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By Nella Dean (Mrs. Charles W.) Whitten
Missionary in Madrid, Spain

AT TIMES you can catch a glimpse of heaven through the oneness of loving hearts on earth.

It was Saturday morning and I was in bed convalescing from flu. Rita Duran, faithful worker for our family since 1959, had met at the train that morning an Argentine visitor to Spain and the visitor's Spanish cousin from Andalucía, the extreme southern part of Spain.

At mid-morning a diversified group sat around my bed: Rita, a Christian for 15 years, originally from the north of Spain; Senorita Castillo, a product of Baptist mission work in Argentina; the cousin, a 40-year-old man who was having his first contact with evangelical Christians; and myself, a North American missionary.

The spoken Spanish was variously flavored—melodious tones of Argentina, dropped endings of Andalucía, the more rapid clip of the Castillian, and Mississippi Spanish accent through a stuffy nose. Yet we spoke the same language.

As we talked, we were joined by Miguel, a young plumber. He had been baptized the evening before and his face shone as he told eloquently how Christ had become real to him.

"Before my conversion, religion was just a set of meaningless ceremonies," he confided. "But now Christ is my reason for living."

The three Christians listened intently and nodded in recognition of a common experience. The Andalucian cousin sat spell-bound, finally uttering softly, "Vaya! vaya!" (meaning a wistful "Who could have dared hope for such a wonderful thing?").

A humble Spanish plumber had taken into his eager young hands the loose ends of a diversified assembly and had formed a perfect circle.

DEATH In The RAIN

ALONE in the room, I listened to the rain beat upon the tin roof. Except for my two daughters asleep in the bedroom there was not another white person within miles.

The setting was at a small, Baptist outpatient clinic in a remote area of Rhodesia. No doctor or nurse lived at the station, and the missionary physician could visit only once a week.

My husband was away, and I was anxious for him to return. "What if something should happen?" I thought. "We don't have the jeep. There is no way out."

A knock interrupted my reverie. Instinctively I looked at my watch and was surprised to see that it was only 6:00 p.m. The rain had not stopped for three days and nights, and it was difficult to tell when day ended and night began. "Whoever is out in this rain is really in trouble," I reflected.

At the door stood an African man, wet to the skin. "Please come help," he pleaded, his voice quivering. "My wife is trying to have a baby."

I grabbed a flashlight and ran to get the African woman orderly. She



Missionary Doctor Frances Greenway loads young patient onto raft that is guided by cable across Munyati River.

was trained only to deliver ordinary cases, and we were to find this was no ordinary case.

In ankle-deep water we hurried to the clinic, a few hundred yards away. I could hardly believe my eyes. Lying on a small wooden trailer, the woman was secured by ropes to keep her from sliding off. The trailer was tied to the back of a tractor and was so low at the point of attachment it almost scraped the ground.

The woman had been ready to deliver her sixth child, but the unborn baby had died 10 hours earlier, and now poison was claiming the mother's life. It did not require medical training to know she must have surgery as soon as possible.

By the light of a kerosene lamp the orderly examined her, and we discussed what was ahead. "There is the Munyati River," I said, "and the small raft that is our only link to the other side." The raft floats on 55-gallon metal drums and is rigged to be guided by a cable stretched from one bank to the other.

"The river is overflowing the banks," reminded the orderly. "No one has dared a crossing-for days." We both knew that hand-operating

the raft is a man-size job even when the river is a few feet deep.

Deep inside I knew that even if this couple could reach the river through the black night, the steady downpour, and the impossibly muddy road, crossing the river was hopeless. One swell of water could overturn the raft. I recalled that not long ago a man had been seized from the river bank by a crocodile and was never seen again.

Yet the only hope for the woman to live was to get her across the river. Though I felt desperate and helpless, I spoke with the mother in an effort to comfort and encourage her. I prayed with her and learned that she was not a Christian. I doubted there was anything I could say about Christ that she could understand in her state of shock.

Now it was a fight against time for her life. We gave her aspirin and a cup of tea. "Think of something to do to her," I begged the orderly. She could only reply, "I have been instructed never to operate. I have no anesthetic."

"We can't go on to the hospital," put in the husband. "The tractor has no lights." In the driving rain we tied a flashlight to the tractor, lifted the woman into place, and tied her there. We practically pushed the couple off in the direction of the river. Silently I prayed, "Lord, send us a missionary doctor."

By shortwave radio we contacted Sanyati Baptist Hospital. Almost by the time the tractor reached the river, an ambulance from the hospital was waiting on the other side.

In despair, the two drenched clusters of persons looked across the angry river toward each other. To have attempted a crossing would have meant certain death. Help was so near, yet so far away. The mother's strength slipped away, and she died quietly on the river bank in the rain. Her soul and her life were lost because we were too late.

