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should tarry at the feet of Jesus
until he knows in his heart
his own personal responsibility
in the world task. . . .

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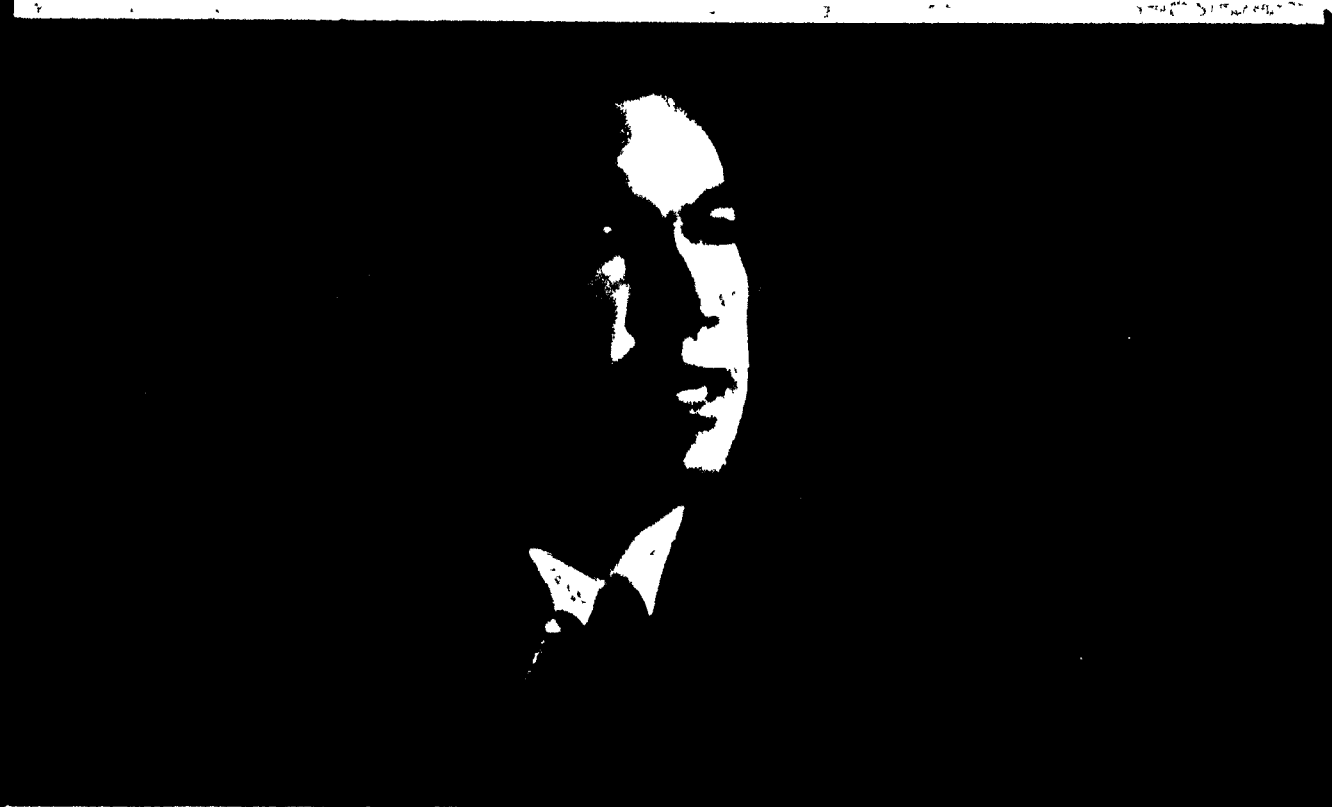
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JOURNEY to DJAKARTA

BY JESSE C. FLETCHER
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FOUR YEARS AGO this spring John and Glenn Ingouf left Hartselle, Ala., for Djakarta, Indonesia, to begin their missionary career. This account follows their journey through each step of the appointment procedure and finally to Djakarta.

The Foreign Mission Board pamphlet, "The HOW of Missionary Appointment," sets forth the steps involved in being considered for appointment. These steps are simple and constitute understandable phases of evaluation for missionary service. They take on more personal meaning, however, when spelled out in terms of individuals.

"If you are in high school or college," suggests the pamphlet, you should write to the Foreign Mission Board "giving your name, age, educational background, and a brief statement of your impression regarding missionary service."

On Dec. 3, 1952, the volunteer division of the Department of Missionary Personnel at the FMB received such a letter from John Ingouf, then a junior at Baylor University. He was unsure where God would lead him, he

wrote, but he had surrendered his life for missionary service. He sought advice about academic preparation and asked whether the Board felt summer mission experience would be good training.

The young man was given advice concerning his course of study and was urged to consider summer missions. He was also sent a free subscription to *THE COMMISSION*, a service to all mission volunteers who write the Board. John spent the next summer as student missionary under the Home Mission Board.

"If you have finished college," continues the "HOW" pamphlet, you should write more often and request an opportunity for an interview the next time one of the personnel secretaries is in your area.

As a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, John wrote early in 1955, bringing the Board up to date on his situation and asking to talk with a personnel secretary. Since personnel secretaries visit each seminary campus at least once a semester, John did not have to wait long. He conferred with a Board representa-

tive that spring and had another conference in early 1956. At the second meeting he revealed plans to marry Miss Glenn Green of Decatur, Ala., also a student at the seminary.

John and Glenn were married in August and had their first conference as husband and wife with the personnel secretary the following spring. The couple then wrote to the Board requesting instructions for writing their life histories, the second phase in the appointment procedure.

John was serving a small church on weekends and the couple discussed with the Board representative whether to seek additional experience after graduation or to go ahead with appointment consideration. The decision was to see how matters developed. The couple also told of their growing interest in the possibility of serving in southeast Asia.

In 1957 the Ingoufs wrote that they were about to move to the community where John had been serving on weekends; he would commute to the seminary the final semester. In that letter, John told of the death of their first child shortly after birth and related



PHOTO BY GERALD S. HARVEY

John Ingouf assists evangelists in Bible study at Surabaya, Indonesia. Children listen to Glenn Ingouf tell a Bible story at church in Surabaya.



how God had met their needs in orlele. Glenn wrote that fall to tell of their call to a church field in Hartselle, Ala. They arranged to visit with a personnel secretary the following spring.

At a personal conference in 1959 the young couple indicated they desired appointment the following year. They had settled on Indonesia as the hoped-for place of service. The next January they submitted life histories and requested information and reference forms.

"At least six months before you hope to be appointed and after you have completed your autobiography, you should request information and reference forms which ask for additional application data and the names of 25 personal references," continues the "HOW" pamphlet.

By this time the personnel secretary had come to know John and Glenn well. From reading their life histories he felt a deepening appreciation for the persons and events that had shaped their lives. He was encouraged by their accounts of conversion experience, their sense of call into special service, John's early decision for missions, and their later joint commitment to mission service.

John had been elected president of the Mission Volunteer Band at Baylor and had held the same office in the mission band at New Orleans seminary. Fellow pastors had elected him associational moderator. These facts spoke of leadership qualities that would be helpful in mission work.

Glenn was equally well-prepared. She was a graduate of Alabama College and was a specialist in work with physically handicapped children. In the secretary's estimation, the Ingoufs' insights into themselves and God's leadership in their lives seemed to confirm that they were prepared.

When the couple had provided names, the Board sent reference forms to persons who had known the Ingoufs through each phase of their lives and had observed their various aspects of service. As reference reports were returned they confirmed the opinion regarding the effectiveness and abilities of the two young people.

In an interview arranged by the personnel secretary, Orient Secretary Winston Crawley talked to the Ingoufs about Indonesia, but pointed out problems the Board faced in obtaining visas. He suggested secondary possi-

bilities of Thailand and the Philippines; the couple promised to pray about these situations.

Their final conference with the personnel secretary was in 1960 at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in North Carolina. The couple there made the definite decision to seek appointment to Indonesia unless the Lord closed the door.

"Six weeks after the information and reference forms are submitted, you should request the final application forms," directs the pamphlet.

After Ridgecrest the Ingoufs requested the forms and returned them to the personnel department July 9. These forms asked additional information about family, background, education, and experience—information that would become a part of the couple's personal file if they were appointed. The forms also inquired about attitudes and expectations regarding missionary service. A definitive statement was required on the "Content of Christian Beliefs."

The couple's statements were considered excellent. They were now ready for the final step—a medical examination to include both physical and psychiatric factors.

"You may expect authorization of your medical examinations within six to eight weeks after the final application forms are received by the personnel department."

The personnel secretary authorized the examinations for the Ingoufs in New Orleans. He also sent forms for the physical examination of their daughter Susan, who had been born in 1958.

On the morning of Sept. 19, 1960, the personnel secretary checked all the material, forms, and reports to be sure they were in order. He and the department staff members had prayed about the application and had carefully studied the materials. The decision seemed clear-cut; they could present the application that afternoon to the Board's Committee on Missionary Personnel with expectation of approval. The committee agreed and voted to invite the Ingoufs to the next Board meeting to seek appointment.

That afternoon in Hartselle the Ingoufs received a telephone call from the personnel secretary. "Can you come to Richmond for the October meeting of the Board?" they were asked. Anticipation was to become reality. John and Glenn notified waiting parents and church members.

The week at Richmond was full and exciting. The couple wrestled with problems related to passports, transportation, freight, and baggage. They appeared before a committee of the Board and gave their testimonies. The final evening of the Board meeting, in the presence of the full Board and a host of visitors, they were appointed together with six other couples and a nurse.

Plans were made for their attendance at the semiannual orientation for new missionaries. They met in January, 1961, with about 50 other appointees at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian, Miss. They delved into the life to be theirs in Indonesia, discussing religious implications of the Far East, the organizational structures they would face as members of the Indonesian Mission, relationships with nationals, and missionary methods and philosophy. The matters were not totally new to the Ingoufs, for they had been required to do extensive reading, and they had

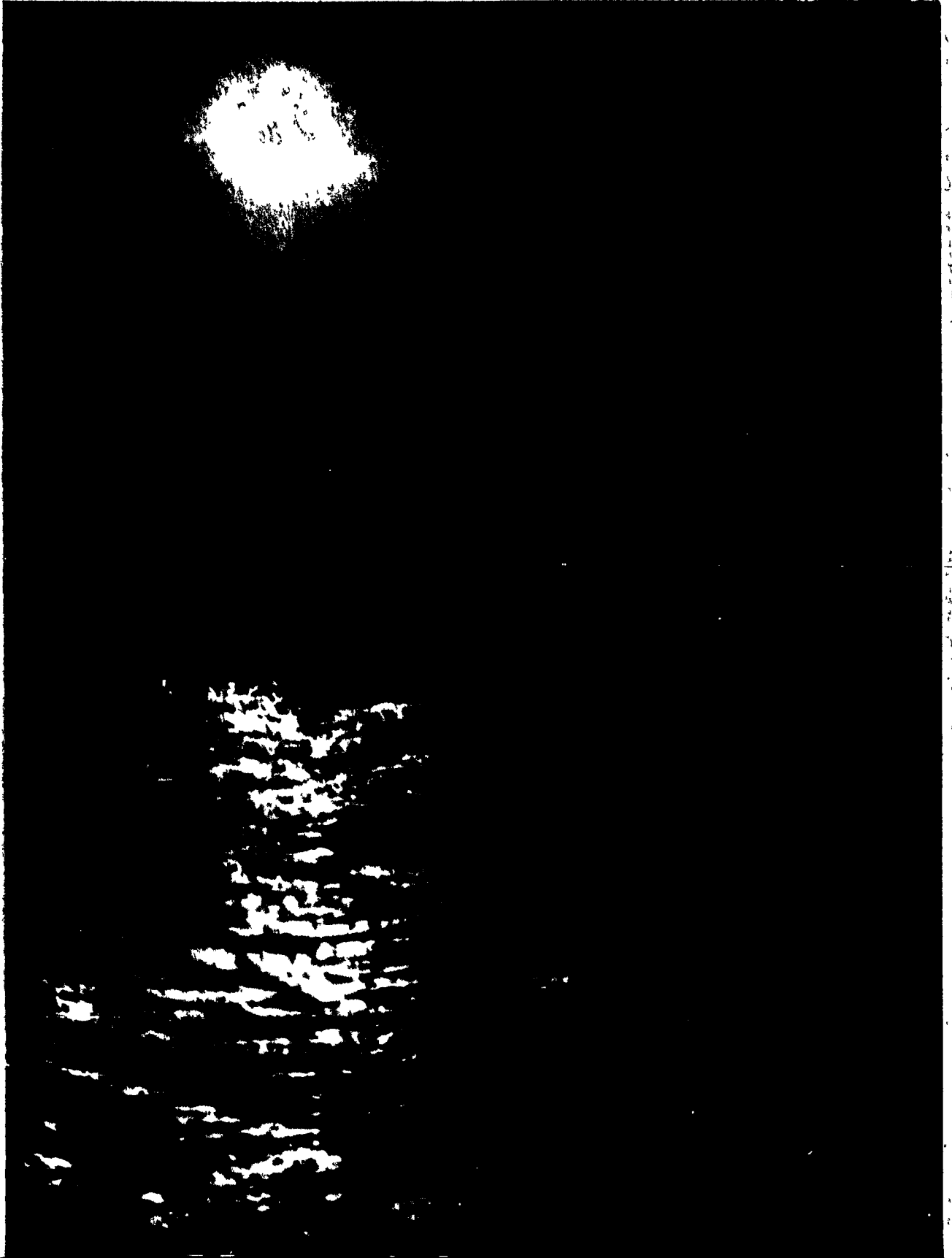
taken mission courses at the seminary.

A visit with Missionary Dr. and Mrs. Winfield Applewhite, on furlough from Indonesia, whetted the Ingoufs' eagerness for their visas to be granted. At the orientations, the Board arranges for a furloughing couple to be present from the country where each new missionary is assigned.

Soon word came from Orient Secretary Crawley; the Ingoufs could go to Bangkok, Thailand, to serve the English-speaking Calvary Church as interim pastor while awaiting visas into Indonesia. Elated to be on the move, John and Glenn were in San Francisco by the first of February awaiting their boat. Late that month they arrived in Bangkok.

At last, on Sept. 2, word was relayed that Indonesian visas had been granted. The first week of November, 1961, John and Glenn Ingouf went by plane to Djakarta, completing a journey begun eight years earlier while John was a junior at Baylor.

ORVILLE ANDREWS



STANDARDS for SERVICE

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THE MORE DIFFICULT the task, the more unsettled the country, the more troubled the people in back country and metropolitan area — the taller a missionary must stand.

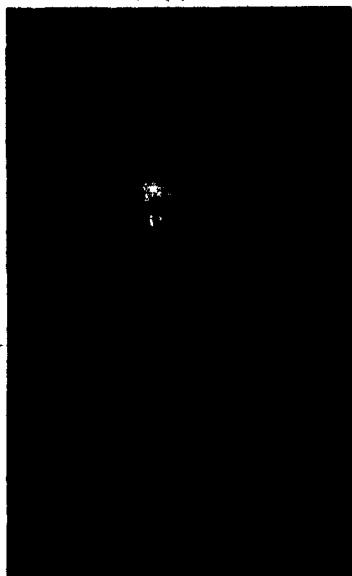
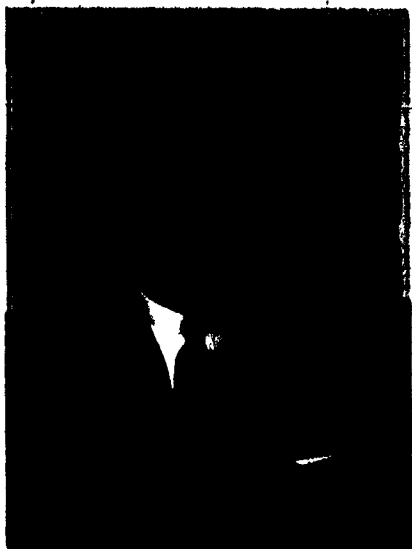
The history of Southern Baptist overseas mission work reflects the high standards maintained for those appointed as missionaries. The past reveals repeated calls for qualified Christian servants who have given evidence of spiritual, physical, and intellectual maturity. In each generation men and women have met the measure and gone to serve.

One recent group of appointees averaged 32 years of age. Most of them will work in their places of overseas service at least 33 years—more than three decades. Those years will be filled with world-changing events, crises, and discoveries.

Those answering the challenge of present world need will have opportunities to prepare for their vocation as have no other missionaries. The teacher, the doctor, the minister, and others will be able to study in the best schools as they struggle to master knowledge that is increasing at an astounding rate. They will prepare with the awareness of the explosive population growth that daily expands the non-Christian world.

