greek
New Testament course. At the completion of the following spring term
she returned to Texas to do summer field work for the new Woman's
Training School at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Ft. Worth.
She enrolled there and served that school year as assistant in practical train-
ing for women. She received the school's Bachelor of Missionary Training
degree in 1913 and took a two-month summer course in practical nursing
at Baptist Memorial Sanitarium, Ft. Worth. Twenty-six years later, in 1939,
Mrs. Chambers received the Master of Arts degree in English Literature
from the University of Michigan.

Appointed in July of 1931, Miss Coffee sailed for China in time to begin
her language study by the end of the year. Her first assignment was at
Pooi To Girls' Middle School, Canton, where she taught classes in English
and physical culture and studied Cantonese four hours a day. She was
elected secretary of the South China Mission in 1917. Following her mar-
riage to Missionary R. E. Chambers in 1918 she became an assistant in the
work of the China Baptist Publication Society, located in Canton and
directed by her husband. Eight years later the society transferred its opera-
tions to Shanghai where she continued in a similar capacity until her hus-
bands' death in 1932. Following her bereavement, she taught in day
schools for a short time before joining the University of Shanghai faculty
to teach in the English department.

Because of the growing threat of war, the United States Government,
ordered Mrs. Chambers and her children, in 1937, to return to America.
She went back to China in 1939 but was unable to stay long because the
Japanese were by then overrunning the country. The next 10 years were
spent in Michigan as pastor's assistant and church secretary for the Grand
River Avenue Baptist Church in Detroit, and adviser to international stu-

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FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Offering Passes '62 Total

The 1963 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has topped the grand total for 1962, according to Everett L. Deane, treasurer for the Foreign Mission Board. The offering reached \$10,371,124.11 on April 9, which is \$47,532.42 more than the 1962 grand total and \$840,354.58 more than the Board had received by the same date last year. The final total for 1963 will not be known until the books close May 1.

ARGENTINA

Team Conducts First Crusade

A Baptist evangelistic crusade in the area of San Juan drew a nightly average of close to 800, Monday through Saturday, and 1,300 the last night, March 22. Recorded decisions for Christ totaled 358, more than the number of Baptists in the area. Organized Baptist work consists of one moderate-sized church in the provincial capital itself, one mission with a full-time program in the suburbs, and three tiny churches in nearby villages.

A newly formed national Baptist evangelistic team conducted the campaign the first of several planned for 1964. The two-man team consists of Rev. Samuel Libert, preacher, and Francisco Bilbao, musician. Libert, formerly a pastor in Rosario, is now the Argentine Baptist Convention's secretary of evangelism. Mr. Bilbao, well-known tenor and revivalist, is a Chilean, but has been a resident of Argentina for several years.

Using the theme "Christ Speaks to the Twentieth Century," the effort was publicized throughout the area by street banners, radio, newspapers, tracts, and posters.

Charles W. Shirley, Southern Baptist missionary and promoter of evangelism in western Argentina, reported the results of the campaign and its encouraging effect on plans Argentine Baptists have made for doubling the number of churches (now 200) and

the membership (now 15,000) by 1974).

COLOMBIA

Evangelism, Prayer Studied

Southern Baptist missionaries and national Baptist pastors, representing 15 churches in Northern Colombia, met for five days of study on evangelism and prayer.

"The daily physical diet consisted of rice, plantain soup, yucca, bananas, and always coffee; the spiritual diet consisted of deepening experiences with God and a closer fellowship with each other," says Dr. John W. Patterson, missionary promoter of evangelism for the Colombian Baptist Convention.

Rev. R. Roland Powell, pastor of Matoaca (Va.) Baptist Church, spoke to the group on the preeminence of Christ, the Holy Spirit, and man in evangelism. Others spoke on various phases of a program of evangelism, such as the use of evangelistic literature and Bible distribution, personal soul-winning, and preaching.

This conference was part of the past year's preparation for the Colombian Convention's 1964 emphasis on evangelism. Plans for the year include three revival meetings in each church, with the pastor preaching for at least one. Most of the evangelists for the other meetings will come from Colombia, although some who speak Spanish fluently will be invited from other countries.