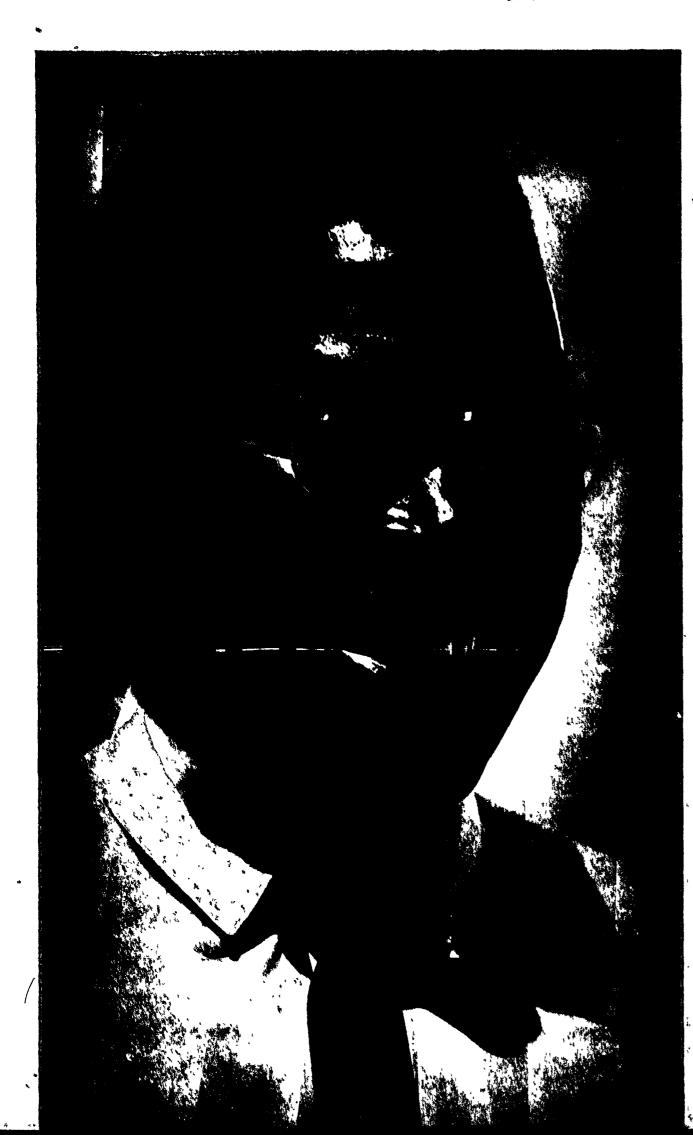
God has answered prayer. Now living at the clinic is a missionary whose wife is a nurse with special training in midwifery. A missionary doctor now lives only about 50 miles from this clinic and has opened new clinics. But there are 60,000 persons spread over these 7,000 square miles of rural area. How can two medical and four evangelistic workers meet the needs of so many?





A TEACHER RETURNS

By Wynema (Mrs. James N.) Westmereland Missionary in Gatooma, Rhodesia



MICHAEL Makosholo's arrival at Gatooma, Rhodesia, was eagerly awaited by his wife and four children, anxious to have him home to stay after three and a half years.

Also waiting thankfully to greet him were Southern Baptist missionaries, for his coming means that the long-planned-for Sanyati Baptist Secondary School can open in January.

The 44-year-old educator was returning from Ouachita Baptist University at Arkadelphia, Ark., where a few weeks earlier he had received the B.A. degree with a major in secondary education. Except for a surprise visit home in the summer of 1964, made possible by friends at the university, Makosholo had been at Quachita since January, 1962,

His wife Mary accompanied her husband to the U.S. for the early part of his stay and enrolled as a special student in elementary education; they left their children with relatives in Rhodesia. They were the first Negro students ever enrolled at Ouachita, and were warmly received there.

His training completed, Makosholo will help make possible the new secondary school, a long-standing dream that had been out of reach because of the shortage of missionaries and trained African personnel,

As school headmaster, Makosholo will work, with Missionaries James Westmoreland and Ralph Rummage. Since his return he has been busy planning courses of study, deciding on



Left: Makosholo reads the Bible to his family in their home at Sanyati. Below: New headmaster at his desk.



textbooks, arranging class schedules, and preparing to teach some classes.

The school will be located on Sanyati Reserve where Baptists already have a Central Primary School and several village primary schools. Thirty-five students are to be accepted in Form I (ninth grade) the first year. If hopes materialize, in a few years the school will care for about 150 high school students. It will fill a definite need for education of African boys and girls, but its central purpose will

be to help meet their spiritual need.

Michael and Mary Makosholo want a vital spiritual ministry for the school. Their own lives stand as testimonies of what God can do through willing followers.

Michael was born in the South African territory of Basutoland to parents who both were teachers; his father also was a preacher. After his father's death, Makosholo had to work at intervals to complete his schooling beyond the eighth grade. "Every day I

prayed that the Lord might help me to reach the goal of my aspiration education—in order to continue the work of my father—teaching," he recalled.

He completed the teachers' course and began teaching at the age of 25. While Makosholo taught in the United School at Que Que, Rhodesia, a Southern Baptist missionary sought him for service at the Sanyati primary school. He accepted "after much prayer." He has served as a deacon and as choir leader at the Sanyati church.

Mrs. Makosholo, born in South Africa, had a father who was also both preacher and teacher and who labored in Rhodesia for 22 years. Mary met her future husband at the school where she was completing teacher training.

After the couple had taught at Sanyati for seven years, missionaries helped them arrange travel to the U.S. for further study.

The years at Ouachita "were the most pleasant and fruitful years of my life," declared Makosholo as he expressed his thanks for all that friends in the U.S. had done for him. "I was impressed by the friendliness and helpfulness of the students and faculty."

He also spoke of his hope and prayer "that God will help me to serve my people in Rhodesia in any way they may need my help. May God continue to bless the people of the United States who like so much to help other people."

They Taught Us, Too

By Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., President, Ouachita Baptist University

Although Mary and Mike Makosholo came to Ouachita Baptist University to study, they served informally, yet effectively, as teachers. Always willing to talk to any group, they taught us about Rhodesia, about Africa as an emerging continent, about Southern Baptist mission work and mis-sionaries. A dollar given to foreign missions will always mean more to us after knowing these friends.

Even more than in these ways, though, they taught us. They showed us how Christians should conduct themselves under trying circumstances. On campus they were extremely popular, but since they were the Arst black students to be enrolled in this South Arkansas school, their reception off campus was sometimes less than cordial. For instance, Mary was invited to address a dinner meeting of a missionary society on Baptist work in Rhodesia, but the person who transported her was asked to see that she did not get to the meeting in time to eat with the ladies. Such experiences must have hurt them, but not once did they complain or show that any offense had been taken.