A noted educator recently observed that he was teaching "young fogies" because they were preparing for 1965 instead of 1985. The need and the opportunity—indeed, the imperative—is to prepare for life and work 20 years or more in the future.

Present standards for missionary appointees have evolved through the years. The unchanging demands of the mission task are being reinterpreted by missionaries and national Christians. The nature of the work requires



PHOTOS BY W. ROBERT HART AND LAWRENCE H. GREEN

John and Mary Evelyn Divers give testimonies, enjoy reception, gather with other March appointees in home of Dr. and Mrs. Baker J. Cawthen.



PHOTOS BY W. ROBERT HART



candidates who are faithful Christians, spiritually sensitive and motivated, flexible in attitude but unbending in dedication.

One theme often repeated by missionaries in conversation is, "Send us more missionaries, but only those who are committed to sharing the good news and who must seek service overseas because God is leading them."

Each Christian is called upon to discover God's will in his life's work. While not all are called to the same task, each has gifts and unique talents useful in service for God's kingdom.

Men and women who have grown in knowledge of God and his mission call, who have understood their personal dependence upon God through Christ, who have cultivated and maintained physical excellence, who have exercised and disciplined their minds with diligent study, who have shown God's spirit active in Christian service where they now serve—such are the ones who have heard and have had affirmed by fellow Christians their call to go.

Missionaries have long placed great importance on continuing to learn after arriving on the field. Many things have to be experienced to be understood. Yet today a missionary can know much about people and country before he arrives at his destination.

Several missionary couples, before going overseas, are now studying in the U.S. to learn the language of the country where they will serve. Those who learn the language before leaving the homeland, as well as those who spend a part of their first years on the field in language study, will continue to work toward proficiency in their

At left: Bob and Dorothy Evans and her parents talk with Cauthens after appointment. Cauthen gives appointment certificates. Board President Emeritus L. Howard Jenkins greets Henry Whitlows at March reception.

new tongue. The goal is to become more and more effective in the use of the spoken word so that life and witness may be shared.

Laymen who go as missionaries are required to spend at least one year in seminary beforehand. This is a time of intensive study of God's Word and deepening spiritual understanding. They learn of the accomplishments and disappointments of missionaries of other generations; they relive joys and heartaches, victories and defeats of pioneers in the faith. They prepare to be the only individual trained in Christian faith and life that many nationals will ever know.

In one sense, every missionary must be an authority in his field. Missionary doctors are highly skilled, well-disciplined, and compassionate. They are sought by the sick. Even the family and friends of those receiving medical attention are shown a new way of unselfish giving in the name of Christ.

Teachers who have mastered their subjects and gone beyond the minimum in preparing and sharpening teaching skills will have willing pupils.

Ministers with a thorough, growing knowledge of God's work, with experience as devoted shepherds, and with insights developed through persistent efforts will find fulfillment and unparalleled adventure. They will be tried, yet not found wanting. They will live daily in the realm of faith and, supported by the Spirit of God, will be carried beyond their best personal efforts.

Minimum standards for missionary appointees are high. Countries where Southern Baptists now have mission work place certain requirements on new missionaries entering. Indonesia, for example, will allow a missionary dentist to enter only if he has training in dental surgery. Most countries are especially interested in lifting the educational level of their citizens.

National pastors must be able to prepare under able teachers in colleges and seminaries. Whatever requirements a country may place on new missionaries, Southern Baptists are concerned for the needs of the whole man—physical, mental, and

spiritual. No matter how exacting the standards of a country, the demands of the mission task are greater.

One who feels motivated to mission service must plan to prepare. Teachers will need a master's degree in their major field. (Single women may prefer a Master of Religious Education degree.) Preachers will complete college and Bachelor of Divinity work at a seminary. Nurses will complete a course leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

A medical student seeking to serve as a doctor in a mission hospital or clinic is at least six years away from such service when he enters medical school. Men who plan to serve in religious education and church music will take an additional 32 hours in seminary courses beyond basic degrees—courses including theology, biblical studies, and missions.

All missionary candidates—laymen and ministers—must give evidence of mature service in their respective fields.

Foundation of all that is required of missionary candidates is Article IX of the Southern Baptist Convention Constitution: "Missionaries' Qualifications: All missionaries appointed by the Convention's boards must, previous to their appointment, furnish evidence of piety, zeal for their Master's kingdom, conviction of truth as held by Baptists, and talents for missionary service."

The cost of preparation for mission service is high. The cost of supporting a mission family serving overseas is high. We can afford to omit neither.

God still requires an individual to lay down his life, to turn his back on home and family, and to plant roots in places forgotten by man but not by God.

Basic age and family requirements—

Missionary Journeymen: single, college graduates under 27 years of age.

Regular appointees: married or single, ages 24-34.

Special appointees: ages 35-39 (English-language work).

Missionary Associates: ages 35-59, married or single.

Families who do not have teen-age children or whose children are in college or self-supporting would meet the age requirement.

Academic preparation can be made. Physical health can be evaluated and at times improved. Prepare spiritually to hear God's call.



BY LOUIS R. COBBS
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ANATOMY of DECISION

HOW MANY young persons who make a public commitment to foreign missions follow through with the decision and later seek missionary appointment?

Is there a decline in the number of young persons volunteering for foreign missions?

Where are the decisions for missionary service made?

What are the major problems young persons encounter in preparation for overseas missionary assignments?

Available statistics provide answers for some of these questions. Other research projects are in progress.

Do young persons follow through on commitments for missions?

Statistics on this subject are now available only about Foreign Missions Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist assemblies. However, because of the nature of those Confer-

ences and the counseling and follow-up with those who make decisions, findings related to the Conferences probably provide an accurate forecast of results that follow decisions made elsewhere.

In 1956, during the Conferences at Ridgecrest and Glorieta, 132 young persons made decisions indicating they were volunteering for foreign missions. The Volunteer Division of the Department of Missionary Personnel at the Foreign Mission Board sent letters asking each of those to fill out and return a biographical information card. Seventy replied. Those 70 were then sent instructions for writing a brief life sketch. Six prepared a life sketch and 13 (or 9.8 percent of the original number) maintained regular contact with the FMB.

There were 141 young persons who volunteered for missions while attend-

R. Keith Parks chats with couple at Memphis Medical Missions Conference.

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Interested couple confer with Miss Edna Frances Dawkins (left), associate secretary for missionary personnel.

ing Foreign Missions Conferences at the two assemblies in 1957. Twenty-six replied to letters from the personnel department, and eight returned a life sketch. Of the original 141 young persons, 13 (9.2 percent) maintained contact with the Board in the months that followed.

At the 1958 Conferences, 122 young persons indicated they were foreign mission volunteers. Thirty completed and returned the biographical information card, 11 wrote a life sketch, and 10 (8.2 percent) kept in touch with the Board.

In 1964, 192 young persons at the Conferences made commitments for foreign missions. Eighty-eight replied to letters from the Volunteer Division and returned the information form. The 17 who wrote and sent a life sketch represent 8.8 percent of the total group.

These studies do not tell how many of the young persons making mission commitments were later appointed by the FMB, nor do they necessarily mean that 90 percent of them lost interest in missions. The findings do indicate that fewer than one out of 10 of those who made public decisions established and maintained contact with the FMB and began preparing for missionary appointment.

Has the number of young volunteers for foreign missions declined?

In 1964 contact was initiated with 1,257 persons who had expressed a specific interest in foreign missions. Of these, 965 were Intermediates and Young People. The number continues to increase. There are now more than 4,300 Baptists of college age and

younger who are maintaining active correspondence with the personnel department's Volunteer Division.

Where are decisions for missionary service made?

The following information was compiled from questionnaires filled out by 1,350 Southern Baptist missionary candidates, appointees, and furloughing missionaries during the 10-year period, 1955-65. Most of the candidates replying to the questionnaire have now been appointed. Therefore, this summary is based on answers supplied by about two thirds of the present overseas missionary force.

Of the missionaries completing the questionnaire, 35 percent made their public commitment to missions in regular church services. Another 8 percent made their decisions in church revivals. Thus a total of 43 percent registered their decision for foreign missions during services in a church.

Other types of services where decisions were made public: missions day at Southern Baptist seminaries, 13 percent; Ridgecrest and Glorieta, 9 percent; Baptist Student Union conventions and retreats, 4 percent; Royal Ambassador, Girls' Auxillary, and Young Woman's Auxillary programs, 4 percent; various other meetings, 8 percent.

Public commitment to missions was not made by 19 percent of the group prior to the time they applied for appointment by the Board.

Thus, in a representative group of 10 missionaries, four would have made their public decision for missions in a local church, one or more at a seminary missions day, perhaps one at

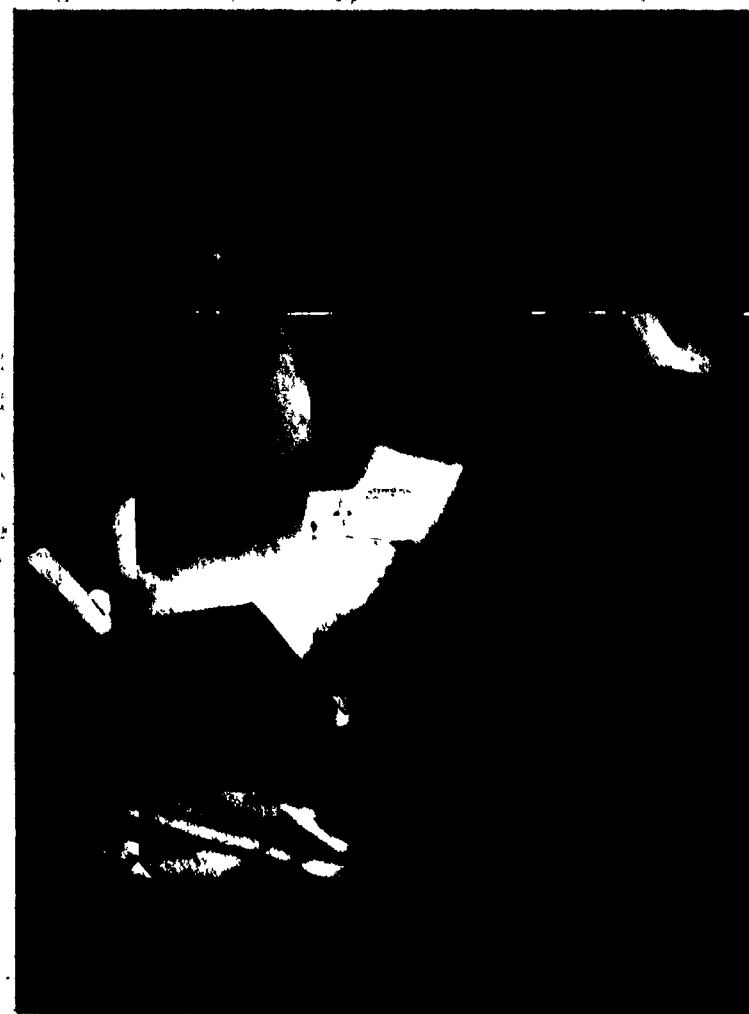
Ridgecrest or Glorieta, two at other types of meetings, and two would have made no public commitment.

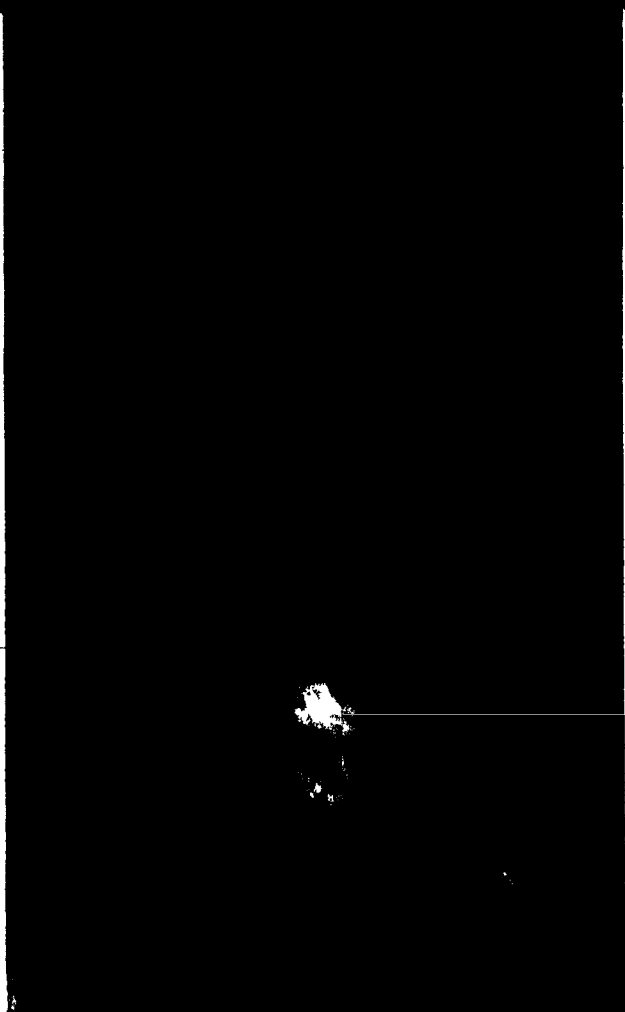
At what age are most decisions for foreign missions made?

Of the missionaries completing the questionnaire, 37 percent said they had reached their decision between the ages of 17 and 24. Another 35 percent made commitment between the ages of 25 and 32; about 12 percent were older than 33.

Initial commitment to missions while

At recent Medical Missions Conference in Richmond, two participants examine volume on missionary martyr.





Lucy B. Wright, emeritus missionary, tells young persons about satisfying service as nurse in China and Korea.

in the 13-16 age range was reported by 13 percent; 3 percent were 12 years of age or younger.

In summary, eight out of 10 missionaries were 17 years of age or older when they decided to prepare for missions.

Most of the time the decision for missionary service had been settled by the individual before a public commitment was made—65 percent said they had fully decided what they should do before making their decision public. Of these, three fourths had reached a decision up to six months prior to their public statement and the remainder had waited one to five years before making their decision public.

Almost three out of four of the missionaries reported they had registered an earlier, less specific decision for Christian service before their commitment for missions. Of those who had made a prior decision, almost two thirds indicated their initial dedication had come after the age of 16; a little more than a third made their first decision before they reached the age of 17.

What are the major problems young persons encounter in preparation for overseas mission service?

The majority of the 1,350 missionaries completing the questionnaire revealed they had faced problems surrounding their decisions. The major hurdles listed: uncertainty about God's will, difficulties in completing college and seminary education, problems

with parents and family, lack of encouragement and guidance from church members and fellow Christians, and factors related to health.

Approximately one out of every three said uncertainty about God's will for their life constituted a major difficulty in preparation. They were not positive God was leading them into foreign missions.

Opposition from parents and family was listed as a hindering element by about one out of four. Such barriers included difficulties arising from marriage to a person who had not felt a call to missions, and questions about taking children to a foreign country.

Completion of college and seminary education was listed as the major problem by one out of five. The rising costs of higher education made it difficult for young persons with limited financial resources to complete the basic educational requirements for missionary appointment.

One out of 10 cited health problems as the chief cause for delay.

Failure to receive guidance and encouragement from their pastor, church, and Christian friends constituted a major problem for about one out of 10.

Many said they had difficulty evaluating their decision. Questions flooded their minds soon after public commitment—Was the decision made in an overly emotional service? Was there undue group pressure? Should counsel be sought regarding the decision? What does the decision mean? Are there factors that will make it difficult to follow through?

Help in pursuing the goal came from several sources. More than six out of 10 gave as the most helpful, single factor the counsel and encouragement of Christian friends. Almost half of those who listed this factor specifically referred to counsel from pastors, Sunday school teachers, church friends, and Baptist Student Work directors; the others spoke of encouragement and guidance from furlough-

ing missionaries and members of the FMB staff.

Others mentioned help from family, assurance received through private devotional practices of prayer and Bible study, and the inescapable conviction that foreign missions was God's will for them.

The basic ingredients included in a decision to follow God's will thus take shape. First is the basic call of God for man to accept salvation provided through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ. God takes the initiative and man responds to God's grace. Christians are to live worthy of their "calling."

Second, God calls men to a variety of Christian ministries and services (I Corinthians 12:1-11). Each Christian has the authority and the responsibility to exercise for the benefit of other persons the gift of ministry he receives.

Third, those called of God should give evidence of their calling by word and deed. Persons called to church vocations must be tested by the church before they are given places of responsibility and service (I Timothy 3:1-7; II Timothy 2:20-26; II Corinthians 4:1-6).

Fourth, those called to church vocations have a responsibility to God and man for their ministries. An example of this twofold responsibility is found in Acts 13:1-3 and I Timothy 3:1-7. At Antioch, the Holy Spirit separated Paul and Barnabas for a specific task but members of the church laid their hands upon them and sent them forth.