Great emphasis will be placed on deepening the lives of persons who are already Christians and on their sharing Christ with others, Dr. Patterson says. Plans call for greater stress on personal and family devotions, distribution of the Scriptures, and biblical conservation of evangelistic results.

The 43 churches cooperating in the Colombian Convention reported more than 2,000 professions of faith for 1963 but only 316 baptized. On the behalf of all the missionaries and national pastors, Dr. Patterson requested the prayer support of Baptists everywhere.

Volcano's Threat Overrated

The volcano, Irazu, has been too sensationally reported, according to our missionaries attending the Spanish Language Institute in San Jose. In an official joint announcement, the school's director and officers of the Student Council say: "Please believe us as we affirm here that the reports are grossly exaggerated."

They report that the ash fall from the 15-mile-distant mountain has called for extra cleaning help and equipment and for the enclosing of some of the institute's facilities that are ordinarily left open. Some days are worse than others, but the skies are frequently clear and life goes on as usual.

Some sensational newspaper and radio stories have been sent to the U.S. by visitors who dropped off for a few days and became authorities on the volcanic peril. The Costa Ricans know that Irazu's recent eruptions are like those that have occurred across the centuries and they go on, says the report, "with a normal rhythm of life."

The closing lines of the assuring message say, "We as Christian missionaries would not be in a strong position should we be the first to pack up and leave when those around us are taking no such drastic measures."

Fourteenth Church Organized

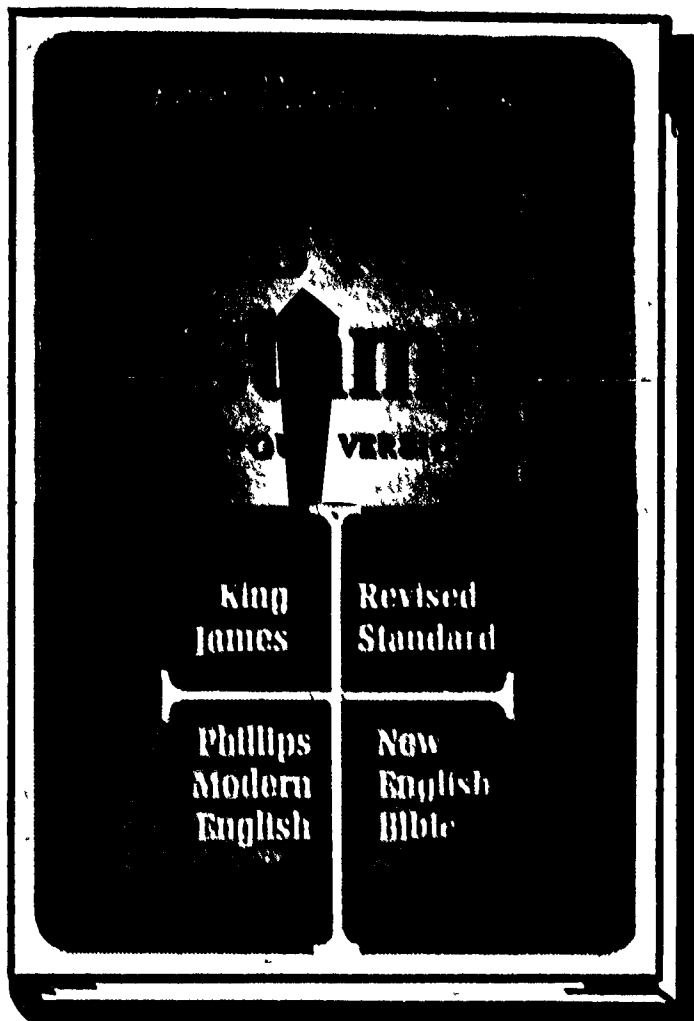
Twenty-nine charter members organized the Desamparados Baptist Church in Costa Rica on March 29, bringing the number of Baptist churches in the country to 14. They have called Rev. Olman Rojas, student in the Baptist theological institute in San José, to be pastor.

Attending the organizational service were 75 persons. The principal address was given by Rev. Ricardo Cabezas, president of the Ministerial Association of Costa Rica.