When I apologized one day for some shabby treatment given these two, Mike reprimanded me gently. "Dr. Phelps, we have to remember that some people have not experienced as much Christian leve as others," he said. "We have to be patient with such people." He was my teacher, too.

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NIGERIA REMEMBERS



Eva Sanders talks with Oni a few weeks before his death.

Aged Pioneer

By Eva M. Sanders
Missionary Nurse in Ire, Nigeria

JOSHUA Oni lived almost 100 years, the last 58 as a believer in Christ.

A simple farmer, he made his home in the village of Ire and was there when Missionary George Green took God's Word to the village about 1907 after a lengthy journey from Ogbomosho. Traders who were Christians supported the gospel witness until Oke Esa Baptist Church (now First Baptist) was organized. Oni was a charter member.

It cost dearly in those days to remain faithful to Christ. Oni was among the Christians attacked by unbelievers. Because he would not deny Christ, he was forced to watch his wife murdered by the persecutors. Even then Oni never ceased to witness to the sustaining grace of God.

I met him in 1946 when he became a charter member of a Bible class I teach. Until the last few months before his death he was the member most faithful in attendance. After he became completely blind he was confined to his home, but visitors came away inspired by his faith.

When we visited him a few weeks before he died, his

hearing had been almost totally lost. We helped him understand who we were, and we began to sing. Recognizing the hymn, he joined in the melody. Though his eyes were without sight, his ears without hearing, and his mouth toothless, still his glowing face praised the Lord. Though he could no longer read the Scriptures, they were in his heart and on his lips.

On his last day he called his family to him in the morning for their usual prayers, and he lifted his hands and blessed them. A few moments later, as though he had forgotten, he called them to him again and prayed. He repeated this a third time. When family members returned to his bedside a short time later, they found him peaceful in death.

Hundreds of persons passed by to pay their respects as his body lay in state. The church was filled, and hundreds waited outside for the memorial service and for the burial.

Early the following morning, church members gathered to sing hymns and to conduct a service of praise to God for giving Oni such a long life of usefulness. Joshua Oni's witness goes on.

Bridging the Gap

By Veda (Mrs. Russell L.) Locke Missionary in Owers, Nigeria

TODAY you could travel from Owerri to Buguma in Nigeria in two hours by car and another three hours by motor launch on the river—unless the launch breaks down.

In the early years when Pastor W. A. Amakiri traveled the territory, the journey on land was made by foot and on the river by canoe; instead of five hours, the trip required more in the neighborhood of five days.

Yet the Nigerian pastor energetically traversed the area, visiting villages, strengthening weak churches, and helping solve the numerous problems arising as the Christian faith was introduced into pagan communities.

Many Baptists, both Nigerians and missionaries, made their way to Buguma a few months ago to attend the funeral of this Baptist pioneer. The territory he served now has six different associations of churches, partially the fruit of Amakiri's tireless travel along creeks and bush paths.

Faithful unto Death

By Thomas O. High Missionary in Ogbomosho, Nigeria

McKinley Gilliland inspects the cake at a missionary party at Ogbomosho in 1961.



He helped keep alive Baptist work in eastern Nigeria from 1918 to 1936. Although Baptist missionaries from the U.S. began mission work in Nigeria in 1850, they concentrated efforts in the western part of the country among the Yoruba tribesmen. Mojoli Agbebi, a Baptist leader from the Yoruba tribe, carried on some mission work in eastern Nigeria in the early part of this century. Amakiri succeeded him in this responsibility.

Missionaries occasionally journeyed into the eastern region during those years, but none took up residence there until about 1936. After the missionaries came, Amakiri aided them by guiding their travels, interpreting various languages, and helping to begin new missions.

Though he was almost blind during the latter part of his 78 years, he encouraged other workers and continued to visit many of the churches where he had served. He will be remembered for his labors helped bridge the gap for Baptist work until help came.

AT THE SEMINARY where he taught for 16 years, a portrait of William McKinley Gilliland was presented to the school in a special chapel service.

The missionary had died a few months earlier (on June 25, 1964) in a Birmingham, Ala., hospital. The portrait, a gift to the seminary by Dr. Martha Gilliland, a physician and fellow missionary with her husband, was presented to Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary at Ogbomosho by H. Cornell Goerner, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Africa.

In a tribute to Gilliland, the area secretary spoke of him as "faithful unto death" (Rev. 2:10b). The missionary had been faithful, recounted Goerner, in the seminary classroom and in the churches and villages. In addition to his duties as professor and adviser to churches, he served in numerous other capacities.

But, continued Goerner, the scriptural description particularly fitted Gilliland's last days. The missionary's death, caused by a brain tumor, was slow and lingering. The illness affected the muscles, resulting in progressive paralysis, and the brain, causing loss of memory. Yet Gilliland responded as "a Christian, a witness, a self-giving servant who thought first of the Lord and others," declared Goerner.

Despite the loss of memory, there were moments of clarity when the missionary would ask, "Isn't there something I can do to help someone? Isn't there someone who needs me?"

Goerner told of a visit with the dying man some two weeks before the end. Gilliland, in pain, knew who his visitor was, although he could not see. He listened to an account of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Nigerian Baptist Convention. He heard about the seminary graduates who had leading roles on the program and how, through them, he had a continuing part in the work in Nigeria. In the Yoruba tongue he praised God.



He makes the most of TODAY

BECAUSE B. W. Orrick wanted to study he decided to do advanced work at the university after receiving the bachelor's degree.

What sets his decision apart is that he received his second degree from Baylor University exactly 50 years after his first. In between, among other activities, he sandwiched 37 years as a missionary in Uruguay.