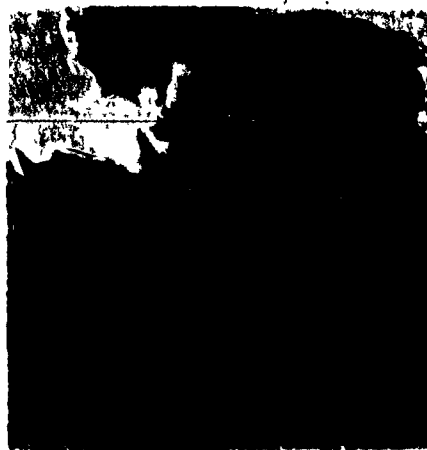
Each person called by God for missionary service must practice the disciplines of the Christian life if he is to serve faithfully. In the lives of Christian workers there are no substitutes for prayer, Bible study, public worship, and Christian fellowship.

Likewise, fellow Christians must faithfully provide instruction, encouragement, and support for those God has called into missionary service.

If your concern to fulfill your place in God's purpose leads you to consider investing your life in missionary service, the Foreign Mission Board's Department of Missionary Personnel stands ready to help. Contact with the Board is not necessarily a commitment to serve overseas. It is rather a quest to know God's leadership. The first step is up to the individual. Address your letter to the Secretary for Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board, SBC, Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230.

VARIETIES of VOCATIONS

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Purpose on the mission field is always the same: to introduce individuals to the Lord Jesus Christ. The work each missionary does differs according to his preparation and the needs of the people he serves.



W. MARINLEY BILLCANB

FIFTEEN YEARS—viewed against the backdrop of the 120-year history of the Foreign Mission Board—is a relatively brief period. Yet the realities of change stand as vividly evident within the past 15 years as in any comparable period of Baptist history.

A few statistics bring into perspective the changes that have, at least in part, contributed to the increasing variety of missionary vocations.

In 1950 slightly more than 800 missionaries served in 27 countries after 105 years of FMB operation. Now, 15 years later, there are 1,932 missionaries (as of May 1) laboring in 56 countries and there is reasonable hope of entering other areas soon.

Total receipts for foreign missions during 1950 reached \$6,014,909.14, exclusive of relief funds. In 1964 Southern Baptists contributed \$23,-891,502.85 for foreign missions.

Baptisms for 1950 totaled 15,620 on the foreign fields; in 1964 there

were 43,403 baptisms reported.

In 1950 M. Theron Rankin was executive secretary. Assisting him as area secretaries were George Sadler (Africa, Europe, and Near East), Everett Gill, Jr. (Latin America), and Baker J. Cauthen (Orient). Personnel secretary was Samuel Maddox. Frank K. Means was secretary for missionary education and promotion, and Louis Seay was business manager. The Board directory on the Table of Contents page of this magazine indicates an almost complete change in staff personnel. In 1950 the entire staff at FMB offices totaled 45; the present staff numbers 136.

Southern Baptists have grown from a constituency of 7,079,889 in 1950 to almost 11,000,000 in 1965.

The area of missionary vocations stands out as one of the most impressive developments in this growth. According to the 1950 *Book of Reports* for the Southern Baptist Con-

vention, there were six types of missionary service—field evangelism, teaching, medical work, publications, orphanages, and good will centers.

Now there are about 40 different areas of missionary vocation requested from the field, as shown by the list on the next page.

Some vocational opportunities are limited, and because they have been filled do not appear on the list. For example, Bill and Jeani Hashman were appointed to Japan in May, 1964, to perform missionary service primarily in the area of physical education. As the first missionary in this capacity, Hashman took to the work a B.A. degree, a year of study at a seminary, and a wealth of experience as teacher and physical education director. Though no similar requests have been submitted from the field, such a future need is not unlikely.

At this moment new opportunities of witness and work are being born

Requested Types of Missionary Vocation

Agriculture
Architecture
Bookkeeping
Book store management
Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work
Business administration
Camp direction
Chaplaincy
Conference direction
Dormitory house parents
English-speaking pastorates
Field evangelism
Good will centers
Graphic arts (industrial)
Mass communications

Medical ministries
Anesthetist
Dentist
Doctor
Hospital administrator
Lab technicians
Nurse
Public health specialist
Music education and promotion
Music and church drama
Press service
Printing
Publications
Radio and TV promotion

Religious education and promotion
School administration
Secretarial work
Social work
Student work
Teaching
Seminary
College
Institute
Secondary school
Primary school
Kindergarten
Training Union work
Women's work

and fashioned in the experiential mill of missionary service.

Many, if not all, of the vocational opportunities have arisen because of the patience, prayer, and vision of earlier missionaries. For instance, the A. J. Terrys in 1920 opened a large school in Brazil on some 70,000 acres deeded to them by the widely-known Nogueira family. Thirty hard and often lonely years passed before H. W. Flite became the first agricultural missionary to North Brazil in 1950 to serve at this same school, now called *Instituto Batista Industrial* (Baptist Industrial School). As this is written an agricultural missionary is needed in Mexico, another in Korea, and two have been requested for East Africa.

The increased variety in missionary vocations appears to be the natural outgrowth and expression of missionary ministry on all the fields. Though some exceptions could be expected, it is generally true that the older the field of service the more varied the opportunities for ministry.

One of the newer fields for Southern Baptists is Vietnam, where Herman and Dottie Hayes entered in October, 1958, after their appointment the preceding April. Nine other couples have joined them since then, all in the "category" of field evangelist. However, groundwork already is being laid for a theological school, now operating

informally under leadership of Missionary Samuel James with assistance of Missionaries Robert Davis, Jr., and Hayes.

In Saigon a missionary couple, Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Myers, Jr. (now on furlough), have undertaken publication work along with their preaching responsibilities. Assisted by four nationals, they published seven books, 17 periodicals, and seven different tracts in 1964 alone. Although all 10 couples were appointed as field evangelists, the vocational opportunities have expanded greatly in just seven years. Requests from Vietnam currently include two doctors, two nurses, a publications worker, a student worker, a seminary teacher, and seven couples for field evangelism.

In Brazil, Southern Baptist work was officially opened in 1881. Missionary pioneers of Brazil are legion and their contributions immeasurable. By 1950 there were 167 at work there. Today there are 264 serving in at least 20 vocational avenues of the gospel.

In briefly tracing the "birth" of some of the missionary vocations in Brazil and the missionaries who pioneered in each type of work the expansion becomes evident. In 1942 the Bible Press was launched by J. J. Cowser. W. H. Berry began the Atlas News Service and radio and TV

work in 1945. Robert Standley, the first missionary pilot, was appointed in 1949. Good will centers were opened in 1953 by Catherine Chappell in Rio de Janeiro and by Edith Vaughn in Recife.

The first missionary appointed to Brazil for music leadership was Bill Ichter in 1956; the next year he began the Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board of Brazil. In 1957 Mattie Lou Bible was the first to be appointed primarily for student work. The William H. Warrens in 1958 began an English-speaking work. In 1960 Italian-speaking work was started with the appointment of A. Amello Giannetta and the first Baptist hospital in Brazil was begun in Fortaleza by Burton Davis. In 1963 Glen Swicegood was the first to be appointed to Brazil in the field of church architecture. And in 1964 Fred L. Hawkins, Jr., already a missionary, became the first general director of the Brazilian Baptist Convention's National Assembly (similar to Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist assemblies).

These two fields—Brazil and Vietnam—clearly demonstrate the spiritual urge for outreach that expresses itself in time by varying vocational ministries. It is precarious to presume upon the future, but it seems unlikely these opportunities will diminish.

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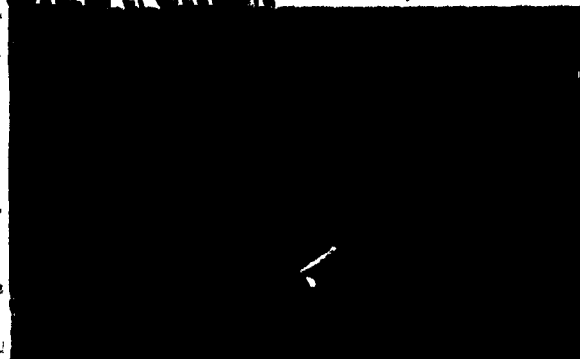
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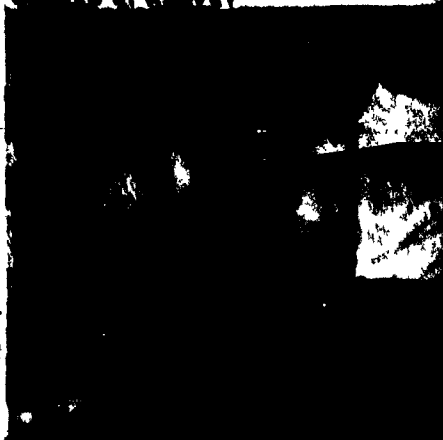
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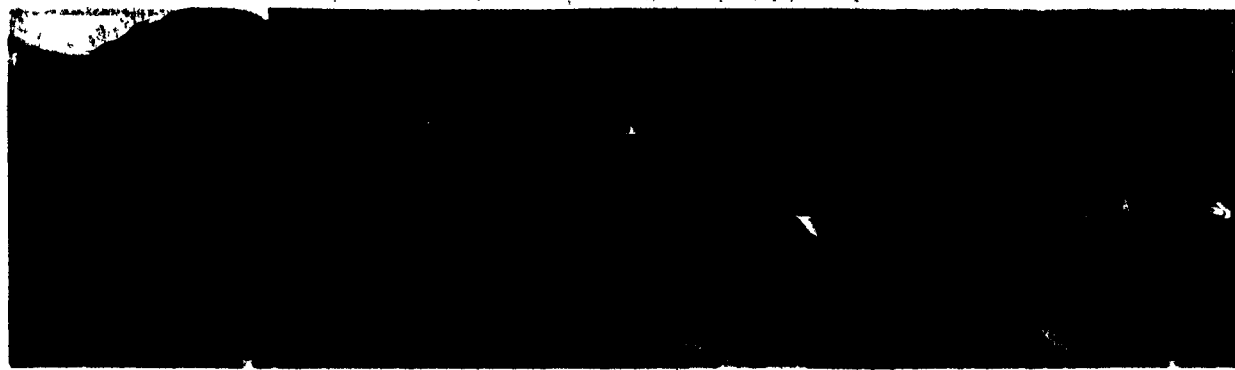
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MY CHURCH-- MISSIONARY SEEDBED



BY BILL G. WEST



PHOTOS BY W. ROBERT HART

MISSIONARIES come out of churches. They may answer God's call to service in summer assemblies, Baptist Student Union activities, or campus revivals, but the local church is the primary influence in the lives of a majority of those who volunteer for missionary service.

Countless mission volunteers have given testimonies to this effect: "It was at college that I made public my decision to surrender my life to God for mission service, but it was when I was a Junior in Girls' Auxilliary that I first began to hear the Lord speak to my heart."

God has peculiarly blessed First Baptist Church of Okmulgee, Okla., by calling out of it a large number of individuals for special service. At present the church has three foreign missionaries on the field, two home missionaries in service and two others looking forward to becoming Tent-makers next August, two volunteers for special service in seminary, three in college, and 20 in junior high and high school. Okmulgee First is not a large church; it has about 1,100 resident members.

A church cannot produce missionaries. It is God's prerogative to call whom he will, when and how he

chooses. The Bible is replete with examples of the fact that God can call men into his service from circumstances seemingly devoid of conducive influences. Some classic examples are the calls of Abraham, Moses, and the apostle Paul.

The climate of William Carey's day was hardly conducive to missionary service. Perhaps that is why there were so few men in England at that time who felt as Carey did. The Bible and history seem to point to the fact that even though God can call men into his service from unlikely circumstances, many more persons sense his call and respond to it in places where the missionary imperative of the church is understood and vocational service is magnified.

The atmosphere of First Church, Okmulgee has not produced the relatively large numbers of volunteers for special service, but it has provided the Holy Spirit a more fertile field in which to work.

Several factors have contributed to the fact that through the years many young persons have gone from Okmulgee First into various fields of Christian service. Perhaps the primary contributing factor is that the church has long possessed a sense of missionary responsibility.

For over 25 years the church has been active and aggressive in establishing missions and branch Sunday

schools. Its first mission work was begun by individuals who took it upon themselves to conduct Sunday afternoon meetings in school buildings and homes in rural communities near Okmulgee. These mission endeavors were financed by the individuals who conducted them. When a mission group had been taught the Word of God and seemed ripe for conversion, the pastor of the church would hold an evangelistic service. In one of these pioneer missions 41 of the 42 persons present for the evangelistic service were converted.

Time came when local mission work became ingrained in the life of the church and received the interest and support of the entire congregation. For years the church has given 30 to 40 percent of its undesignated receipts to direct mission causes. It is not hard to understand why a church that considers missions its business would see a substantial number of its young people commit their lives to missionary service.

The church's strong Woman's Missionary Union program and the participation in the state Convention's summer assembly program have been contributing factors.

It was my good fortune to be pastor of Okmulgee First for nearly seven years. As such I endeavored to make as significant a contribution as I could to the church's missionary

Dr. West was pastor of First Church, Okmulgee, Okla., for nearly seven years before moving to Houston, Tex., in March, 1965, to become pastor of River Oaks Church.



This photo and two on opposite page reflect concern at one of conferences where individuals explore the concept of investing their lives in missions.

spirit and to the spiritual climate in which God seems able to work to the fullest advantage in the hearts of young persons.

A perennial emphasis on missions has appeared in my preaching. It is my conviction that the Christian's destiny is not morality, but world-encompassing evangelism. Morality is important to the Christian; it is to him what muscles are to the athlete—necessary equipment for the realization of his ultimate purpose. The Christian's business is not just to be good; it is to go with the gospel of Jesus. Morality is the Christian's credentials; missions is his destiny. A stress on the believer's privilege and responsibility to invest his life in winning others to Christ is absent from few of my sermons.

In addition I tried to take advantage of every opportunity to have visit our church missionaries who were in the area. Missionary speakers were invited on an average of six or eight times a year, and members have viewed slides of a major number of world mission fields.

This perennial focus on missions was augmented by a substantial, annual missionary emphasis. Two programs during each year eclipsed all others in the stress they received and in the results they produced. One was the annual revival; the other was the accent on foreign missions at Christmas. Our



annual foreign missions emphasis usually lasted six weeks.

Missionary speakers were invited a year or two in advance just as I invited revival preachers. My practice has been to secure the most capable, attractive, and talented missionary speakers. The purpose was to magnify the role of the missionary and, in flesh-and-blood terms, to dispel the false notion that persons become missionaries because they can do nothing else.

The caliber of the missionary men and women who spoke gave evidence that God calls choice persons to be missionaries. Young people have observed that missionaries are not dowdy, inept creatures in ill-fitting clothes who live a hand-to-mouth existence in some remote place. The missionary visitors instilled in many young persons the hope that God would call them to missionary service.

At Okmulgee, the missionary emphasis with the most spectacular success was in the fall of 1964 when the speaker was Jesse C. Fletcher, Foreign Mission Board secretary of missionary personnel. Young persons of the association and two adjoining associations were invited to a Saturday night



Carla Moore, a nurse who is a mission candidate, chats with Mary Ann Faris (right), Baptist Memorial Hospital student activities director, during conference at Memphis. Parents of Carla are the W. Dewey Moores, missionaries serving in Rome, Italy.

Left: Mrs. Harlan L. Willis, missionary nurse, at Richmond meeting.

mission rally. The rally was well publicized and every seat in the church auditorium was filled. Many decisions were made; one was the first public testimony by a young pastor and his wife from our association that they were committing their lives to missionary service.

The strong, deliberate, annual missionary emphasis resulted in a 300 to 400 percent increase in the church's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Even more important, the emphasis caused many of our finest young persons to open their hearts to God's call.

A church is missionary in spirit usually in direct proportion to the mission spirit of the pastor. His emphases, whatever they are, in time will come to be considered the matters the church holds important. A pastor with the lost world on his heart will inevitably lead his congregation to share that burden. Burdened persons act. They will pray for missionaries with more than a pharisaic emptiness. They will give money to missions, not as a token, but in hundreds and thousands of dollars. Young persons will be caught up in the world vision of the church and offer their lives to God for service. God will use many of them.

Of all the individuals who have a responsibility for the cause of Christian missions, the pastor of the local church seems to have the primary responsibility and opportunity, for the church is the seedbed from which missionaries come.