Desamparados Church grew out of a mission of Guadalupe Baptist Church. Its organization climaxed a revival in which the evangelist was Stanley D. Stamps, missionary appointee for Ecuador studying Spanish in San José. Among the charter members are two missionary appointee couples for Mexico also in Spanish language school. They are Maurice E.

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and LaNelle Dodson, Wayne and Winnie White, and the Whites' daughter Laurie.

HOLLAND

Dutch Baptists Host EBF

Dutch Baptists expect 5,000 or more persons to attend the Conference of the European Baptist Federation in Amsterdam, August 12-16.

Non-Europeans visiting in Europe are invited to attend. They may get conference information by writing to Erik Rudén, 4 Southampton Row, London, W. C. 1, England.

The meeting in Amsterdam has particular appeal to Baptists because it was here, in 1609, that John Smyth and a group of refugees from England formed the first Baptist church of modern times. (BWA)

IRELAND

Baptists of Ireland Meet

Baptists in Eire, Republic of Ireland, gathered recently for the 65th annual assembly of the Southern Baptist Association. Representatives from the seven churches in the association met at Athlone Baptist Church in Westmeath County.

Baptists in the Irish republic, although numbering less than 300, conduct a full program of evangelism. Pastors and evangelists hold open-air services at fairs and market places throughout the country. At least 50 young people are expected for a youth camp in August.

A Baptist church existed in Dublin by 1642 and most of the other churches date their beginning as far back as 1650. Protestants in the Irish republic represent less than 5 percent of the population.

ISRAEL

Gospel Translation Completed

A translation of the Gospel of Mark into modern Hebrew by Dr. Robert L. Lindsey was presented to his fellow Southern Baptist missionaries in Israel during their annual meeting in March. Now working on the other Gospels, Dr. Lindsey plans to trans-

late the rest of the New Testament when they are finished.

"Dr. Lindsey's command of the language is matched by a few students of Hebrew, even in Israel," says Rev. W. Chandler Lanier, a missionary colleague. "His knowledge of Greek and German is also extensive, and his ability as a Bible scholar is well established in Israel."

JAPAN

U.S. Seminarists Lecture

The theological seminary and Bible school departments of Seinan Gakuin, Baptist university in Fukuoka, Japan, will have two Southern Baptist guests for two weeks of concentrated special lectures each during the first semester of the new school year, which began April 10. They are Dr. Joe D. Heacock, of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Forth Worth, Tex., and Dr. E. Luther Copeland, of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Fourteen new students (12 men and two women) have matriculated for this year, eight of the seminary departments and six (including the women) in the Bible school.

National Made Hospital Head

Dr. Shizuo Obayashi was installed as superintendent of the Japan Baptist Hospital, Kyoto, in ceremonies March 31, becoming the first Japanese to head the nine-year-old institution.

Missionary doctor James P. Satterwhite was superintendent from the founding of the hospital (the building

was dedicated in July, 1955) until early in 1962, when he resigned so that the Japan Baptist Convention could seek a national for the position. Missionary doctor Clarence F. Clark, Jr., was interim superintendent for the past two years.

Dr. Obayashi, 54 years old, comes to the Japan Baptist Hospital after seven years as director of the Red Cross blood bank on the island of Hokkaido, in northern Japan. He previously served as a member of the Japanese army medical corps, as assistant professor of internal medicine and bacteriology in Tokyo's Keio University medical school (his alma mater), and as chief of the clinical pathology department of the National Hospital, also in Tokyo.

As superintendent of the Kyoto hospital, he will head a staff of 148, including 25 doctors (four of them Southern Baptist missionaries) and 39 nurses (two missionaries). A two-story wing now under construction will raise the number of beds to more than 120. A nursing school is scheduled to begin operation in 1965, with the first class expected to number 15.

Since its beginning the hospital has employed only Christian workers. Dr. Obayashi's wife was the dietitian for four years. She led him to Christ, thus making him an indirect product of the hospital's Christian concern.

Students in the new nursing school will also be Christians. "After their training they will go into the hospitals of Japan to further the gospel penetration of this country," says Missionary Worth C. Grant, press representative for Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan.

Dr. Shizuo Obayashi, the new superintendent of Japan Baptist Hospital, Kyoto.