The emeritus missionary was 77 when he completed work last spring for the Master of Arts degree in religion. He turned 78 on Oct. 24.

What Orrick has accomplished in retirement is typical of a ministry characterized by determination.

He quit a school-teaching job to go to Baylor the first time, back in 1907. He hadn't finished high school but had qualified to teach second grade in a small country school near his home town of Madisonville, Tex. Convinced that the Lord had other plans for him, Orrick left his \$37.50-a-month position and arrived at

Baylor with less than \$30 in his pocket. But he had made up his mind to finish his schooling and prepare for the ministry.

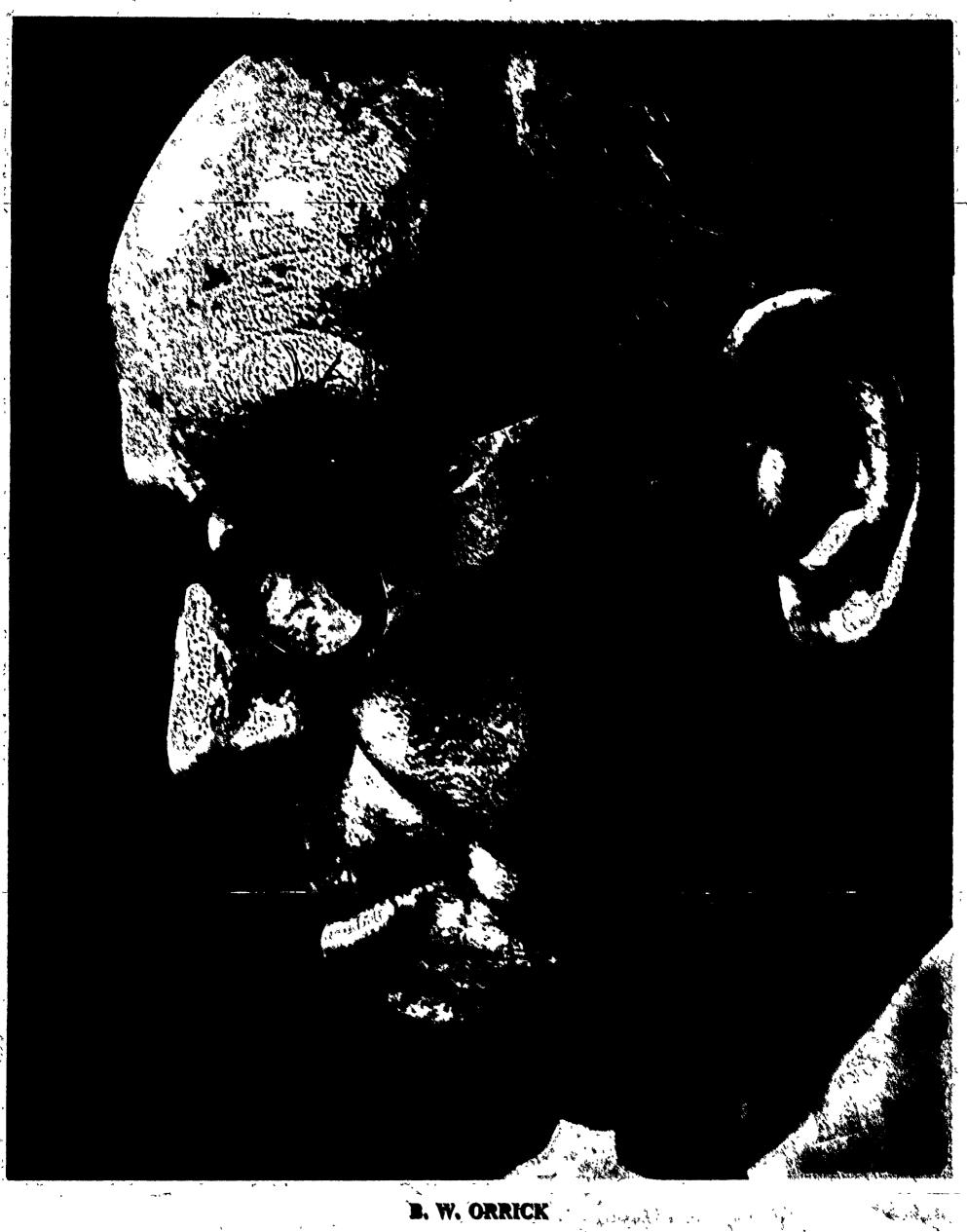
Beginning work at the campus book bindery at 10 cents an hour, he later became manager. Eight years later he had completed his high school work, had earned a B.A. degree, and owed the university only \$50.

He returned to teaching school just long enough to save money to attend Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Ft. Worth, Tex. Missions had made an impression on the young ministerial student while he was at Baylor. So had Vera Humphries, a student who was planning to become a missionary to China. Orrick soon reached the conviction that he should enter mission service.

In 1919 he received the Master of Theology degree from the seminary and married Vera, just finishing her study at Baylor. School-teaching had kindled in Orrick an interest in South America and he persuaded his bride to change her direction. The

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Pereign Mission Board appointed them to the River Plate Baptist Mission, then ambracing Uruguay, Paraguay, and Argentina, and they arrived in Uruguay on Feb. 20, 1921.

Since language schools for missionarise were still in the future, the couple travoled to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to learn Spanish. Of course, Orrick did not wait for the usual procedure. He made a deal with a Spaniard: Orrick would teach him English in return for lessons in Spanish. Soon, the Spanish-speaking Orricks were back in Uruguay.

There were already two other missionary teams in Montevideo, the capital city of 400,000 population. They had established one church with five members. The newly-arrived couple started another elsewhere in the city.