The Priority of Appointing Missionaries

BY ROGERS M. SMITH, *Administrative Associate to the Executive Secretary*

A BASIC FUNCTION in world outreach of a Christian mission agency is the appointing and sending of God-called men and women. Missionaries are the true symbols of genuine interest and concern for the non-Christian peoples of the world.

Appearing to the apostles following his resurrection, Jesus proclaimed, "... repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47).

Some two or three weeks later, on a mountain in Galilee, Jesus declared: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:18-20).

Beginning of Foreign Missions

The formal inauguration of foreign missions is recorded in Acts. "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away" (Acts 13:2-3).

It is true that a missions program could be carried on without missionary personnel from the homeland. Money could be sent to a national convention or group to be administered entirely by them. The funds could be used to employ national workers to do the work of Christian missions, or to buy radio and television time and space in newspapers and magazines for programs and materials prepared locally or in the United States. Mission work also could be done without church buildings, schools, hospitals, clinics, printing and publishing houses, book stores, assemblies, and many other facilities now used.

However, without the missionaries and these implements for their witness the mission program would be limited and circumscribed. The missionary, embodying Christian love and concern, has as his primary function the sharing of his knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ with

those among whom he lives and serves.

He seeks to master the language so he may better communicate the gospel. He tries to understand and appreciate the culture and traditions of the people that he may serve them more acceptably. Upon returning to the U.S. for furlough he spends much of his time in speaking about his adopted land. In this sense he is a good will ambassador from the land of his adoption to his native land.

The appointing of missionaries is necessary to the greater financial undergirding of the missionary program. Persons who give to missionary causes do so primarily because of their love for and obedience to Christ and their awareness of the needs of a lost world. But it is also true that many give more intelligently and become more personally involved as they know some of their own workers who are leading and guiding overseas. Missionaries are known and loved in the homeland. As products of our homes, churches, and schools, they have wide acquaintance among our constituency. When individuals give to missions, they give to promote the cause of Christ overseas through the support of missionaries whom they know either personally or through mission study materials.

Concern Encouraged

The missionary is necessary to our greater prayer support of mission outreach. Again, the missionary is the personal embodiment of the Christian mission movement. Christians at home are interested in the missionary's work, his family, and his relationship to nationals and the programs they jointly support and promote. Church members in the homeland want to pray for missionaries especially during troubled times or when some momentous undertaking is in progress, such as a nation-wide evangelistic crusade. Fellow Baptists are deeply concerned when the missionary or a member of his family faces illness, bereavement, or other sorrow.

There is no way we may fully evaluate the power of prayer support by Christians at home for missionaries overseas. Missionaries themselves consider it indispensable! It is our personal, considered opinion that the

Christian witness abroad would not have nearly the prayer support it has if there were not U.S. missionaries at work there.

The value and importance of sending missionaries is further felt in enlisting the personal interest and involvement of individual Christians at home who thus can identify with missionaries overseas. This becomes particularly evident when special need or crisis arises and our Baptist people become interested and anxious to render aid because of the presence of missionaries. In recent years this was observed following an earthquake in Chile, a flood in East Africa, a typhoon in East Pakistan, and a fire in Hong Kong.

More Must Go

Southern Baptists well know the world will not be won to Christ by missionaries alone. However, we do believe many more missionaries from countries where Christianity is strong must go to lands where Christianity is weak or almost nonexistent. We who truly believe that men everywhere without Christ are lost are obliged to see to it that missionaries are sent to share the gospel.

The appointing of foreign missionaries is a priority consideration. However, our performance does not bear out this conviction. In the U.S. are approximately 50,000 Southern Baptist vocational Christian workers, including pastors, church staff members, denominational workers, teachers, and others.

In Virginia alone, with its 5,000,000 population, there are approximately as many Southern Baptist workers as there are foreign missionaries in 56 countries with a combined population of about 1,312,000,000. This does not include the approximately 110,000,000 residents of European countries where Southern Baptist personnel serve English-speaking groups.

We trust and are confident this disparity will be steadily improved. We are bold to believe there will be multiplied more missionaries called out and qualified and that they will be given increasing financial, prayer, and personal support by our church members here at home.

FOREIGN MISSIONS CLIPBOARD

June, 1965

Foreign Mission Board in May appointed 22 new missionaries and re-appointed one. The Board also approved 49 young persons (from a total of 18 states) to begin eight weeks of training in June for MISSIONARY JOURNEYMAN service. These additions brought overseas staff to 2,002.

One couple among May appointees are to be the first SBC missionaries in North Africa. They will serve among Arabic-speaking persons in MELILLA, a Spanish possession on the coast of Morocco.

Entry into SOUTH-WEST AFRICA (about 526,000 population) was voted by the FMB at request of the Baptist church in Windhoek, the capital.

Decisions reached 550 in MALAYSIAN Baptist Evangelistic Crusade. Nation-wide campaign in strongly Buddhist THAILAND resulted in 163 professions of faith. In each nation, decisions exceeded 20 percent of total church membership. In BRAZIL crusade, still under way, decisions have passed 50,000. The FMB voted to take part in a proposed evangelistic effort throughout Latin America within the next few years.

Revolt in DOMINICAN REPUBLIC caused the two Southern Baptist missionary couples there to be evacuated to Puerto Rico early in May. The wives and children returned to the U.S. Both men missionaries--Howard Shoemaker and Bill Coffman--were able to return to the republic to assist in distribution of food and medicine.

A plan for regional representatives of the personnel department was accepted by the FMB; two would be employed this year and four others later. Located in areas of heaviest concentration of missionary prospects, representatives will facilitate work with potential missionaries.

To provide a measure of relief for medical missions, the FMB has approved a program to send physicians and dentists (35 years of age and older) for one-year periods of "emergency role" service overseas.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

FILE IN YOUR MISSIONARY ALBUM

MARCH 1963



Bailey, Doyle Leon

b. Simaboro, La., Nov. 18, 1936, ed. La. Col., B.A., 1959; SWBTS, B.D., 1963. Summer jobs, 1955, '56, '57, & '58, & clothing salesman, 1960-61, Shreveport, La.; retail salesman, 1957, & shipping clerk, 1957-58, Alexandria, La.; pastor, Liberty Hill (La.) Church, 1957-58 (half-time), Providence Church, Keithville, La., 1958-60, & Liberty Church, Lumberton, La., 1961-63; YMCA staff member, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1959-60. Appointed for Argentina, Mar., 1963. m. Barbara Ann Parsons, Aug. 24, 1957. Perm. address: 3601 Biner Ln., Shreveport, La.

ARGENTINA

Bailey, Barbara Ann Parsons (Mrs. Doyle Leon)

b. Natchitoches, La., Jan. 7, 1939, ed. La. Col., 1957-59; NE. La. State Col., 1963. Sec. & receptionist, Shreveport, La., summer 1957, & 1961-62; sec., Lakeshore Church, Shreveport, summers 1959 & '60. Appointed for Argentina, Mar., 1963. m. Doyle Leon Bailey, Aug. 24, 1957. Children: Amy Lynn, Oct. 26, 1959; Jeffrey Alan, Jan. 8, 1961.



Ballard, James Harold (Jim)

b. Asheville, N.C., May 3, 1934, ed. Mars Hill Col., A.A., 1954; Carson-Newman Col., B.A., 1956; SEBTS, B.D., 1959. Col. cafeteria worker, Mars Hill, N.C., 1952-53; summer jobs, Asheville, N.C., 1953 & '55, & Durham, N.C., 1957; music dir., Manning's Chapel Church, Newport, Tenn., 1954-55, Mt. Carmel Church, near Knoxville, Tenn., 1955-56, & Gues Rd. Church, Durham, 1956-57; pastor, Cane Creek Church, Hillsboro, N.C., 1957-59, Pisgah Forest (N.C.) Church, 1959-62, & Morningside Church, Asheville, 1962-63. Appointed for S. Brazil, Mar., 1963. m. Shirley Joanne Munn, May 31, 1956. Perm. address: c/o Mrs. Lester Munn, 352 State St., Rock Hill, S.C.

SOUTH BRAZIL

Ballard, Shirley Joanne Munn (Mrs. James Harold)

b. Rock Hill, S.C., Mar. 29, 1935, ed. Anderson (Jr.) Col., A.A., 1955; Carson-Newman Col., 1953-56; Elon Col., B.A., 1959. Col. PDX opt., 1953-54, & receptionist, 1954-55, Anderson, S.C.; accounting asst., Rock Hill, summers 1954 & '55; organist, W. End Church, Rock Hill, summer 1954, & Brasstown Church, Durham, N.C., 1957; sec., Jefferson City, Tenn., 1955-56 (part-time), & Durham, 1956-58; private piano teacher, Pisgah Forest, N.C., 1959-62, & Asheville, N.C., 1963-65. Appointed for S. Brazil, Mar., 1963. m. James Harold (Jim) Ballard, May 31, 1956. Children: Carmen Lynne, June 22, 1960; Harold Neal, Jan. 24, 1962.



Beckham, Norman Ray

b. Salinas, Calif., Sept. 26, 1938, ed. Central Mo. State Col., B.A., 1960; MWBTS, B.D., 1963. Custodian, 1956-58 & 1958-59 (part-time), & cook, 1957-60 (part-time), Warrensburg, Mo.; staffer, Glorieta (N.M.) Bap. Assy., summer 1958; appliance salesman, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 1960; school bus driver, N. Kan. City, Mo., 1960-61; sem. campus worker, summer 1961, & retail sales supvr., 1962-63, Kan. City, Mo.; pastor, Mt. Pleasant Church, near Lincoln, Mo., 1961-62, Lakeside Church, Tia Juana, Venezuela, summer 1962, & Clearmont (Mo.) Church, 1963-65. Appointed for Venezuela, Mar., 1963. m. Donna Denicha Matthews, Aug. 6, 1960. Perm. address: c/o Mrs. L. F. Zimmerman, Box 396, Jackson, S.C. 29311.

VENEZUELA

Beckham, Donna Denicha Matthews (Mrs. Norman Ray)

b. Nashville, Tenn., May 23, 1938, ed. Miss. So. Col. (now Univ. of So. Miss.), B.S., 1960; MWBTS, 1962. Clerk-typist, summers 1956 & '57, & typist, summer 1960, Jackson, Miss.; univ. biology lab. instr., 1957-59, & office worker, 1959-60, Hattiesburg, Miss.; staffer, Glorieta (N.M.) Bap. Assy., summer 1958; jr. high school teacher, N. Kan. City, Mo., 1960-63. Appointed for Venezuela, Mar., 1963. m. Norman Ray Beckham, Aug. 6, 1960. Child: Laura Gayle, May 14, 1963.



Brice, George Bealer

b. Florence, S.C., Feb. 7, 1934, ed. Univ. of S.C., 1954-55; Carson-Newman Col., B.A., 1958; S.W.T.S., B.D., 1962. Col. canteen worker, Jefferson City, Tenn., 1955-56; music dir., N. Hills Church, Knoxville, Tenn., 1956-58; shoe salesman, 1958-59; & self-employed contractor, 1959-62, Ft. Worth, Tex.; pastor, Glade Spring (Va.) Church, 1962-63. Appointed for N. Brazil, Mar., 1963. m. Judith Jane (Judy) Hutton, Aug. 16, 1958. Perm. address: Box 428, Winceboro, S. C.

NORTH BRAZIL

Brice, Judith Jane (Judy) Hutton (Mrs. George Bealer)

b. Bristol, Va., Feb. 27, 1937, ed. Carson-Newman Col., 1955-58; Tex. Christian Univ., B.A., 1959, & further study, 1960-61. Window decorator, summer 1953, & nurse's aide, summer 1956, Bristol, Va.; accordion teacher, Bristol, Tenn., summer 1957; student cfr. employee, Jefferson City, Tenn., 1957-58; nurse's asst., Knoxville, Tenn., summer 1958; shoe salesman, 1958-59, & dr.'s sec., 1959-60, Ft. Worth, Tex.; spec. ed. teacher, Arlington, Tex., 1960-62; private piano teacher, 1962-63, & substitute teacher, 1963-65, Glade Spring, Va. Appointed for N. Brazil, Mar., 1963. m. George Bealer Brice, Aug. 16, 1958. Children: Linda Gay & Rebecca Joy (twins), Jan. 12, 1962.



Bryan, Jesse Dwain

b. Downsville, La., Oct. 11, 1936, ed. La. Col., 1955-58; NE. La. State Col., 1958-59; La. Polytechnic Institute, B.A., 1961; N.O.B.T.S., B.D., 1964. Mds. asst. & inspection worker, Alexandria, La., 1953-58; pastor, New Hope Church, Delhi, La., 1956-58, First Church, N. Surrey, Brit. Columbia, Can., summer 1958 (HMB Tentmaker program), Hico Church, Dubach, La., 1958-60, & First Church, Choudrant, La., 1960-63. Appointed for Spain, Mar., 1963. m. Beverly Ann Bailey, June 7, 1958. Perm. address: c/o Elijah Bryan, Rt. 2, Downsville, La. 71234.

SPAIN

Bryan, Beverly Ann Bailey (Mrs. Jesse Dwain)

b. Hodge, La., Mar. 11, 1938, ed. La. Col., 1956-58; NE. La. State Col., 1958-59; La. Polytechnic Institute, B.A.Ed., 1960, & M.A.Ed., 1964. Col. lunchroom employee, 1956-57, & rec. hall attendant, 1957-58, Pineville, La.; kindergarten teacher, Choudrant, La., 1964-65. Appointed for Spain, Mar., 1963. m. Jesse Dwain Bryan, June 7, 1958. Child: Allarie Dwain, Nov. 18, 1959.



Divers, John Daniel

b. Roanoke, Va., Sept. 9, 1927, ed. Univ. of Va., B.A., 1950; S.B.T.S., B.D., 1953; School of Pastoral Care, N.C. Bap. Hosp., Winston-Salem, summer 1955. Summer jobs, Roanoke, 1944, '45, & '48; serviceman, U.S. Army, U.S. & Germany, 1946-47; sem. infirmary employee, 1950-51, & dairy rt. salesman, summer 1952, Louisville, Ky.; HMB summer missionary, Ky., 1951; ministerial intern, First Church, Charlotte, N.C., 1953-55; pastor, Washington & Flat Hill churches, Rappahannock Co., Va., 1955-60, & Westwood Church, Waynesboro, Va., 1960-65. Appointed (special) for Argentina, Mar., 1963. m. Mary Evelyn Hensley, July 18, 1959. Perm. address: c/o J. H. Divers, 1902 Brookfield Dr., SW., Roanoke, Va.

ARGENTINA

Divers, Mary Evelyn Hensley (Mrs. John Daniel)

b. Burnsville, N.C., Sept. 27, 1930, ed. Mars Hill Col., A.A., 1950; Meredith Col., B.A., 1952; Carver School of Missions & Social Work (now merged with S.B.T.S.), M.R.E., 1953; Presbyterian School of Christian Ed., 1958-59. Summer worker, S.S. Dept., 1950 & '51, & T.U. Dept., 1952 & '53, Bap. State Conv. of N.C.; col. PBX mgr., Raleigh, N.C., 1951-52; elem. teacher, Burnsville, 1952-53, & Flat Hill, Va., 1959-60; ed. & youth choir dir., First Church, Thomasville, N.C., summer 1954; children's work dir., First Church, Richmond, Va., 1955-59. Appointed (special) for Argentina, Mar., 1963. m. John Daniel Divers, July 18, 1959. Children: Jeffrey Alan, Apr. 3, 1961; Ellen Ruth, June 23, 1963.



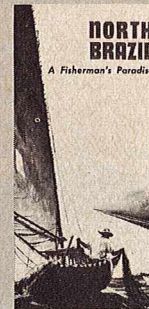
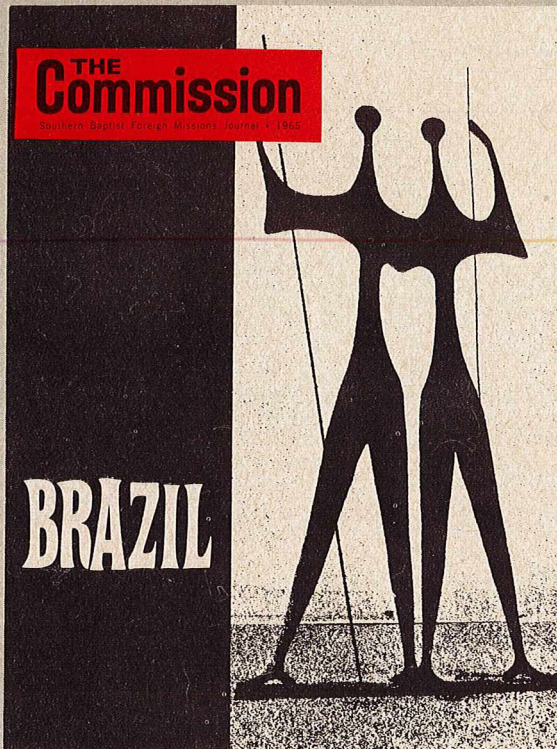
Evans, Bobby Dale

b. Rome, Ga., Oct. 27, 1935, ed. Carson-Newman Col., B.A., 1958; G.O.B.T.S., B.D., 1961. Groc. store employee, Rome, 1952-54, & summers 1955 & '56; book salesman, Manchester, Ky., summer 1957; HMB summer missionary, San Jose, Calif., 1958; assec. pastor, Calvary Church, Redwood City, Calif., 1959-60; substitute postal employee, Milpitas, Calif., 1961-63; pastor, Park Victoria Church (fmly. Ford City Church), Milpitas, 1960-63 (part-time, becoming full-time in 1963). Appointed for Malaysia, Mar., 1963. m. Dorothy Lord Bausum, June 1, 1958. Perm. address: c/o Clabe Evans, Sr., 6 Bluff Rd., Rome, Ga.