Last year the Japan Baptist Hospital ministered to 3,485 outpatients and 1,515 inpatients. According to the full-time chaplain, Rev. Harumi Ishii, 80 percent of the patients have their first contact with Christianity when they come for treatment. During the hospital's history, 75 persons have made professions of faith in Christ and been baptized into membership in Baptist churches.

All patients receive Christian literature (an average of 1,000 tracts a month were distributed last year), and each inpatient receives a copy of the New Testament. Patients are invited to join staff members in a chapel service each morning, and an evening service of hymns, Scripture verses, and brief message is piped into the wards. When a patient leaves the hospital he is given the name of the Baptist church and pastor nearest his home. Likewise, the pastor receives a letter of introduction from the hospital urging him to visit the patient.

Many Japanese who would perhaps never enter a Christian church come to the Baptist hospital for treatment. Former patients include Buddhist and Catholic nuns, members of the fanatical anti-Christian Soka Gakkai, and Communists.

PHILIPPINES

Five Finish Seminary Courses

The Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Baguio, held its eighth commencement exercises April 3, with the main address given by Missionary Francis P. Lide, former president of the school and now serving in Hong Kong. Two persons received certificates, one the Bachelor of Divinity degree, and two Bachelor of Theology degrees. The seminary's current administrator is Missionary W. Bryant Hicks.

SPAIN

Hierarchy Decides on Rights

The Spanish Evangelical Defense Committee has been informed by "official sources" that proposed legislation for minority religious groups in Spain has awaited conclusions of the Second Vatican Council.

Spain's concordat with the Vatican requires joint action of church and state, and the matter was recently placed before Spanish ecclesiastical

authorities. The hierarchy, it is reported, has decided that rights granted to minority religious groups should be by ministerial decrees rather than by laws of parliament.

"This would give such provisions an inferior quality and they would necessarily be subject to past concepts and practices in regard to religious tolerance and not liberty," a Protestant spokesman commented.

At the recent meeting of the Spanish Evangelical Defense Committee in Madrid, the group agreed to prepare and make available to the Spanish government a statement of common evangelical beliefs and practices.

Represented in this meeting were the following groups: the Spanish Baptist Union, the Evangelical Council for Spain, the Spanish Evangelical Church, the Federation of Independent Evangelical Churches, the Spanish Episcopal Reform Church, the Spanish Evangelical Alliance, and the Assemblies of Brethren Churches.

Church Posts Outdoor Sign

On Saturday, March 14, a sign giving name and schedule of services was posted on the building of Immanuel Baptist Church, Madrid, Spain, by Pastor James M. Watson and two church members — E. T. Brooks, chairman of the deacons, and Charles T. Barcum, a trustee.

Just a year earlier the church had installed Mr. Watson, a Southern Baptist fraternal representative, as pastor and ordained Mr. Brooks (with five others) as deacon. "On this first anniversary," says Mr. Watson, "we could have no greater joy than to see the sign placed outside our doors telling the many Americans and other English-speaking people here that this is a Baptist church." Immanuel, which uses the English language, is composed primarily of Americans stationed in Spain.

However, governmental permission for its sign is interpreted by Spanish Baptists as a primary step toward similar privileges for their churches. (Previously, notices posted outside Protestant places of worship had been barred on the grounds that they would violate an article of the Spanish constitution forbidding any external manifestations other than those of the Roman Catholic religion.)

"A word of commendation is due the Spanish governmental officials," Mr. Watson says. "In our contacts with them they extended a most cordial

welcome and indicated a willingness to be helpful to the pastor and other members of Immanuel at any time they could. Hearts are rejoicing over the warm welcome the Government has shown toward us."

SWITZERLAND

Believer's Baptism Discussed

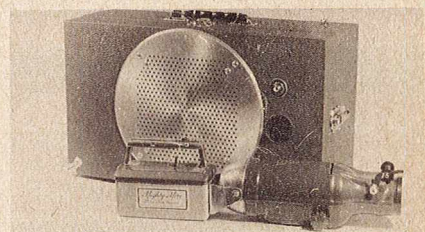
Thirty-four representatives of seven Swiss denominations gathered in the chapel of Baptist Theological Seminary Rüslikon-Zurich, Switzerland, April 4, for the third annual meeting of leaders from churches in the country that practices believer's baptism.