But the Orricks were not confined to one spot. Every summer for 20 years they traveled over the country-side holding services in a tent big enough to seat 150 persons. Frequently Orrick single-handedly cleared the brush and set up the tent.

Once a sudden windstorm ripped

the tent from top to bottom. Orrick says he was convinced the meeting had ended. But Vera, with her own share of determination, got out her needle and thread and worked for 12 consecutive hours applying what may have been the longest patch in the world. Only one service was missed. After more than 100 patches, the tent was retired in favor of a new one. During those summers many Uruguayane heard the gospel through this novel approach.

Living standarde were low, suitable living quarters were scarce, the salary was meager, and times were getting worse. The Orricks returned home on furlough in 1927, but when furlough ended the Foreign Mission Board, then deeply in debt, could not finance their return. Two Texas congregations—First Baptist churches of Tulia and Tyler—came to the rescue and paid their fare back to Uruguay.

For more than 10 years the Orricks were the only Southern Baptist missionaries in Uruguay. At the 1936 Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Mo., Orrick reported that he

and his wife had not received as much as one dollar to assist in missionary work in seven years. Everything they had spent had come from their salaries. But the Lord blessed their determined efforts.

Orrick extended his outreach by preaching over a powerful South American radio station every Sunday evening from 1951 to 1957; his messages could be heard over much of

Uruguay and Argentina.

At retirement in 1958, the Orricks left 22 Baptist churches in Uruguay served by 10 Southern Baptist missionaries (now 20 missionaries are assigned there). The hard-working couple had helped organize eight of the churches and had seen membership climb from 45 in 1921 to more than 1,200.

They made their retirement home at 1809 S. Eighth in Waco, Tex., near the Baylor campus, but they traveled extensively to schools of missions and revivals. In 1960 they returned to Montevideo where Orrick, then 72,

preached 115 times.

Injuries to Mrs. Orrick in a 1961 auto accident curtailed their travels, so Orrick decided to return to school. "I just wanted to study," he said, "but my wife made me take the

when he first entered the university one man had handled the entire registration procedure. This time, "I got lost in the lines," Orrick admitted. "I was worse than a freshman." He recognized other changes, stating that today's "intellectual preparation is superior in every way to what we got

50 years ago."

His master's thesis on "A History of Baptists in Uruguay" drew praise from Professor James E. Wood, Jr., who supervised it. "No one is better qualified to write a history of the Baptist mission effort in Uruguay," said Wood. "It is a distinct contribution to our Baptist life."

Added the professor, "I think it is extremely gratifying that a man of Mr. Orrick's missionary service and a life in which he engaged in direct evangelistic work would have the will to return to Baylor for a rigorous program of graduate study."

In Orrick's study a small sign carries a printed motto that may go a long way in explaining his life:

"Yesterday is gone—Forget it;
"Tomorrow has not come—Don't worry about it;

Today is here—Use it."

Orrick studied for credit because his wife insisted.



A CHURCH with a mission," someone has said, "is a church with a vision."

By this standard, First Baptist Church in Madrid, Spain, certainly possesses a vision, one that has guided the church from its beginning. The vision comes in two parts:

to establish a Baptist witness in every municipal district in Madrid, a city of over 2½ million persons;
 to begin a Baptist witness in every provincial capi-

tal and city of 100,000 or more population.

This vision is more than a dream; it is a door of opportunity the Lord has opened. Recognizing this, the director of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Madrid several years ago told the pastor of First Baptist Church, "If Spain is ever evangelized, it will be through this church."

The record supports his view. Organized in 1915 with 26 members, First church is now the largest congregation in the Spanish Baptist Union with more 480 members. Last year the church baptized 45 persons and had 115 public professions of faith in its preaching services.

It has been self-supporting since 1950.

Its mission extension began immediately after the church was organized. In 1916 it started a mission in the Prosperidad district of Madrid. That mission soon was constituted as the second Baptist church in the city; today it is the Good Shepherd church. Later First church organized in the Usera district a mission that is now Second Baptist Church. First church today sponsors mission groups in four other districts of the city.

Churches in five provincial capitals owe their start to First church, Madrid. These include La Coruña and Bilbao in far northern Spain, and Sevilla, Málaga, and Jaén in southern Spain. The church in Bilbao was or-

ganized in September, 1964, after more than 10 years of contact between Madrid's First church and the mission group. As soon as this mission became a church, the Madrid congregation began sponsoring a new mission in San Sebastian, a provincial capital in extreme northern Spain.

The pastor and deacons of the Madrid church have visited the missions at regular intervals despite the great distances. Juan Luis Rodrigo, the 43-year-old pastor, has often served as pastor of a new church until a pastor

could be found to live on the field.

The mission-minded church cooperates fully in the Spanish Baptist Union. Rodrigo is president of the Union. Before the Spanish Baptist Cooperative Program was established in 1958, First church gave special offerings to the Union's missions committee. Since the Cooperative Program began, the church has contributed through it more for mission work than any other national church in Spain. It has joined hands with other Baptist churches in the nation in a five-year expansion plan to double the total of Baptists in Spain (now 4,600) and to establish a witness in every city with a population of as much as 100,000.

Rodrigo evidenced vibrant enthusiasm as Spanish Baptists approached their first nation-wide evangelistic campaign in October. Noting that proselytism is forbidden to non-Catholics, he explained, "We are not going to bother anybody's faith, but wherever we find people who do not have Christ in their hearts we believe it is our responsibility and our privilege to share Christ with them. There are thousands and thousands of these in Spain."

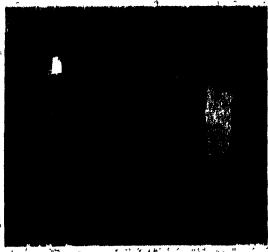
The church's vision has not vanished. It has expanded.