MALAYSIA

Evans, Dorothy Lord Bausum (Mrs. Bobby Dale)

b. Kwellia, China, Apr. 11, 1937, ed. Carson-Newman Col., B.S., 1958. Summer worker, Bap. Conv. of Md., 1953; col. library worker, Jefferson City, Tenn., 1955-58; HMB summer missionary, Richmond, Va., 1957, & San Jose, Calif., 1958; elem. teacher, Coyote, Calif., 1958-61; private piano teacher, Milpitas, Calif., 1961-63. Appointed for Malaysia, Mar., 1963. m. Bobby Dale Evans, June 1, 1958. Children: Jenny Ruth, Aug. 23, 1959; Cynthia Annette, May 27, 1961; Mark Thomas & Michael David (twins), Mar. 12, 1963.



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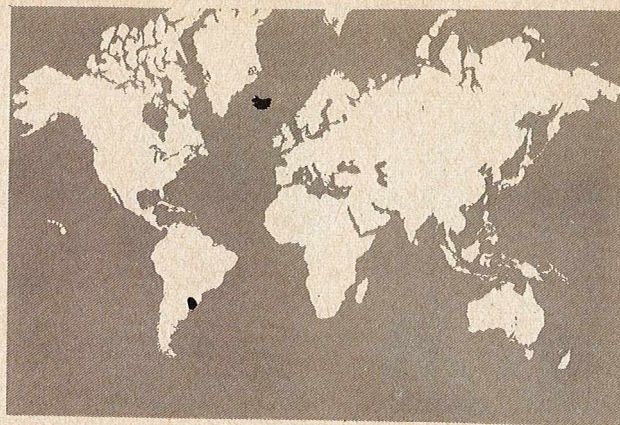
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YOUR MISSION FIELDS



Series presenting capsule views of mission fields.

ICELAND



Population: 185,000.

Size: 39,758 square miles (about the size of Virginia); island in North Atlantic close to Arctic Circle.

Government: Became independent republic in 1944 after long association with Denmark. Capital: Reykjavik.

Language: Icelandic is spoken, but English is also taught throughout school system.

Religion: National church is Evangelical Lutheran but there is complete freedom of worship.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS

Date of entry: 1963 (58th* country entered).

Related to work: One English-language church with 41 members at Keflavik serving the American community, chiefly military personnel.

Present missionary personnel: 2.

At Keflavik

R W and Dale Terry and 2 children

*Missionaries now serve in 56 countries; a few countries once entered now have no missionaries.

URUGUAY

Population: 2,600,000, mostly white and of European background.

Size: 72,172 square miles (slightly larger than Missouri). Uruguay is smallest and most densely populated country in South America.

Government: Republic; recognized as independent state in 1828. Capital: Montevideo.

Language: Spanish, but many other European languages are heard frequently.

Religion: Church and state are separate, first South American republic to take this step. Roman Catholicism is predominant but citizens generally are indifferent to religion; country has been the least responsive to the gospel of any Latin American mission field.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS

Date of entry: 1911 (ninth country entered).

Service center:

Uruguayan Baptist Theological Institute, Montevideo.

Related to work: Uruguay Baptist Convention was organized in 1948; 24 churches have 1,313 members. Elementary school in Conchillas enrolls 190. Radio preaching is used extensively.

Present missionary personnel: 20.

At Conchillas

Ray and Mary Shelton and 4 children (and 1 child no longer on field)

At Durazno

Thomas and Joan Watson and 3 children

At Las Piedras

Jimmie and Norma Spann and 4 children

At Montevideo

James W., Jr., and Peggy Bartley and 4 children

Robert L., Jr., and Ruth Carlisle



and 2 children (and 6 children no longer on field)

Kenneth and Mary Ann Evenson and 2 children

J. D. and Mary Jo McMurray and 2 children (and 2 children no longer on field)

Murray and Dixie Smith and 4 children

At Mercedes

Eugene and Carolyn Dubberly and 3 children

At Treinta y Tres

Roderick and Ruth Anne Smith and 4 children

Field statistics as of Jan. 1, 1965. Missionary personnel information as of May 13, 1965. (Some of the missionary families listed are now on furlough from their assigned stations.)

For current mailing addresses request the *Directory of Missionary Personnel* from the Foreign Mission Board and check "Missionary Family Album" section monthly in THE COMMISSION.



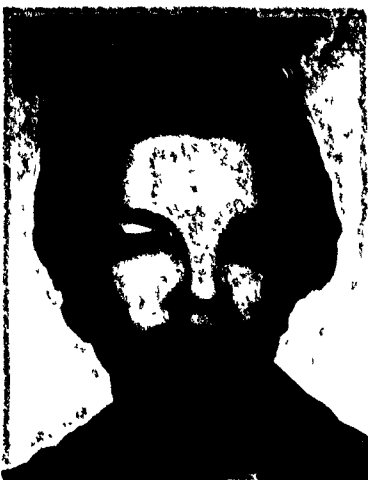
Fricke, Robert Carl (Bob)

b. Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 9, 1928, ed. Arlington State Col., 1946; Baylor Univ., B.A., 1949, & M.A., 1952; SWBTS, B.D., 1953; San Jose State Col., 1953-55; Howard Col., summer 1953; Univ. of So. Calif., 1959-60; Pierce Col., Los Angeles, Calif., 1959-60; San Fernando Valley State Col., 1960; Univ. of Miami, 1961. Cargo handler, 1943-46, & warehouse clerk, 1950-52, Ft. Worth; staffer, Ridgecrest (N.C.) Bap. Assy., 1948; Inviacible (VBS worker), Tex., summers 1949, '50, & '51, & Cuba, summer 1952; pastor, Mexican Mission of Hickory St. Church, Dallas, Tex., 1950-51; & First Mexican Church, Bastrop, Tex., 1952-53; teacher, Sunnyvale, Calif., 1953-55, Tarrant City, Ala., 1955-56, & Los Angeles, 1960-61; HMB missionary, Havana, Cuba, 1956-58, & missionary pastor, 1958-59 & 1961-62, Miami, Fla.; HMB Spanish missions dir., Miami, 1962-65. Appointed (special) for Mexico, Mar., 1963, m. Anne Marlon Chambers, Aug. 14, 1953. Perm. address: 1811 Harrington Ave., Ft. Worth, Tex.

MEXICO

Fricke, Anne Marlon Chambers (Mrs. Robert Carl)

b. Haleyville, Ala., Apr. 10, 1931, ed. Howard Col., 1947-48; Baylor Univ., B.A., 1951; San Jose State Col., 1953; SWBTS, 1952-53. Staffer, Ridgecrest (N.C.) Bap. Assy., summer 1948; Inviacible (VBS worker), Tex., summers 1951 & '53; teacher, Gilroy, Calif., 1951-52, Sunnyvale, Calif., 1953-54, Cupertino, Calif., 1954, & Los Angeles, Calif., 1959-61; HMB missionary, Havana, Cuba, 1956-58, & missionary homemaker, Miami, Fla., 1958-59 & 1961-63. Appointed (special) for Mexico, Mar., 1963, m. Robert Carl (Bob) Fricke, Aug. 14, 1953. Children: David Michael, May 2, 1955; Lynda Carol, Oct. 11, 1957; Karl Stephen, Mar. 27, 1959; Mark Alan, June 6, 1961.



Jacks, Hal Kenneth

b. Greenville, S.C., Nov. 29, 1934, ed. Mars Hill Col., A.A., 1954; Furman Univ., B.A., 1956; NOBTS, B.D., 1959. HMB Tentmaker, Wash., summer 1954; HMB summer missionary, N.M., 1955; office clerk, 1955-56, & mill worker, summer 1956, Greenville; Bap. Book Store clerk, New Orleans, La., 1956-59; pastor, Gray Hill Church, W. Point, Ga., 1959-61 (mission, becoming church in 1960), & Wedowee (Ala.) Church, 1961-63. Appointed for Indonesia, Mar., 1963, m. Lillian Carol Arnett, July 31, 1959. Perm. address: c/o Charlie C. Arnett, Box 152, Lanett, Ala. 36863.

INDONESIA

Jacks, Lillian Carol Arnett (Mrs. Hal Kenneth)

b. Lanett, Ala., June 16, 1935, ed. Howard Col., B.S., 1957; NOBTS, 1958-59, Col. prof's sec., Birmingham, Ala., 1954-57; HMB summer missionary, N.M., 1956, & Ohio, 1957; teacher, Crestview, Fla., 1957-58, & W. Point, Ga., 1960-61 (part-time); sem. library asst., New Orleans, La., 1958-59; substitute high school teacher, Lanett, 1959-60. Appointed for Indonesia, Mar., 1963, m. Hal Kenneth Jacks, July 31, 1959. Children: Hal Kenneth, Jr., June 28, 1961; David Nell, Aug. 28, 1963; Rebecca Lynn, Oct. 2, 1964.



Page, Wendell Lee

b. Ozark, Mo., Oct. 18, 1935, ed. Univ. of Mo., 1953; SW. Bap. Col., A.A., 1955; SW. Mo. State Col., B.A., 1957; SEBTS, B.D., 1960. Cleaner's deliveryman, Bolivar, Mo., 1954-55; pastor, Pleasant Hill Church, Everton, Mo., 1954-55, Brookline (Mo.) Church, 1956-57, Bethlehem Church, Youngsville, N.C., 1958-60 (half-time), NE. Church, Miami, Okla., 1960-62, & First Church, Afton, Okla., 1962-63; shoe store worker, Raleigh, N.C., 1957-59 (part-time); BSU dir., NE. Okla. A & M Col., 1960-61 (part-time). Appointed for Fr. W. Indies, Mar., 1963, m. Margaret Katherine Andrews, Sept. 1, 1957. Perm. address: c/o E. M. Andrews, 3028 Wall St., Joplin, Mo.

FRENCH WEST INDIES

Page, Margaret Katherine Andrews (Mrs. Wendell Lee)

b. Springfield, Mo., Oct. 20, 1937, ed. SW. Mo. State Col., 1955-57. Jewelry store clerk, Springfield, Mo., 1955-57 (full-time in summers, part-time during school); investment firm employee, Raleigh, N.C., 1957-60. Appointed for Fr. W. Indies, Mar., 1963, m. Wendell Lee Page, Sept. 1, 1957. Children: Stephen Lee, Mar. 8, 1960; Douglas Eugene, Mar. 18, 1962.



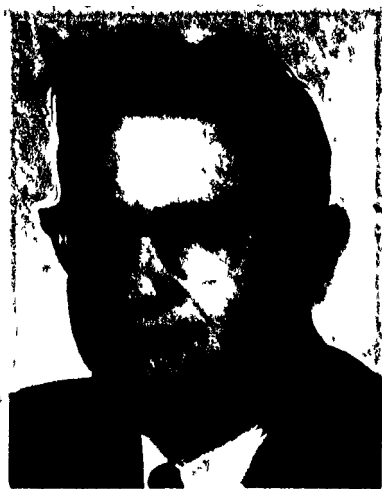
Potter, Paul Edwin

b. Webster Co., Mo., Dec. 19, 1932, ed. SW. Bap. Col., 1953-55; SW. Mo. State Col., B.S., 1957; SEBTS, B.D., 1960. Groc. store employee, Marshfield, Mo., 1948-54; pastor, Pleasant Valley Church, Rogersville, Mo., 1954-55 (half-time), Good Hope Church, Marshfield, 1954-57 (part-time, becoming full-time in 1955), Pleasant View Church, Bedford, Ky., 1958-60, & First Church, Paris, Mo., 1960-63. Appointed for Dominican Rep., Mar., 1963, m. Nancy Ann Roper, July 3, 1957. Perm. address: c/o F. D. Roper, 579 N. Clay, Marshfield, Mo. 65706.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Potter, Nancy Ann Roper (Mrs. Paul Edwin)

b. Springfield, Mo., Feb. 22, 1935, ed. Cottey (Jr.) Col., 1953-55; Univ. of Mo., B.S.Ed., 1957. Col. office worker, Nevada, Mo., 1954-55 (part-time); univ. steno., Columbia, Mo., 1955-57 (part-time); high school home ec. teacher, Henryville, Ind., 1957-59; U.S. Census Bureau employee, Jeffersonville, Ind., summer 1958. Appointed for Dominican Rep., Mar., 1963, m. Paul Edwin Potter, July 3, 1957. Children: Susan Kay, May 11, 1959; David Alan, May 17, 1961.



Thetford, Randall Lee

b. Gettysville, Tex., Dec. 14, 1930. ed. Howard Payne Col., B.A., 1952; GOBTS, B.D., 1959. Pastor, First Church, Pleasant Valley, Tex., 1959-61 (half-time); First Church, San Antonio, Calif., 1961-62; & First Church, Des Moines, N.M., 1962-63; warehouse employee, summer 1963; & constr. worker, 1963, Seagraves, Tex.; machinist, 1962-63, & ink maker, 1966-69, Berkeley, Calif.; sewing worker, Tualuma, Calif., 1961-63; lumber & carpentry jobs, San Antonio, 1963; HMB missionary, Los Angeles, Calif., 1969-69, & Windsor, Ariz., 1969-69; ins. salesman, Dallas, Tex., 1969; computer, Colorado Springs, Colo., & Clovis, N.M., 1969. Appointed for the Philippines, Mar., 1965. m. Priscella Lee Keel, July 13, 1951. Perm. address: Rt. 1, Box 212, Seagraves, Tex. 79359.

PHILIPPINES

Thetford, Priscella Lee Keel (Mrs. Randall Lee)

b. Stamford, Tex., Dec. 17, 1931. ed. Howard Payne Col., 1950-52; GOBTS, 1967; Ariz. State Col., 1961 (by correspondence). High school grader, 1960, & substitute teacher, 1963-65, Des Moines, N.M. Appointed for the Philippines, Mar., 1965. m. Randall Lee Thetford, July 13, 1951. Children: Randa Lynn, Feb. 24, 1953; Grace Lacene, Aug. 29, 1954; Timothy Allen, July 26, 1956; Lois Rachel, Dec. 27, 1958.



Thorne, Dale Grant

b. Yale, Okla., Jan. 7, 1938. ed. Okla. Bap. Univ., B.S.Ed., 1960; SWBTS, B.D., 1964. Music dir., Mayfair Church, 1954-55, & photo finishing co. employee, 1955-56, Tulsa, Okla.; music & youth dir., First Church, Wetumka, Okla., 1957-60; serv. sta. attendant, 1957-58, & univ. custodian, 1958-60, Shawnee, Okla.; HMB summer missionary, Portland, Ore., 1960; teacher, George W. Truett Children's Home, Petah Tikva, Israel, 1960-61; pastor, Seventh St. Church, Wewoka, Okla., 1961-65. Appointed for Israel, Mar., 1965. m. Anita Marie White, Aug. 3, 1957. Perm. address: 1939 N. Denver, Tulsa, Okla.

ISRAEL

Thorne, Anita Marie White (Mrs. Dale Grant)

b. Hominy, Okla., Feb. 8, 1938. ed. Univ. of Tulsa, 1956-57; Okla. Bap. Univ., B.S.Ed., 1957-60. Univ. prof.'s sec., Shawnee, Okla., 1959-60; HMB summer missionary, Portland, Ore., 1960; teacher, George W. Truett Children's Home, Petah Tikva, Israel, 1960-61; steno., Ft. Worth, Tex., 1961. Appointed for Israel, Mar., 1965. m. Dale Grant Thorne, Aug. 3, 1957. Child: John Philip, June 3, 1961.