Professor Günter Wagner, of the Rüslikon seminary, in a morning address gave exegeses of several New Testament passages dealing with baptism, and in the afternoon a summary of New Testament teaching on the subject.

Baptism as practiced in primitive Christianity is not a rite performed long after conversion following a period of observation and testing, said Dr. Wagner, but the supreme act by which the convert submits to Christ, an integral part of the conversion experience. He suggested that baptism might well be understood in terms of I Peter 3:21 (RSV) as "an appeal to God for a clear conscience." God responds to our petition in baptism, the speaker said, as he does in prayer.

Discussion followed each lecture, and some participants expressed the feeling that baptismal practice in their own denominations should perhaps

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be changed, in accordance with this understanding of New Testament teaching. Baptismal services were sometimes held, it was said, once a year only, and children who professed faith were required in some cases to wait several years for baptism.

Represented at the meeting in Rüschiikon were: Baptists, Evangelical Baptists, Evangelical Free Churches, Evangelical Mission Church, Mennonites, Swiss Mission Church, and Pentecostals. Pastor Johannes Arndt of the Rüschiikon Baptist Church served for the third time as chairman.

UNITED STATES

Missionary's Mother Honored

Missouri's 1964 Mother of the Year is Mrs. Quincy Harrington, whose daughter, Miss Fern Harrington, is a Southern Baptist missionary in Taiwan. A resident of Atlanta, Mo., Mrs. Harrington was named for the state honor March 3. She plans a May trip to New York where she will represent Missouri in the American Mother of the Year competition.

CWS Relief Center Opened

A new processing center for donated relief clothing has been opened in Houston, Tex., by Church World Service. All clothing sent to it will be sorted, export packed, and prepared for shipment overseas.

Establishment of the new center actually constitutes a removal of the principal CWS processing center from St. Louis to Houston. It will continue to serve the middle and southwest areas of the country. Dedication services were held April 16.

All relief clothing should now be sent to: Church World Services Center, 7307 Ardmore Street, Houston, Tex.

YUGOSLAVIA

School Completes Tenth Year

The Baptist Theological School of Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. Thirty-seven students have been enrolled during the decade. Twenty-three finished the full three-year ministerial course and the others took one- and two-year courses designed for Sunday school leaders and other lay workers.

The theological school was opened in the meeting hall of the Zagreb Baptist Church, under the presidency of

Dr. Josip Horak in 1954, with the eight students all sleeping in one room of a church members' home. Because of these extremely crowded conditions the school was moved the following year to more adequate quarters made available by the Baptist church in the town of Daruvar. In 1957 it was moved again, this time to the city of Novi Sad, and the Rev. A. Lehotsky became director of the school.

There are at present eight students, including two young women, in the theological school, which continues under the directorship of Mr. Lehotsky. Three of the students are Methodist, the remainder Baptists. (EBPS)

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Clarke, Jr., Gets Study Award

Coleman D. Clarke, Jr., son of Dr. & Mrs. Coleman D. Clarke (Japan) was awarded a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship, valued at \$3,340. Clarke, Jr., is a senior at SEBTS and plans graduate study in church history.

Strategy Planning

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working. We believe that Baptists work more effectively when those who are nearest to the task are able to bring together their best thinking, praying, and studies, and then formulate ideas which may be shared with others.

The Foreign Mission Board does not hesitate to suggest to the Missions that they give consideration to various steps which might seem advantageous. It is in this way that attention sometimes is called to the possibility of special projects in evangelism or church development, as well as others in missionary outreach. Those suggestions, however, are first studied by the Missions, then Board action is taken upon the basis of what each Mission recommends.

This is particularly important in the

matter of special projects in evangelism. The Foreign Mission Board does not launch a special effort in evangelism on any mission field without a recommendation from the missionaries and national Baptist leaders involved. The Board may indicate to a Mission the possibility of some project along this line, but until the measurement of the advisability of such an effort is made on the field no action is implemented.

Through standing committees that are responsible for its various departments of work and through special committees appointed for specific assignments, the Board is engaged in continuous study of its task. The administrative staff gives much time to conferences and consultations in order to continue an effective ministry amid rapidly changing circumstances throughout the world.