Sunday evening worship service regularly attracts an overflow crowd at First church, Madrid.

vision for expansion

By Daniel R. White, Missionary in Murcia, Spain



Pastor Rodrigo extends invitation at Sunday night service.

editorials

The Meaning of Personal References

WHEN A PERSON begins the procedures that lead toward appointment by the Foreign Mission Board he soon involves a number of people besides those on the Board and its staff. As a missionary candidate he is asked by the Board's Department of Missionary Personnel to submit a personal reference list of at least 25 persons. They are supposed to know him well enough to furnish reliable, confidential information that will help the Board determine how fully qualified he is for missionary service overseas.

Those who appear on his list are also asked by the personnel department to suggest the names of additional persons. In some cases there are as many as 50 personal references for one candidate. Thus someone may be called upon to respond as a personal reference, either by choice of the candidate himself or at the suggestion of someone he has named.

Being a personal reference in this context implies a kind of involvement that needs the deepest and most prayerful consideration. The answers one gives and the evaluations requested of him need to be basically frank and enlightening for the purpose at hand. It is almost inconceivable that anyone would regard such a confidential responsibility as deserving less than his deepest spiritual concern. As one more way to help carry out our Lord's missionary purpose in the world, it provides an opportunity to share with the Foreign Mission Board something that is significant and deeply personal.

Everyone who receives a personal reference questionnaire is expected to describe the relation he has had with the candidate and to answer the questions only on the basis of his knowledge about and experience with that candidate. Quite often they who serve as personal references are the candidate's closest friends. This is to be expected. But by the very na-

ture of this setting, strong friendship should lend_itself to a sufficiently realistic and pointed evaluation; it should serve the best interests of both the candidate and the total mission cause. Objectivity is essential under any circumstance.

The personal reference respondent needs to know that the information he submits is kept in strict confidence, in the necessary context of professional relationships. Such knowledge must be shared among those officially responsible for dealing with candidate qualification.

It seems advisable that we mention here the need for promptness and its meaning for what the personnel secretaries try to do. They confer with many candidates, continually depending upon information from personal reference replies. If these are slow coming in, the progress of a candidate may be delayed; the promptness of a reply may help expedite the process towards his appointment as a foreign missionary.

We have limited our comments here to the role of the individual who assists as a candidate's personal reference. As vital as this is, it is but one of several parts in the procedure leading up to missionary appointment. No candidate is approved by the Board's personnel committee solely on the basis of the personal reference reports. He must qualify by meeting the educational requirements and by gaining practical experience in a type of activity or service that is most likely to be his work on a foreign field,

Evidences of personal faith, quality of life, theological understanding also have bearing on the appraisals made of him as a potential missionary. His readiness for service on a field overseas must be attested by the manner and effectiveness of his witness for Christ on the local scene. Also, he and his immediate family must meet the requirements related to good physical and mental health.

Candidates and Volunteers

THE FOREIGN Mission Board's Department of Missionary Personnel has on file the names of more than 5,500 persons who have indicated their hopes of being appointed as Southern Baptist foreign missionaries. The age range extends from pre-teen years to the maximum for regular appointment—34 years.

The college graduates, more than 1,500, are identified as missionary candidates. (Missionary Journeymen are also college graduates, but are in a separate classification.)

All others in the files are identified as missionary volunteers.

Every young person who has dedicated his life to Christ in the vocation of foreign missions should be encouraged to register his decision with the Foreign Mission Board. In order to be placed on the volunteer file he must personally write. Notification by another person is not sufficient.

POHE THOUSI PRIME

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

AT THIS SEASON of the year, thoughts often turn to the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the power they provide for foreign missions.

There is no way to measure the true significance of this love offering for Christ. This offering and the Cooperative Program provide almost all the financial backing for our world mission task. Without the Lottie Moon Offering we would have to cut back operations about one half.

But there is another source of power for foreign missions—the power of prayer. Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen often says he feels this is "the greatest untapped resource among Southern Baptists." The importance of prayer is underscored by letters from missionaries. One recent

letter said: "How many of you realized as you read your missionary prayer list and found the names of Blattner, Applewhite, and King, how much your. prayer was needed? You could not have known at the time of many of your prayers for Kediri [Indonesia], we were going through a 5,000-person Communist demonstration against the [Baptist] hospital and missionaries. Since we knew there was no stopping it, we prayed for guidance, peace of heart and mind, and no damage. On the advice of several offices, Dr. Kathleen Jones, hospital director, was to meet the delegation with their protest letter while everyone else prayed.

"Our national pastors were stationed at various parts of the hospital holding prayer meetings, and all over Kediri, Catholics, Baptists, Muslims . . . were praying. Banners flew, and 5,000 people marched.

"When all was over and police left, there were tears in the eyes of many Christians and non-Christians. We had

seen a miracle. They [the demonstrators] came with intentions of throwing rocks at the hospital, painting, and even destroying a home, but the Lord prevented. Not one person even entered our yard. We have told over and over again that many thousands of you folks were praying for us in Kediri. How the Lord does use the prayer of even a small child at the breakfast table or bedside calling the name of the missionary serving so far from home."

Another missionary wrote:

"These are certainly days filled with uncertainty, frustration, and anxiety. We urgently request your prayers for us, our churches, every phase of our work, and the national Christians. These are times when we feel that the national Christians are the ones who are experiencing the greatest hardships and difficulties.

"We close this long epistle with the added request that you remember us in your prayers."

These two brief excerpts illustrate how the missionaries depend upon the prayers of the people in the U.S. In practically every form letter they write, missionaries express appreciation for the support given them by the people at home and urge your continued prayers.