Whitlow, Henry Stephen

b. Shreveport, La., June 23, 1938. ed. Ouachita Bap. Col. (now Univ.), B.A., 1960; E. Tex. State Col., M.S. in Library Science, 1961; SWBTS, 1964-65. Staffer, Glorieta (N.M.) Bap. Assy., summer 1956; music dir., First Church, Hope, Ark., 1958-59 (part-time); First Church, Idabel, Okla., 1959 (part-time); Beech St. Church, Gurdon, Ark., 1959-60 (part-time); & First Church, DeKalb, Tex., 1960-61 (part-time, becoming full-time); col. graduate asst. in library science, Commerce, Tex., 1961; col. asst. librarian, Arkadelphia, Ark., 1961-64; sem. library cataloging dept. asst., Ft. Worth, Tex., 1964-65 (part-time). Appointed for Hong Kong, Mar., 1965. m. Betty Kathryn Krudwig, Aug. 30, 1958. Perm. address: c/o Mr. & Mrs. Joe Krudwig, 1128 Jefferson, Malvern, Ark.

HONG KONG

Whitlow, Betty Kathryn Krudwig (Mrs. Henry Stephen)

b. DeQueen, Ark., Apr. 11, 1937. ed. Ouachita Bap. Col. (now Univ.), B.A., 1960; SWBTS, 1964-65. Typist, 1954-55 (part-time), & clerk-typist, 1955-56, Malvern, Ark.; col. typist, 1956-60 (part-time); & ed. sec., First Church, 1962-64 (part-time), Arkadelphia, Ark.; summer worker, T.U. Dept., Ark. Bap. State Conv., 1957; sec., Shreveport, La., summer 1958; col. prof.'s sec., Commerce, Tex., 1961; sem. prof.'s sec., Ft. Worth, Tex., 1964. Appointed for Hong Kong, Mar., 1965. m. Henry Stephen Whitlow, Aug. 30, 1958. Child: Jason Stanley, Nov. 11, 1964.

INVITATION

TO THE

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD RECEPTION

4:00-6:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1965

GRAND BALLROOM, STATLER HILTON HOTEL, DALLAS, TEXAS

(Southern Baptist Convention will not be in session Wednesday afternoon.)

About 200 furloughing missionaries and appointees will be present as well as Foreign Mission Board staff personnel. A number of the missionaries will be wearing national costume of the countries where they serve. (Cameras welcome.)

FAMILY ALBUM

APPOINTMENTS (May)

ADAMS, John Truett, Tex., & Martha Mae Scharbauer Adams, Tex., *Tanzania* (Box 515, Seminole, Tex. 79360).
 ALLEN, Bobby Eugene, Ark., & Barbara Janette Fleeman Allen, Ark., *Indonesia* (920 Treasure Rd., Garland, Tex. 75040).
 BICKERSTAFF, Nona Kay, Tex., *Bahama Islands* (Box 22562, Ft. Worth, Tex. 76115).
 GAYLE, James Merrill (Jim), Tex., & Margaret Faye McMahon Gayle, Tex., *Vietnam* (705 W. 9th, Corsicana, Tex.).
 GROSSMAN, Paul Henry, Ind., & Peggy Ann Chamberlin Grossman, Ky., *Liberia* (Box 252, Taylorsville, Ky. 40071).
 HOWARD, Dora Edna, Ind., *E. Pakistan* (Box 288, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40206).
 JOHNSON, Robert Elton, Jr., Ala., & Joy Le Anne Emery Johnson, Mo., *S. Brazil* (304 E. Longfellow, Kansas City, Mo.).
 LAFFOON, Robert Glenn (Bob), Mo., & Hannah Edith Baker Laffoon, Mo., *Tanzania* (Tuberculosis Annex, Charity Hospital, Lafayette, La.).
 LIGON, William Theophilus (Bill), Ala.,

& Dorothy Jean Reeves Ligon, Fla., *Spain* (2108 Jerry Jones Dr., Valdosta, Ga.).

NEWTON, Joseph Allen, Fla., & Nancy Lee Walker Newton, Tenn., *N. Africa* (Box 56, Parkton, N.C. 28371).

PATRICK, Russell Allen, Mo., & Nancy Lou Lemoins Patrick, Mo., *Colombia* (1301 Kentucky NE., Albuquerque, N.M.).

RILEY, Charles Duane, Okla., & Mattie Lou Davis Riley, Okla., *S. Brazil* (Star Rt., Box 29, Pryor, Okla. 74361).

ADDRESS CHANGES

Arrivals from the Field

AUSTIN, Stella A. (*Nigeria*), Rt. 1, Box 404, Lenoir, N.C. 28645.

CATHER, Rev. & Mrs. Douglas C. (*Ghana*), 39 24th St., Bristol, Tenn.

FULLER, Rev. & Mrs. Ronald W. (*Hong Kong*), c/o J. J. Montgomery, 5900 E. 60th St., N., Kan. City, Mo.

GRIFFIN, Rev. & Mrs. Bennie T. (*Nigeria*), 1303 E. 25th St., Bryan, Tex.

GRIFFIN, Rev. & Mrs. Clarence O. (*Indonesia*), 406 Baldwin St., Greenwood, S.C.

HIGHFILL, Virginia B. (*Japan*), 2901 Bon Air Ave., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105.

KENDRICK, Bertie Lee (*Hawaii*), 102 Georgia St., Spindale, N.C. 28160.

KUBE, Ruth P. (*Nigeria*), Rhoadesville, Va. 22542.

LLOYD, Rev. & Mrs. Robert H. (*Argentina*), Box 121, Munday, Tex. 76371.

MARTIN, Rev. & Mrs. O. D. Jr. (*N. Brazil*), 2525 Fenestra, Dallas, Tex. 75228.

MILLER, Rev. & Mrs. Charles L. (*Philippines*), 3330 Riverside Dr., Ft. Myers, Fla.

OLIVER, DeVellyn (*Philippines*), Hampton, Ark. 71744.

REDMON, Rev. & Mrs. Donald H. (*Costa Rica*), c/o C. H. Redmon, 322 College Ave., Panama City, Fla.

SAUNKEAH, Rev. & Mrs. Jasper, Jr. (appointed to *Argentina*), 2435 NW. 33rd St., Okla. City, Okla.

WALKER, Dr. & Mrs. Jack E. (*Tanzania*), 7050 Casa Loma, Dallas, Tex.

WATKINS, Elizabeth T. (*Japan*), c/o Mrs. Harriet B. Ellis, 659 E. Sanford Ave., Auburn, Ala. 36830.

WELLS, Rev. & Mrs. Frank S. (*Indonesia*), 3870 Happiness Ave., Montgomery, Ala.

WILLIAMS, Thelma (*Hong Kong*), 7106 W. Victoria, Kennewick, Wash. 99336.

Departures to the Field

BRYAN, Rev. & Mrs. Jesse D., c/o Charles Whitten, Francisco de Goya 5, Madrid 16, *Spain*.

CLARK, Rev. & Mrs. G. Harold, Box 332, Ipoh, *Malaysia*.

FERRELL, Rev. & Mrs. William H., Wineberg 3016, Olivos, Province of Buenos Aires, *Argentina*.

Appointees Given Yoruba Hymnal

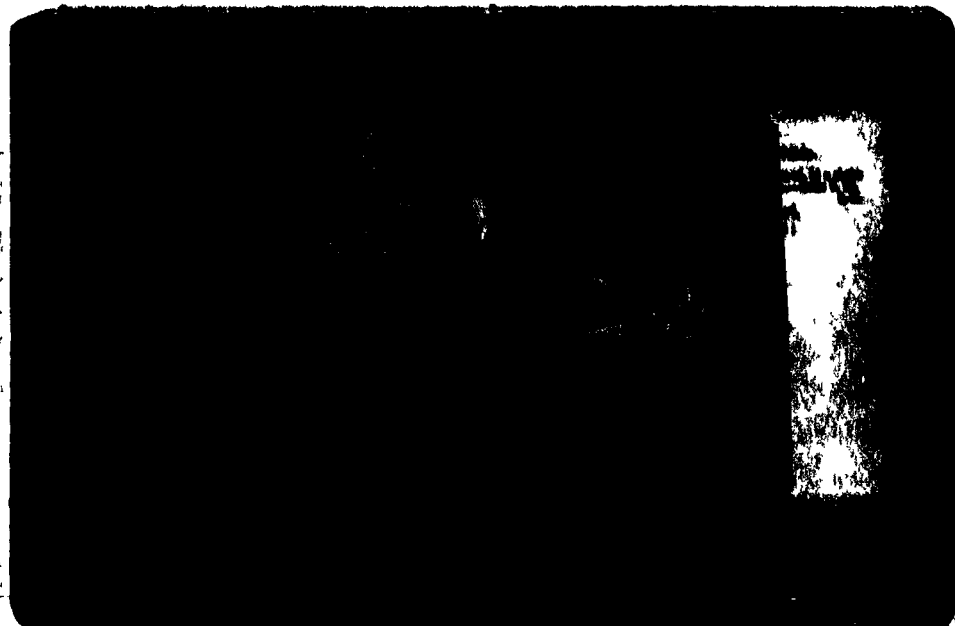
Sixty years ago Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson (the former Amy Compere), then a little girl, lived in Ogbomoso, Nigeria, where her parents were Southern Baptist missionaries. In April of this year Mrs. Hickerson, now a Foreign Mission Board member living in Richmond, Va., gave away a memento of that mission field—but kept it in the family.

Art Compere, appointed by the FMB with his wife Doris to serve in Nigeria, is a cousin of Mrs. Hickerson. To the Compere Mrs. Hickerson presented a Yoruba hymnal

that had belonged to her father, J. D. Compere. Yoruba is a major tribal group of Nigeria.

It was mission service that had brought the ancestors of Compere and Mrs. Hickerson to America. Lee and Susanna Compere—Mrs. Hickerson's great-grandparents and Art Compere's great-great grandparents—sailed to Jamaica from England in 1815 as Baptist missionaries. They moved to the U.S. in 1817 and Compere served in pioneer Baptist work in several southern states.

PHOTOS BY LAWRENCE R. SHEDDEN



Two hymnal pages showing a title inscribed in English.

Mrs. Clyde Hickerson explains her father's hymnal in Yoruba language to the Art Compere.



GARDNER, Hattie Mae, Bap. Mission, Okuta via Shaki, *Nigeria*.
 HAMPTON, Rev. & Mrs. James E., Bap. Sem., Box 799, Arusha, *Tanzania*.
 HANCOCK, Elaine, 169 Boundary St., Kowloon, *Hong Kong*.
 JOHNSON, Rev. & Mrs. D. Calhoun, Casilla 160, Antofagasta, *Chile*.
 JOHNSON, Pearl, Box 124, Chiayi, *Taiwan, Rep. of China*.
 MASTERS, Helen Ruth, Bap. Welfare Ctr., Ire, via Oshogbo, *Nigeria*.
 OWENS, Sr. & Mrs. J. T., Apartado 689, Torreón, Coahuila, *México*.
 ROBERSON, Rev. & Mrs. Cecil F., Box 300, Yaba via Lagos, *Nigeria*.
 ROBISON, Rev. & Mrs. Oren C., Jr., Box 48, Benin City, *Nigeria*.
 SANDERS, Rev. & Mrs. Edward O., Djl. Suroto 4, Jogjakarta, *Indonesia*.
 TROOP, Rev. & Mrs. J. Eugene, Caixa Postal 116, Itabuna, Bahia, *Brazil*.
 WESTMORELAND, Rev. & Mrs. James N., Bap. Mission, P.M.B. 35, Gatooma, *Rhodesia*.

Language School

(Apartado Aéreo 4035, San José, *Costa Rica*):
 DIVERS, Rev. & Mrs. John D. (*Argentina*).
 HARLAN, Mr. & Mrs. R. Dean (*Venezuela*).
 MINES, Rev. & Mrs. Donald E. (*Argentina*).

On the Field

BELLINGER, Mr. & Mrs. Robert N., Box 1416, Monrovia, *Liberia*.
 BROCK, Rev. & Mrs. L. R., Jr., Caixa Postal 178, Recife, Pernambuco, *Brazil*.
 BURKS, Dr. & Mrs. Edgar H., Jr., Bap. Headquarters, Ibadan, *Nigeria*.
 CAIN, Rev. & Mrs. William H., 46, Rue Henri IV, Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, *F.W.I.*
 CANNATA, Dr. & Mrs. S. R. J., Jr., Sesami Bap. Mission, P.O. Gokwe, *Rhodesia*.
 CLARK, Mary, Shona Language School, P. O. Watsomba, *Rhodesia*.
 CROMER, Rev. & Mrs. Ted E., Box 1416, Monrovia, *Liberia*.
 FAIRBURN, Margaret, Box 1416, Monrovia, *Liberia*.
 FRAY, Rev. & Mrs. Marion G., Jr., Sesami Bap. Mission, P.O. Gokwe, *Rhodesia*.
 GERLOFF, Mr. & Mrs. John L., Sr. (assoc.), Box 1416, Monrovia, *Liberia*.
 GILLESPIE, Rev. & Mrs. A. L. (Pete), 25 of 7, 1-chome, Uenosaka, Toyonaka, *Osaka, Japan*.
 GRAVES, Dr. & Mrs. William W. (*Argentina*), c/o das Goethe Institut, 776 Radolfzell/Bodensee, Furstenbergstr. 1, *Germany*.
 GUESS, Rev. & Mrs. William J. (assoc.), 8 Munchen Pasing, Kornbergeweg 10, *W. Germany*.
 HILL, Dr. & Mrs. Ronald C., Bap. Mis-



With plaque honoring Miss Teal are (left to right) Mrs. Kathryn Ransbotham, nursing school director; Miss Teal; Dana Hudson, retired director of the school who presented the plaque; and Pastor Don Hazel.

Plaque Honors Emeritus Missionary

Her missionary spirit still active in her mid-80's, Edna Earle Teal was honored for missionary service by a plaque presented to Georgia Baptist Hospital early in April. The emeritus missionary, who was 86 on April 15, received a standing ovation from hundreds of nurses and staff members.

Born in Villa Rica, Ga., Miss Teal graduated from Georgia Baptist Hospital nursing school in 1908, when the hospital was still known as Tabernacle Infirmary. She was superintendent of nurses there in 1909-10.

In 1910 she went to China as one of the first Southern Baptist missionary nurses. She served as nurse, evangelist, and nursing instructor until imprisoned by the Japanese in 1942. Released in 1943, she returned to Villa Rica to retire.

"God needs nurses all over the world," Miss Teal told the nurses as she received the plaque. "If you have any idea that he might be calling you to a mission field as a Christian nurse,

don't fight the call. Keep praying; then go."

"Miss Edna probably has witnessed to and won to Christ more people in Villa Rica than all the pastors there combined," declared her pastor, Don Hazel. "The first question she asks every person she meets is, 'Are you a Christian?'"

"If she knows a young person is already a Christian, her first question is, 'Why can't you go to the mission field?'" added Hazel.

Until she broke her hip a year ago "she walked into downtown Villa Rica, about 10 blocks from her home, every day, stopping at homes along the way to witness for Jesus and to leave evangelistic tracts," reported the pastor. Living on retirement income, "she buys Bibles for many of the young girls in our church. Every financial gift she ever gets goes directly into a mission offering in our church."

The plaque will be placed in the nurses' dormitory.

sion, Box 832, Bangkok, *Thailand*.
 HUGHES, Rev. & Mrs. R. Brown, Caixa Postal 184, Salvador, Bahia, *Brazil*.
 McELRATH, Rev. & Mrs. William N., Djl. Hegarmanah Kulon 34, Bandung, *Indonesia*.
 MOORHEAD, Rev. & Mrs. Marion F., 19/7, 2-chome, Uehara-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, *Japan*.
 OLIVER, Rev. & Mrs. Edward L., 3656, Usyuku-cho, Murasakibara, Kagoshima Shi, *Japan*.
 OODY, Mr. & Mrs. T. Eugene (assoc.), Box 1416, Monrovia, *Liberia*.
 PATE, Mavis, Box 99, Ramna, Dacca 2, *E. Pakistan*.

SANDERSON, Rennie (Miss), 1-9, 6-chome, Ohi, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo, *Japan*.
 SENTER, Rev. & Mrs. Arville E., Box 20395, Dar es Salaam, *Tanzania*.
 STEPHENS, Marjorie L., Bap. Headquarters, Box 5113, Ibadan, *Nigeria*.
 STEWART, Rev. & Mrs. Robert R., Bangkla Bap. Hosp., Amphur Bangkla, Chacheungsao, *Thailand*.
 TRIBLE, Rev. & Mrs. C. Lamar, Casilla 9796, Santiago, *Chile*.
 WILSON, Mr. & Mrs. Gene O., Caixa Postal 3088, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, *Brazil*.