In this way strategy planning consists of creative thinking communicated from the Foreign Mission Board to the mission fields and from the mission fields to the Board. It is a continuous matter and calls for much consultation, evaluation, and planning. Action occurs when it becomes evident that both on the mission-field and in the Board God's leadership has been found and an approach is being made that has recommended itself to the prayerful consideration of those who are most definitely involved.

No task in today's world demands more creativeness than that of the missionary enterprise. It can never become static. It calls for alertness to the leadership of our Lord, an awareness of the needs of our fellowman, and the wisest use of every effective means of communicating the message of a living Saviour.

IN MEMORIAM

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dents at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Retired by the Foreign Mission Board in 1947, she continued her work in Michigan for almost three years. For the 14 years prior to her death she lived in Denver and Englewood, Colo., with or near her two daughters and only immediate survivors, Mrs. Christine Brown and Mrs. Vera Lois Dilatush. Her son, Richard Harris, was killed in an aircraft accident in 1945.

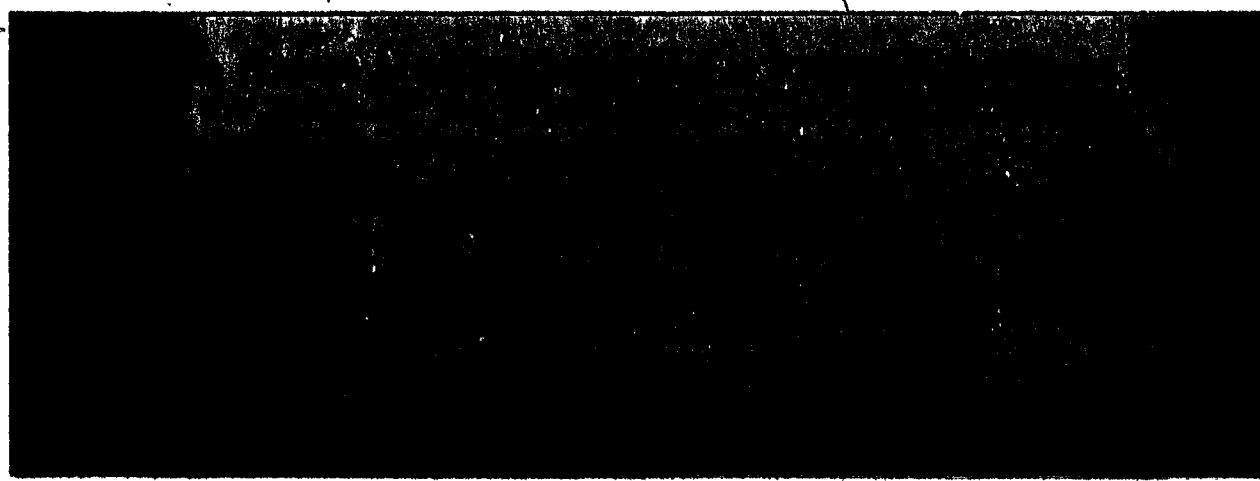
Mrs. Chambers was coauthor of *Builder of Dreams*, a biography of her husband (Broadman Press, 1939).