It is encouraging to know that increasing numbers of Southern Baptists are praying for the missionaries and their national co-workers. I believe this is true in the personal prayer lives of many persons. I am also convinced that, along with the growing number of family altars, much of the time in these devotional periods is spent praying for missionaries. Within church organizations and in the churches as a whole there is more prayer being offered for the mission-

aries today than ever before in the history of our denomination.

A special emphasis on prayer—a "first" as far as is known—was held by the Brotherhood Department of the Virginia Beptiet General Association in November. The event was a two-day prayer retreat for preachers and laymen at Eagle Eyrie, the Virginia Baptist Assembly near Lynchburg. This was not a workshop, conference, or convention, but a time of earnest prayer for missions at home and around the world.

We encourage daily prayer for the missionaries, especially on their birthdays, since these are listed in several publications: in Young People and Adult Training Union quarterlies, Open Window, and the Bible Reader's Guide from the Baptist Sunday School Board, and in Tell, The Window, and Royal Service from the Woman's Missionary Union.

Among the resolutions you make for 1966, will you resolve to seek, as best you can, to pray daily for the ambassadors for Christ who represent you at home and overseas?

The prayer calendar for Dec. 23 lists the names of several home and foreign missionaries. Among them is James David Fite, and alongside his name in the list in Royal Service is the notation, "Southern Baptist American missionary in prison in Cuba at this time." In prison with him is his father-in-law Herbert Caudill, a veteran missionary with the Home Mission Board.

Will you resolve to pray more for these men and the other missionaries who represent Christ and Southern Baptists in their respective fields of service? In James 5:16b is the declaration, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much,"

YOUR MISSION FIELDS



Series presenting capsule views of mission fields.

OKINAWA



Population: 880,000.

Size: 454 square miles, largest island in Ryukyu chain.

Government: Under U.S. administration since World War II. Capital: Naha.

Language: Ryukyuan and Japanese. Religion: Animism, Shinto, Buddhism.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS Date of entry: 1960 (47th country entered)

Related to work: 1,129 members in two churches; two chapels. Work is primarily with English-language congregations made up mostly of Americans from among large contingents of U.S. military and civilian personnel. These congregations cooperate with Okinawa Baptist Association in evangelistic outreach among Okinawans.

Present missionary personnel: 6.

At Koza

Alvin E., Jr. (Bud), and Doris Spencer and 6 children

At Naha

Dwight and Anne Dudley and 5 children

William and Mary Medling and 1 child (and 3 children no longer on field)

Population: 4,100,000.

Size: 42,042 square miles (about the size of Tennessee).

Government: Became a republic in 1839. Capital: Guatemala City.

Language: Spanish (official); Quiche (dominant Indian).

Religion: Roman Catholicism prevails but other creeds are tolerated.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS Date of Entry: 1948 (20th country entered).

Related to work: 2,093 members in 26 churches; 27 chapels. Baptist work began as indigenous movement, largely a result of doctrinal emphasis in literature from Baptist Spanish Publishing House.

Service centers:

Guatemalan Baptist Theological Institute, Guatemala City.

Paul Bell Theological Institute, Lake Atitlán.

One elementary school.

GUATEMALA

Present missionary personnel: 21.

At Guatemala City

Charles A., Jr., and Jean Allen and 2 children

Herb and Judy Billings and 2 children



Clark and Sarah Scanlon and 2 children

Don and Barbara Simms and 1 child

At Antigua

Dick and Lahoma Greenwood and 2 children

At Cobán

Ted and Sue Lindwall and 2 children

At Panajachel

Michael and Ethel Ledbetter and 2 children

At Quezaltenango

*Aquilla Brown

Chester S., Jr., and Dorothy Cadwallader and 2 children (and 2 children no longer on field)

R. E., Sr. (Eddie), and Hazel Gilstrap and 2 children

Bill and Libby Stennett and 3 children

*Missionary Journeyman

Field statistics as of Jan. 1, 1965. Missionary personnel information as of Nov. 3, 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.

Population: 57,000,000.

Size: 95,930 square miles, including W. Berlin (twice the size of Mississippi).

Government: Federal Republic of Germany; became independent in 1955. Capital: Bonn.

Religion: Divided almost equally between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS

Date of entry: 1961 (51st country entered).

Related to work: 17 English-speaking churches and four chapels; 1,951 members. Southern Baptists work

GERMANY

with English-speaking churches and as fraternal representatives with German Baptist Union.



Present missionary personnel: 10.

At Berlin

*Luther and Mary Frances Morphis and 2 children

At Heidelberg (for language study)
Dick and Katie Ballenger and 1
child

At Mainz

*Don and Trudy Rose and 1 child

At Munich

*Bill and Barbara Guess and 4 children

At Wiesloch

Lewis and Adeline Krause and 4 children

*Missionary Associates

RHODESIA

Population: 4,050,000.

Size: 150,333 square miles (slightly larger than Montana).

Government: Self-governing member of British Commonwealth. (Name was changed from Southern Rhodesia in 1964 when Northern Rhodesia became Zambia.) Capital: Salisbury.

Languages: English (official); main African languages—Chishona and Sindebele. Ratio of Africans to Europeans is 16 to 1.

Religions: Pagan.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS

Date of Entry: 1950 (33rd country entered).

Service centers:

African Baptist Theological Seminary, Gwelo.

Baptist Hospital, Sanyati.

Baptist Publishing House, Bulawayo.

Five clinics and dispensaries. Fourteen elementary schools.

Related to work: 33 churches and 72 chapels; 3,228 members. Baptist Convention of Central Africa was organized in 1963.

Present missionary personnel: 48.