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EPISTLES

Rave Review

Kay (Mrs. John P.) Wheeler
Rüschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland



We delayed advertisements until I was sure I would feel well enough to conduct, so the only ad for the concert of the Baptist Theological Seminary choir appeared the day of the performance.

The single ad was seen by Mr. Heftl, recognized as one of the leading musical exponents in the surrounding communities, who came with his wife to the concert in the seminary chapel. He seemed to enjoy it and asked afterward if he could write a critique for the newspaper.

In translation, this is part of what he wrote:

"The young choir of the Baptist seminary presented last Friday, without much publicity and without an entrance fee, one of their first concerts of music. In the acoustically light room of the chapel there were not more than 80 persons in the audience. However, the choir, consisting of 10 women and eight men, presented itself in a grand manner, which did not alter the skepticism with which this writer had gone to the concert.

"This skepticism, nevertheless, be-

gan to fade in the opening measures of the 'Adoramus Te Christe' of G. P. da Palestrina and an enthusiasm took its place which grew throughout the presentation until the writer was carried away with emotion. In a powerful and the program moved from the polyphony of the 16th century through the Bach motet, 'Jesu, meine Freunde,' to the jewels of Russian church music, and ended with four fascinating Negro spirituals.

"The demands of the text, the intonation, the dynamics, and the rhythms must be very highly estimated. Still, the way and manner in which the seminary choir mastered these was perfect and astounding as well. That 18 persons, who were sometimes singing six-part arrangements with an intensive tone quality (one was reminded of a jubilant organ!), could accomplish this is absolutely unexpected . . .

"The seminary choir can be compared to a bush that, somewhere in the shade of a park, modest and unnoticed, prepares its wonderful blossoms. This concert of sacred music demonstrated, with the exclusion of all publicity, such a miracle. Here, in all quietness, a small choir has come into being which deserves already the highest of musical acclaim. . . ."

Seminary administration building, Rüschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland.



Decision at 77

D. Curtis Askew
Tokyo, Japan

It was a time of rejoicing for Mrs. Sekino, the "grandmother" of Senkawa Baptist Church, Tokyo.

Her daughter, Mrs. Okamoto, a middle-aged mother, had just finished her confession of faith before the church, asking for baptism.

Now her husband, age 77, stood to give his confession of faith. He stumbled a little when he stood, and I thought I might need to aid him, but he righted himself. Though he held a written copy of his confession in his hand, he spoke without referring to it.

He told how for 60 years he had encountered the Christian faith in various ways, but had stumbled through those years without a decision for Christ. For more than a decade he served as professor at Seinan Gakuin, Baptist college. In that warm, Christian fellowship he had been led close to a decision, but somehow resisted.

In fact, it was only the previous Thursday afternoon as I sat in his home that he first expressed this decision. As had happened many times before, he seemed to want to argue some fine point in the Bible and to avoid the central matter of personal salvation.

Suddenly his attitude changed. "When I had my heart attack a few years ago, the doctor told me to avoid any sudden shock," he said. "Therefore, I think I must not be baptized, but I am ready to give my confession of faith in Christ before the church, if permitted to do so."

Taken by surprise, I asked him to repeat his statement.

Throwing off all pretense of self-righteousness that had characterized him, he said, "All these years I've considered myself a sincere seeker after God. However, I've tried to become perfect before I became a Christian. Now I know that is impossible. I am trusting Christ alone as my Saviour. I would like to make this confession before the church."

There was no time for a sermon Sunday morning after hearing the stirring testimonies of Sekino and his daughter. Nothing I could have said could have added to the joy and praise at that service.

THE COMMISSION

Worth the Price

Paul Box

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Three young Malay men walked in just as I began to preach in one of our English-speaking churches. Because of the political situation and recent rioting I was uneasy. We are not allowed to witness to the Malays, who make up about half of the population. This is a Muslim state, and freedom of religion is granted only to the Chinese and Indians.

I preached as I had planned on the subject, "Hell." At the invitation I saw one of the Malay youths make his way from the middle of a row and come forward. Tears glistened in his eyes as he said, "I must become a Christian." I inquired whether he knew what it could mean for a Malay making such a choice. He answered that Jesus would be worth any consequence.

Another of the Malays came forward slowly and made almost the same statement. Glen Herrington, the student worker, told the congregation the three young men had come to see him that morning. One of them, Mike, had been baptized earlier but had asked that his name be removed from the church roll because he faced Air Force court-martial. Mike had told these two friends about Jesus. They said that in 20 years as Muslims they had never found peace and recently they had been drawn toward the Christian faith.

All three stood before the church to declare, "It is worth the price." For them that could mean exile.

Sound of Music

During Brazil's evangelistic campaign, I led music at one church where 75 decisions were made during the week. The church choir was not strong and on one night the choral number sounded particularly weak, or so I thought. Across the street is a large high school. A teenage girl sitting in a night class heard the choir. Attracted by the music because it was a different type than she was familiar with, she left class and came to church. During the invitation she accepted Christ. — Gene O. Wilson, *Pôrto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil*



Oxcart and driver in Pakistan.

Thirty Years of Darkness

Betty (Mrs. James F., Jr.) McKinley
Feni, E. Pakistan

"Daddy, it's real dark here in Feni isn't it?" asked our daughter Kathy the first night we were here. How well she said it. We installed an electric generator our first month so we could have electricity part-time, but her words also have spiritual application. There are more than two and a half million persons in Noakhali District with no evangelical church to give light.

More than 30 years ago the last Australian Baptist missionary left Feni. Since then there has been no organized work by evangelicals. In 1961 a woman was baptized by Comilla Baptist Church; though the church is 37 miles away it had been conducting services in the homes of two or three Christian families for more than

a year before her baptism. The woman's husband had been baptized more than 30 years before. To our knowledge, no one was baptized in this district during the intervening 30 years.

We are holding regular worship services with two Christian families who have lived here many years. We have also rented a building to be used for a reading room, Bible classes, and Bible correspondence study work.

We are becoming acquainted with the area and hope to begin work in the villages soon. Our first invitation was to a large, Hindu village about 10 miles away, where one of the Christian men is well-acquainted.

Mobile clinic work is to be started. The Baptist hospital is to be located here if government permission is given. Dr. Ruth Dickerson and Dr. J W Carney are to carry out clinic work until facilities for the hospital are completed.

Two Problems

Joyce (Mrs. C. Ray) Rogers
Surakarta [Solo], Indonesia

A new missionary family is confronted with two problems from the outset—the language barrier, and the great population as compared with our small realm of Christian influence.

Recently we have had satisfaction in overcoming the language barrier to some degree. After eight months in language study the opportunity was given my husband Ray to preach for the first time in the language of the people. As the invitation was extended at the close of the service two young

women presented themselves upon profession of faith. There is a sense of fulfillment when a smile indicates communication is being made.

In late January we moved to Solo in central Java. Here we have become increasingly aware of the second problem—population compared with the realm of Christian influence. In Solo, a city of more than two million persons, Ray and I are the only Baptist missionaries and our family the only Americans. This is like having one Baptist preacher for the whole state of South Carolina. Yet this is but one tiny segment of this populous nation. The only solution to this problem is to widen Christian witness.

Beginning in Togo

Helen (Mrs. G. Clayton) Bend
Lomé, Togo



With no one to make advance preparations, many questions confronted us upon arrival in our new field of Togo. No doubt many persons were praying for us, for immediate problems were solved quickly. Within two days after our arrival on Oct. 1, 1964, we had received residence permits, cleared our car from customs, and found a house to rent until furlough.

The Togolese clerk who processed our application for residence permits was unusually kind. When my husband Clayton started to pay the standard fee, the clerk spoke up, "We are not going to charge you for the permits, because you are working for the glory of God."

We were well-received by the Lomé Church and the association. In November Clayton preached a revival at the church resulting in 23 professions of faith. Evangelistic services in two other preaching stations also resulted in conversions.

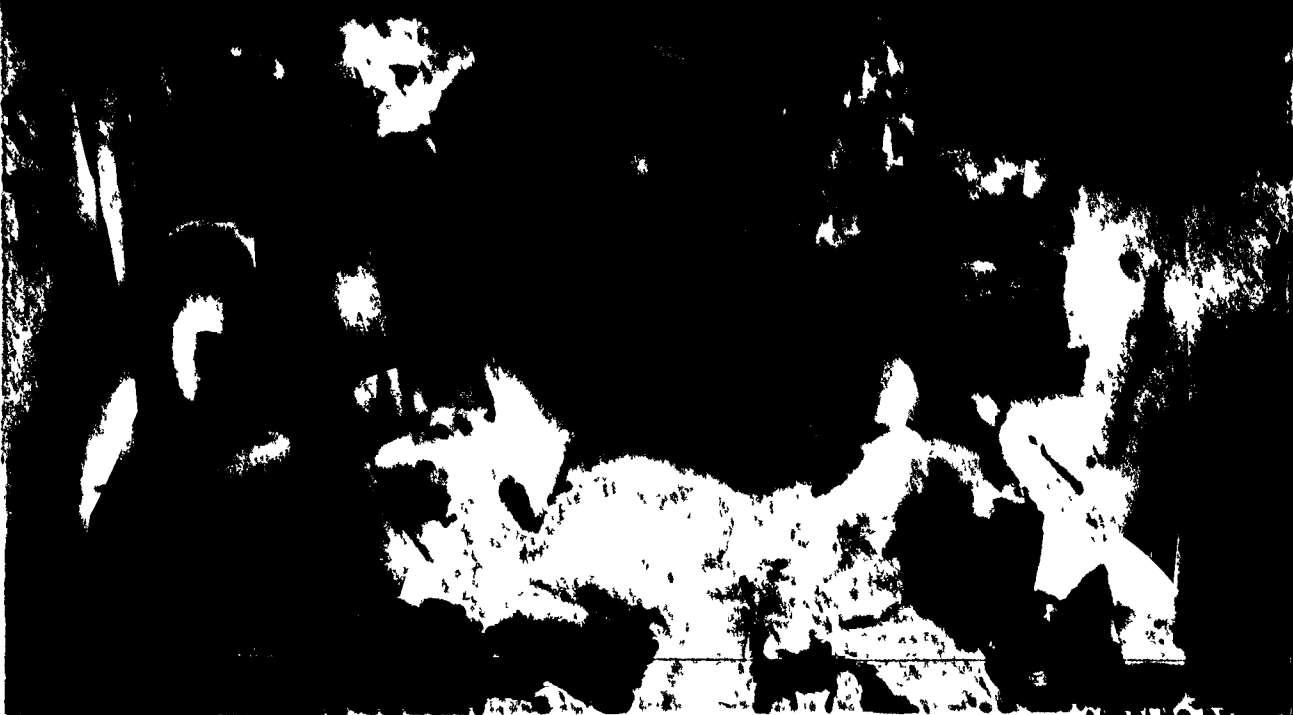
Pastor Owolabi and Clayton made a survey trip in December. They found several areas where missionaries could be stationed. In this young nation only one person in 40 is an evangelical Christian.

We have secured land where the Lomé Baptist station will be constructed—two large lots in the fastest growing area of the city. [C]

Influence

Kediri Baptist Hospital, now in its 11th year, has made a profound impression on East Java and is widely known throughout Indonesia as a modern medical center. Many churches and chapels in the vicinity owe their start to the hospital's Christian witness.

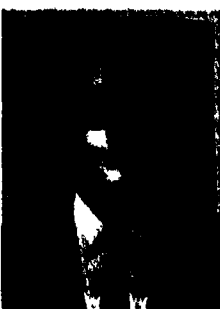
A Catholic priest recently told one of our missionaries that the hospital's influence is immeasurable. Even though the Catholic Church has been in Kediri for more than 200 years, said the priest, now as he visits in the villages he is asked, "Are you a Baptist?" — Frank S. Wells, Jogjakarta, Indonesia



Cow is quartered for meat at Baptist associational meeting in Mexico.

When Baptists Meet

R. Henry Wolf
Iguala, Guerrero, México



When Baptists from the hills of the state of Guerrero, in southern Mexico, congregate for their annual associational meeting, the gathering is a red-letter event.

Many of them see one another only this one time a year. Some travel on horseback for days to attend. Mothers with small children ride in open trucks. All sleep on the floor. But they fail to notice the hardships. They remember the fellowship, good preaching, and food that await them.

More than 200 Baptists gathered this year in the village of Colonia Juarez, located in the mountains but within sight of the Pacific Ocean, at a spot where ancient Indians held rites and games. They constructed arbors—one for a tabernacle, another for the kitchen area with its clay stove and improvised tables, and a third for the sleeping area. As the people arrived, they were issued straw mats

and were told where to sleep.

Provisions for meals included four hogs and two cows, donated by well-to-do Baptists. After supper everyone gathered for the opening service. A light plant had been set up so that those who had hymnals and Bibles could read them.

The next day featured business meeting and closed with a social, especially enjoyed by the young people who have little opportunity for social activity in their small churches.

At every opportunity, I opened my box of books and Bibles and offered them for sale. For some people it was the first opportunity to buy such books since last year's meeting.

On Saturday a budget of \$1,200 was adopted, and almost enough pledges were received to cover it. On Sunday afternoon the Colonia Juarez Baptist Church, taking advantage of the presence of an ordained minister and the occasion of the annual meeting, baptized 26 persons. The Sunday night sermon by the association's newly elected president, Enrique Soria, brought the meeting to a close. [C]

'The Answer'

Marie (Mrs. Hoyt N.) Eudaly
Baptist Spanish Publishing House
El Paso, Texas



In Spanish-speaking America many persons interested in the gospel will not attend Baptist services. We are finding they will read—even buy—certain attractive gospel materials. They read, become convicted of their sins, find Christ as personal Saviour, and become active in reaching others for the Lord. This requires still more printed matter.

In the past, the publishing house has had no materials for lost persons not connected with a church. The magazine *La Respuesta* [The Answer] is the first real attempt to provide material for this need. The magazine may be a major breakthrough. Prepared for sale on general newsstands as well as for other uses, it utilizes color and presents popular articles, many pictures, humor, and other features, all designed to lead persons to a better life and to Christ. It is in direct contrast to the sensational magazines filling the newsstands. [C]

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RETIREMENT

SIMPSON, Blanche V. (*S. Brazil*), Apr. 30.

TRANSFER

SMITH, Cathryn L., *N. Brazil* to *S. Brazil*, June 30.

BIRTHS and ADOPTIONS

- PATTERSON, Heather-Jill MacDonald, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. John W. (Jack) Patterson (*Colombia*), Apr. 2.
- SNELL, Timothy Brooks, son of Rev. & Mrs. Roy E. Snell (*Korea*), Mar. 28.

Correct Name

The correct name of the youngest son of Dr. & Mrs. Ralph C. Betha (*Indonesia*) is John Charles Luke (not Duke).

DEATHS

- BRADLEY, Blanche, emeritus (*China*), Apr. 18, Waycross, Ga.
- ALLRED, John Burnis, father of Doris (Mrs. Dan N.) Sharpley (*S. Brazil*), Apr. 20, Wichita Falls, Tex.
- CRABTREE, Dr. A. R., emeritus (*S. Brazil-Portugal*), Apr. 15, Roanoke, Va.
- HAYDEN, Mrs. W. C., mother of Ruby

IN MEMORIAM

Blanche Bradley



Born Barnwell County, S.C.
March 15, 1885

Died Waycross, Ga.
April 18, 1965

BLANCHE BRADLEY, a registered nurse, served as superintendent of nurses at Baptist hospitals in Hwanghsien, Pingtu, and Tsangwu (formerly Wuchow), China. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1918, she retired in 1952. Since 1959 she had lived at Baptist Village, Waycross, Ga.

Born in Barnwell County, S.C., Miss Bradley grew up in Bulloch County, Ga. She graduated from Union Baptist Institute (now Brewton-Parker College), Mt. Vernon, Ga., and from Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now merged with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary), Louisville, Ky., where she received the Bachelor of Missionary Training degree.

She studied nursing in Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, and in New York Hospital, New York City.

Asa Routh Crabtree

Born Russell County, Va.
August 11, 1889

Died Roanoke, Va.
April 15, 1965



A. R. CRABTREE, appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1921, spent the major portion of his 38-year missionary career in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He served there as president and professor of theology in the South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, pastor of Tijuca Baptist Church, and editor of periodical literature for the Carroll Memorial Baptist Publishing House. He was author of *Baptists in Brazil*, released in 1953 by the Baptist Publishing House in Rio, and a number of books in Portuguese.

Before retirement in 1959 he served as fraternal representative to the Baptists of Portugal for nearly a year. He then returned to Brazil and spent a year as visiting professor at the seminary in Rio. He came back to the U.S. in 1960 and made his home in Roanoke, Va.