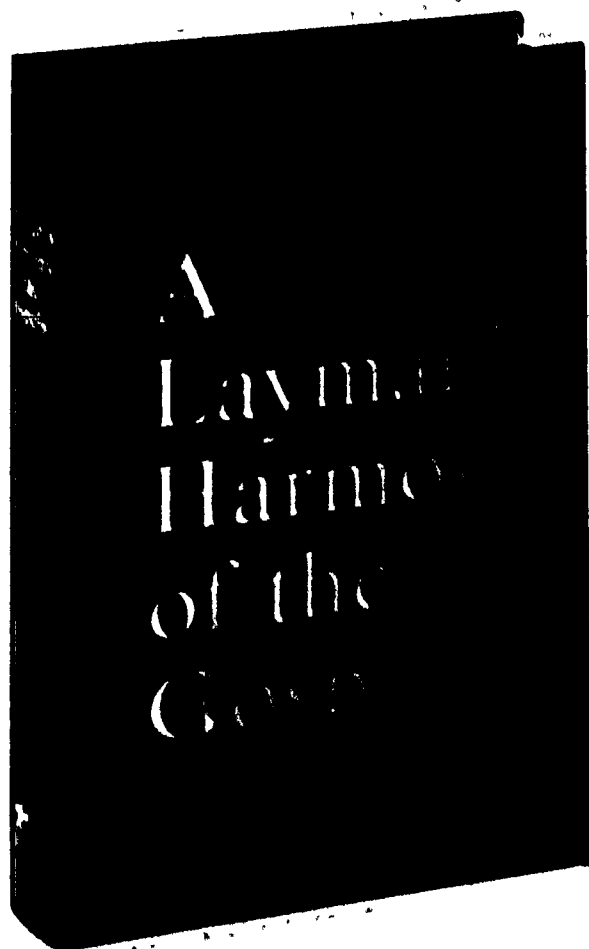
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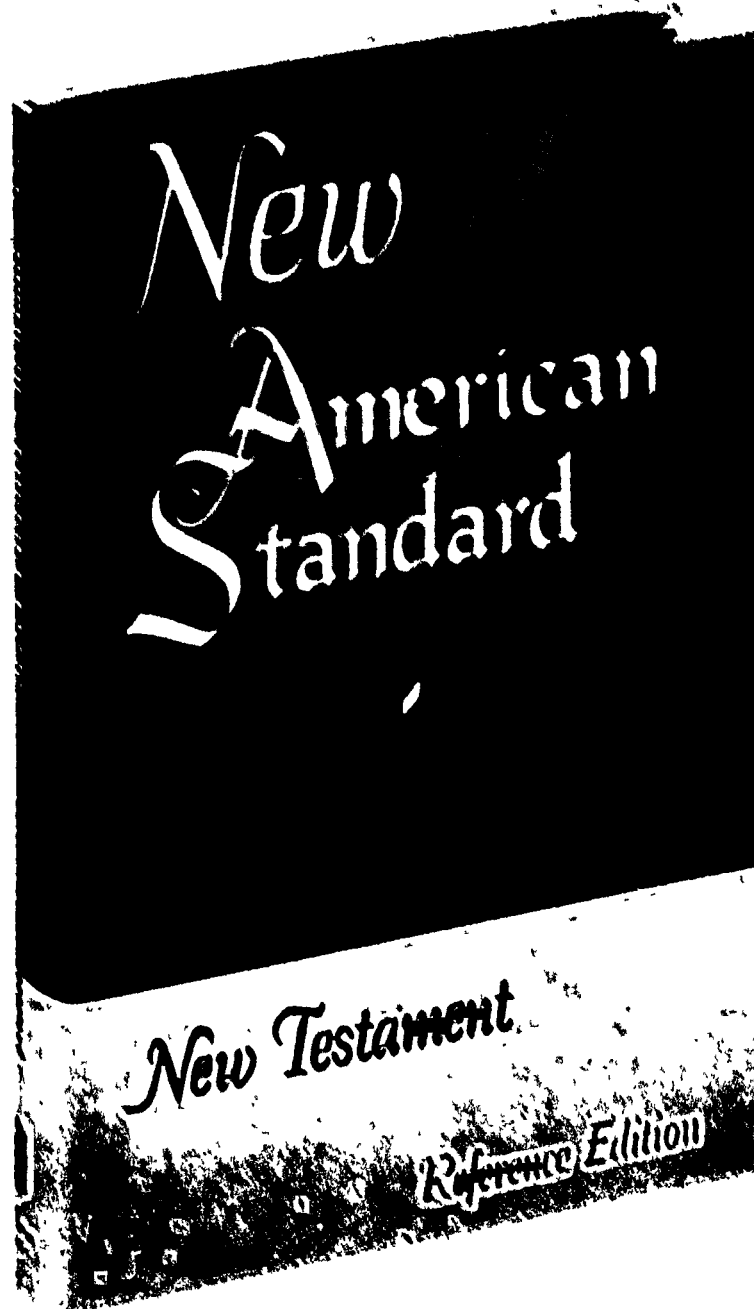


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