Crabtree held the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Richmond (Va.), the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, and the Doctor of Theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Prior to missionary appointment, he was a schoolteacher and principal in Virginia, YMCA secretary at Camp McClellan, Ala., during World War I, and pastor of Virginia churches.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mabel Henderson; a son, George William Crabtree; and two daughters, Mrs. Raymond D. Sutherland and Mrs. William C. Love.

- (Mrs. John A.) Parker (*Chile*), Jan. 28, Pickton, Tex.
- MCGEE, C. C., father of Rev. John S. McGee (*Nigeria*), Apr. 17, Kernersville, N.C.

- OWEN, William Sheffield, father of Evelyn W. Owen (*Japan*), Apr. 18, Ga.
- RICHARDSON, Mrs. J. W., Sr., mother of Rev. J. W. H. Richardson, Jr. (*Nigeria*), Mar. 25, Ala.

Rebellion Interrupts

The four Southern Baptist missionaries stationed in the Dominican Republic arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on May 2 after being evacuated from the revolt-torn island nation.

Missionaries Howard and Dorothy Shoemake and Bill and Ann Coffman and their families left the Dominican Republic after the American Embassy had advised departure would be wise. Mrs. Shoemake and three children (two older children were not with their parents on the field) and Mrs. Coffman and daughter have returned to the U.S. from Puerto Rico until the situation on the field is clarified.

Shoemake returned to the Dominican Republic May 3 at the request of the U.S. Ambassador to assist in distributing food and medicine. Coffman planned to stay in San Juan until it was determined whether he could go back immediately to the field. Missionary residences were still intact at the time the two couples left.

Southern Baptist mission work in the Dominican Republic was begun by the Shoemakes in 1962. The Coffmans joined them in Santo Domingo, the capital, in 1964. Another couple recently was appointed to go there.

The departure marked the first time since the Communist take-over in China that withdrawal of Southern Baptist missionaries from an established field was made necessary by conditions within a country.

Spain Licenses Chapels

Sixteen evangelical chapels have been licensed by the Spanish government during the past two months, giving them legal status. The chapels had been holding services for some time. Five are Baptist, nine Seventh-day Adventist, and two Plymouth Brethren.

José Cardona, a Baptist lawyer who heads the Evangelical Defense Committee, said the action represented a continued "thawing" of the government's attitude toward the non-Catholic minority in Spain.

Permission also has been given for the reopening of a Baptist chapel at Santa Cruz de Tenerife in the Canary Islands. The chapel previously had been ordered closed by authorities.



Rubens Lopes, Brazilian Convention president, at rally in São Paulo.

Reports from Crusade Impressive

As Brazilian Baptists near the official closing date of their first nationwide evangelistic campaign, reports continue to be outstanding. An April 26 cable from Missionary Earl Peacock, campaign executive secretary, indicated that incomplete reports on meetings up until that time showed decisions had exceeded 50,000.

More than 6,000 persons took part in a parade for the campaign at Victoria in the state of Espírito Santo.

In the state of Pernambuco, Baptist were so thrilled with results of their portion of the nationwide crusade that they began planning a statewide campaign for September.

In the state, 186 churches took part in the campaign between March 14 and 28. With 12 churches unreported, the total number of decisions had reached 4,273. A few other churches that could not have services in March planned to hold them in April or May.

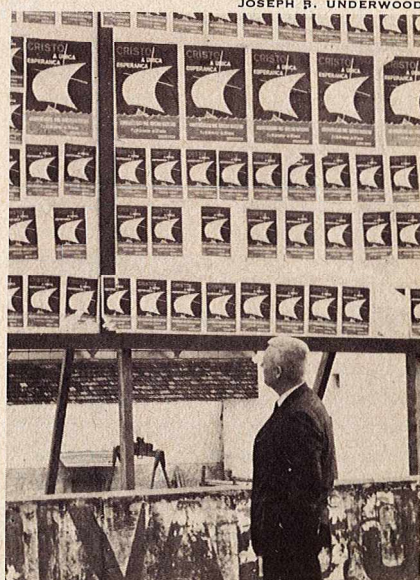
The 46-member Jardim São Paulo Church, only 18 months old, had a total of 52 decisions during one week. Even though the electricity went out at the final service and light had to be provided by kerosene lamp and candles, 32 persons made professions of faith.

At Maringa, in the state of Paraná, the Baptist church rented an unfinished market building in the center of the city because their regular meeting house was small. Though they had to

sit on uncomfortable, temporary benches, more than 2,000 persons crowded into the building each night. Among the 208 persons accepting Christ was a young man from a wealthy family. When he told his father about his experience, the enraged parent attempted to shoot him. The son refused to press charges against his father, but was expelled from his home. The young man found many new friends among the Christians and helped to lead a number of young persons to Christ.

Brazilian crusade posters blanket billboard at Presidente Prudente.

**Crusades
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the
World**



NEWS

Parks Returning to Field

R. Keith Parks, who has served since January, 1964, as associate secretary in the Foreign Mission Board's personnel department, is to return with his family to missionary service in Indonesia about the first of July, pending visa clearance.

Parks, appointed as missionary to Indonesia in 1954, began working with the personnel department on part-time basis in 1963 during his second furlough. He then took a leave of absence from the field to continue in personnel work full-time. He has been candidate secretary for the western part of the United States.

He is to be stationed in Djakarta and has been elected treasurer of the Indonesia Baptist Mission. He formerly served as professor at Baptist Theological Seminary of Indonesia.

Record Budget Due Vote

The proposed 1966 Cooperative Program goal of a record \$21.8 million is to be voted on by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, Tex., June 1-4. The projected 1966 budget includes \$10 million for the Foreign Mission Board. In addition, the 1966 goal includes an estimated advance section of \$539,250, to be divided two thirds for foreign missions and one third for home missions. It is expected the advance section will exceed its goal.

The FMB report and foreign missions emphasis will be Thursday night of the Convention.

Persecution Reflects Impact in British Guiana

Persecution has produced "a strange feeling of accomplishment" in Good Hope, British Guiana, reported Missionary Harvey J. Kneisel, Jr., for it is viewed as "proof of the impact Christ has made on this community where there is only a diminutive Christian constituency," he said.

A special evangelistic campaign in Good Hope, where Baptist work was begun six months earlier, brought reaction from two sources. Hindu leaders forbade children to go to the Baptist Sunday school and brought in a monk to conduct a *bagwat*—a special meeting of their own—at which they admonished the people against attending Baptist meetings.

Kneisel also reported that a woman who had been chairman of a Communist youth group prior to her conversion

\$11,870,649.35
Receipts for the 1964 Little Moon Christmas Offering totaled \$11,870,649.35. This is \$920,792 more than the 1963 total of \$10,949,857.35. Books closed on the 1964 offering May 1. Any additional Little Moon funds received by the Foreign Mission Board will be counted on the 1965 offering.

Churches for Anniversary

In the first 35 years Waldimar Zarro was pastor of First Baptist Church of São Gonçalo, in the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the church had helped organize 12 new churches. To observe the pastor's 35th anniversary members voted to organize the 13th and 14th churches.

On Sunday afternoon, a caravan of cars traveled from First church to the village of Sambaitiba. The church building, erected by the São Gonçalo church, was overcrowded with persons awaiting the service. The church was organized with 48 members. The caravan then went to Itambi where a 62-member church was constituted.

Reeves To Preach on Series

Harold P. Reeves, missionary to Thailand now on furlough in the U.S., will be preacher June 6-July 11 on "The Baptist Hour," weekly radio program produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. He will be one of two summer replacements for Herschel H. Hobbs, to return as regular speaker Aug. 29.

World Baptists To Meet

Many thousands of delegates from 70 or more countries are expected at the 11th Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach, Fla., June 25-30.

"We are working to make the program representative of Baptist thought and activity around the world," said Program Committee Chairman Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va. He reported that discussion panels, musical features, pageantry, and special interest group sessions have been added to the usual program techniques.

World Baptist membership totals about 26 million in 120 countries, according to estimates by the Baptist World Alliance, sponsor of the world congresses every five years. More than 23 million Baptists are included in the 83 national conventions and unions holding Alliance membership.

Main purpose of the Congress, as of the Alliance, will be fellowship, inspiration, and cooperation. Presiding during the six days of meetings will be João F. Soren of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, elected Alliance president at the 1960 Congress in Rio. Nine vice-presidents will assist him.

Congress headquarters will be in Miami Beach Convention Hall, but four night sessions will be convened in the 72,000-seat Orange Bowl in Miami. Evangelist Billy Graham will speak at two of the Orange Bowl gatherings, June 26 and 27.

Spanish Church Gets Home

After beginning in a layman's home and then meeting in the pastor's apartment, the Baptist church in Basauri, Spain, at last has more spacious quarters in what used to be a bar on the first floor of an apartment building.

All seats and standing room were jammed by 150 persons when the new meeting place was used for the first time April 11. A number of persons stood outside and still others came but left when they saw they could not get in. Speaker at special services that evening was a former Roman Catholic priest who is now a Baptist seminary professor; seven persons professed faith in Christ.

Open for viewing the day before the initial services, the new meeting place was visited by an estimated 1,000 persons; each received tracts and Gospels. Basauri is a thriving industrial center of 40,000 in the suburbs of Bilbao in northeast Spain. The church was organized last September.

Largest Rally Closes Thailand Crusade



Part of crowd of 1,000 at Bangkok rally closing crusade in Thailand.

One thousand persons, the largest gathering in the 15-year history of Southern Baptist mission work in Thailand, assembled in the pavilion of Lumpini Park in Bangkok for the closing rally of the Thailand Baptist evangelistic campaign April 25.

Following the message by H. Leo Eddleman, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 52 persons professed faith in Christ and 20 others indicated an interest in Christianity.

At three previous rallies in the park, 30 persons had made professions of faith; attendance averaged 500 nightly. During 10 days of special evangelistic meetings in Baptist churches and chapels throughout Thailand, 81 persons trusted Christ.

Thus the total of professions during the two-week campaign reached 163. Although this might not seem spectacular in the United States, it is unique in Thailand, pointed out Missionary J. L. Wilson. In Thailand there are fewer than 900 Baptists; Christians of all denominations make up a tiny minority; Buddhism is state religion.

Each participating Baptist church and chapel reported at least one profession of faith. Largest number was reported from Prakanong chapel in Bangkok—21 persons made professions during five nights of services. Begun two years ago, this chapel currently has 22 members, more than half of whom were baptized during the six months before the crusade.

Interest in the campaign was stimulated the week before its official start by concerts in several cities with guest musicians Claude Rhea and Carlos Gruber from the U.S. and Mrs. Lu Chiang Hsin-Mei from Taiwan.

"Through the concerts many good contacts were made with government officials, teachers, businessmen, military officers, and others," said Wilson. The concerts reached people who had never before heard the gospel. Rhea, dean of fine arts at Houston Baptist College, presented the Thai prime minister with a proclamation from the people of Houston, Tex., and a key to that city. Missionaries gave the prime minister a Bible.

Opening campaign rally at Calvary Baptist Church, Bangkok, was attended by 400. Personnel for the crusade came from eight countries.



JOSEPH B. UNDERWOOD

Thai pastor, Nigerian pastor, and Gregory Walcott from U.S. reflect crusade's international air.



Thailand prime minister displays interest in Baptist efforts during visit with Claude Rhea and others.



Actor Gregory Walcott tells of crusade during Thailand TV interview.

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Behind the Ranges

By Mrs. Howard Taylor

Moody Press, 343 pages, \$1.29

This biography of J. O. Faser tells of the beginning of mission work among the Lisu people in Southwest China. Faser mastered the language and pioneered in the translation of the New Testament. More important, he participated in a genuine "people's movement" that has seen thousands come to Christ and persevere through innumerable difficulties and Communist conquest.

The biography has two distinct qualities. First, it is full of spiritual power in excerpts from Faser's own journal; it tells very frankly of his efforts to discover the spiritual resources "under the cross." Second, there is a lesson of mission methods. Faser's indigenous concepts, his methods of teaching, and his group approach are worthy of consideration by students of mission methods.

The book is a bit episodic and thus the development of the Lisu church and Faser's own life are a little hard to follow. However, the episodes are instructive and interesting.—J.C.F.

Driven Afar

By Betty Swinford

Moody Press, 158 pages, \$2.95

In this novel, aimed at young people, the son of a missionary attends a Bible school but his first love is flying airplanes. He has deep resentment toward the mission movement, stemming from his mother's death and boyhood memories of life in the Philippines. Prior to his graduation from the Bible school, he meets and falls in love with a young girl who feels the call to serve as a foreign missionary. Conflict arises from the girl's determination to obey the call. After the two separate, the novel moves swiftly and reaches its climax when the two young persons are reunited under desperate circumstances.

The novel "preaches"—it shows the value of early training, the demands of Christian experience and call to service, and the providential leadership of God as the Holy Spirit brings stubborn wills into submission. This is an inspiring story to place in the hands of young people.—J.M.W.

Folk Songs of China, Japan, Korea

Edited by Betty Warner Dietz & Thomas Choonbai Park

John Day Co., 47 pages, \$4.29

This book was published in order to help English-speaking people, particularly children, learn to know and appreciate Asian people by singing the music of Oriental countries. These are songs that whole communities of Chinese, Japanese, and Koreans have come to love. The simple music is arranged for piano accompaniment. Lyrics appear in both English and original language phonetics and also in original language calligraphy.

Helps in the back of the book include notes on pronunciation, lists of songbooks and records and where to buy them, and suggestions for teaching the songs to children. A small 33 1/3 rpm plastic record, containing four Japanese and three Korean songs from the book, is included in a pocket in the back. In all, the book has 25 songs—nine Chinese, eight Japanese, and eight Korean. These songs make excellent supplementary materials for groups studying mission work in the three countries.—G.G.

The Bible Basis of Missions

By Robert Hall Glover

Moody Press, 208 pages, \$3.50

Originally published in 1946, this book sets forth the theme that is still the heart of the missionary effort—the apostolic mandate of the New Testament. The missionary movement, born in the heart of God and best illustrated on the cross when he "so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son," is clearly outlined for the reader in all of its Scriptural meaning.

Dr. Glover traces the biblical background and basis of missions through both the Old and New Testaments. He brings the individual to grips with the necessity of going and giving and points up the place of the church and the pastor in missionary education and involvement. His emphasis on the leadership of the Holy Spirit is a central factor, and to read the chapter on "Christ's Return and Missions" should arouse any serious Christian to the urgency of the mission task.

The author, who died in 1947, gave his life to missions both on the field and as a missions executive.—N.S.

Getting to Know Southern Rhodesia, Zambia, and Malawi

By Frank Clements

Coward-McCann, 64 pages, \$2.52

Another in the delightful "Getting to Know" series, this children's book (which adults will also find useful as mission study background) is timely, coming so soon after two of the countries have gained independence and taken new names. It will be welcomed particularly by Southern Baptists because of their

interest in comparatively new mission work in the three central African countries of Southern Rhodesia (now Rhodesia), Zambia (formerly Northern Rhodesia), and Malawi (formerly Nyasaland).

The information about the lands and peoples is factual but presented simply. The author is mayor of Salisbury, the capital of Rhodesia. Drawings by Claudine Nankivel will make the book a popular item on the browsing table of mission study classes. It has a map, a historical table of important dates, a pronunciation section, and an index. It is ideal for the home or church library that is building a mission research section.—G.G.

A Bend in the Ganges

By Manohar Malgonkar

Viking Press, 371 pages, \$5.95

The author, an Indian, weaves through love and adventure an authentic picture of the mixture of old and new ways of India. He describes unrest due to British rule, a growing distrust between Muslims and Hindus, and the horrors connected with the division of India and Pakistan.

This absorbing novel involves two young Indian men attending the same college but who are from different social backgrounds. Both are striving for the freedom of their country, yet with strong, opposite convictions of how to attain that freedom.

Debi-dayal, from a wealthy, Westernized family, belongs to a terrorist movement; Gain, the son of a modest, Hindu family, is an admirer of Mahatma Gandhi and a believer in nonviolence. Both young men are sent as prisoners to the Andaman Islands, a penal colony—Debi for setting fire to a British plane and Gain for committing murder to preserve the family honor. Here the fires of hatred burn to separate them further for one is pro-British and the other anti-British. When the Japanese take over the islands, the two separately effect dangerous escapes to India.

Gain had become infatuated with Sundral, the beautiful but shallow sister of Debi, when he first met her at college. The book's surprising climax comes when Gain and Sundral move ahead together in a convoy toward freedom.—K.C.M.

REVIEWS IN BRIEF

Two volumes in the new Anchor Bible Series from Doubleday are *Genesis* (translation and notes by E. A. Speiser, 378 pages, \$6.00) and *The Epistles of James, Peter, and Jude* (translation and notes by Bo Reicke, 221 pages, \$5.00).

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