At Bulawayo

Logan and Virginia Atnip and 4 children

Robert and Thelma Beaty and 4 children

Jimmy and Charlotte Walker and 3 children

At Ft. Victoria

John and Florence Griggs and 3 children

At Gatooma

Clyde and Anneli Dotson (7 children no longer on field)

Ralph and Laverne Rummage and 4 children

James and Nema Westmoreland and 2 children

At Gokwe

S. R. J., Jr. (Sam), and Ginny Cannata and 3 children

Marion G., Jr., and Jane Fray and 4 children

At Gwelo

Ralph and Betty Jean Bowlin and 2 children



David and Mary Sue Lockard and 2 children

Hugh and Rebecca McKinley and 3 children

Gene and Reva Milby and 2 children

At Plumtree

Herbert and Jacqulyn Neely and 4 children

At Que Que

John and Marie Cheyne and 4 children

At Salisbury

Gerald and Eunice Harvey and 5 children

Samuel and Ona Jones and 4 children

Carroll and Jackie Shaw and 2 children

At Sanyati

Mary Brooner

Mary Clark (in language study at Watsomba until April, 1966)

M. Giles, Jr., and Wana Ann Fort and 5 children

Frances Greenway

Donna Stiles

At Triangle

Gene and Jean Phillips and 4 children

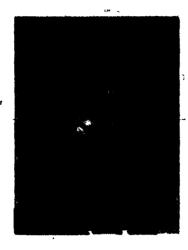
At Umtali

Marvin and Mary-Ellen Garrett
Robert and Eloise Garrett and 4
children

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATES

Employed January And July, 1965





Stationed at Rüschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, are Samuel and Jessie Mikeleski who were employed in January. He is professor of systematic theology at Baptist Theological Seminary there. Born in Yugoslavia in 1923, he moved with his family to Canada in 1927. He holds the B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Western Ontario, the B.D. degree from the University of London, and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Oxford. He has been pastor in both Canada and England. He taught at Northwestern Baptist Theological College, Vancouver, Br. Columbia, 1959-60, and was professor of theology at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 1960-65. Mrs. Mikolaski, the former Jessie Bain, was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1918. She has worked as a secretary and taught elementary school in Canada for four years. The Mikolaskis have four children, Catharine, 11, Stephen, 10, Ann, 8, and Helen, 6.

Hereld and Derethy Blankenship, employed in July, arrived in Libya in September as the first Southern Baptist missionary personnel assigned to that North African country. He will serve as pastor of First Baptist Church, Tripoli, an English-language church composed mainly of oil company and U.S. military personnel. Born in Tennessee in 1923, Blankenship holds the B.S. degree from Carson-Newman College and the B.D. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served in the U.S. Navy 1940-46, chiefly in the Pacific theater. Associate pastor at First church, Hickory, N.C., at the time of his employment, he previously was pastor and minister of youth and recreation at churches in Tennessee. Mrs. Blankenship, the former Dorothy Amos, was born in Alabama in 1932, is a graduate of Howard College, and holds the M.R.E. degree from Southwestern seminary. She has worked as secretary, teacher, and church educational secretary. The Blankenships have two children, Dan, 8, and Mary Virginia, 6.









Beginning their service at Ricks Institute at Monrovia, Liberia, in September were Joe and Frances Pou, employed in July. Both are natives of South Carolina, he of Saluda and she of Charleston. Born in 1924, Pou holds the B.A. degree from Furman University and the M.Ed. degree from the University of South Carolina. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific theater 1943-46. For several years he was in school work in South Carolina, as teacher 1949-57, principal 1957-60, and teaching principal 1960-65. Mrs. Pou, the former Frances Edwards, was born in 1926; she is a graduate of Berea College. She taught in Tennessee 1949-51 and in South Carolina 1951-65.

Theo and Jean Sommerkamp were employed in July to go to Rüschlikon, Switzerland, where he will be assistant to the director of European Baptist Press Service. Sommerkamp, born in 1929 in Tampa, Fla., for the past 10 years has been assistant director of Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention. Prior to that he served as a newspaper reporter in Florida. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and of Florida State University, where he received the M.S. degree. His U.S. Army service in 1946-48 took him to Italy. Mrs. Sommerkamp, the former Jean Childers, was born in Lenapah, Okla., in 1932. She holds the B.M.E. degree from Florida State University. She did clerical work in Florida, and later worked as stenographer and editorial assistant at the Baptist Sunday School Board 1955-58 and as an elementary teacher 1958-60, both in Nashville, Tenn. The Sommerkamps have three children, Brad, 5, Julie, 4, and Karl, 1.









Now stationed in the state of Parana in Brazil, where they will do field evangelism work, Geerge and Charlene Oakes were employed in July. Born in Liverpool, England, in 1914, Oakes is a 1939 graduate of the Bible College of South Wales and a 1961 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with the Diploma in Theology. He served on the Wales Bible college staff 1936-51 and then went to Brazil as a missionary. In 1956, at the end of his first term, he married Charlene Jones, also just completing her first term as a missionary to Brazil, having been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1952; she resigned her appointment at the time of her marriage. The couple returned to Brazil as missionaries supported by Cockrell Hill Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., and served there until 1964 when he became minister of direct missions for the church in Dallas. Mrs. Oakes was born in Texas in 1925. She is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and of Southwestern seminary, with the M.R.B. degree. The Oakes' two sons are Philip, 6, and Timothy, 1.

SPECIAL PROJECT NURSES

Employed in July, 1965



Jackle Eubank has begun her two-year term of service at Baptist Hospital, Eku, Nigeria. She achieved R.N. standing in 1961 after she had graduated from the Mather School of Nursing at Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La. She later received the B.S. in Nursing degree from the School of Nursing at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta, where she served as laboratory assistant 1963-64. She studied at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 1964-65. She was a Baptist Student Union summer missionary in 1956 and a Home Mission Board summer missionary in 1957 and 1958. She was staff nurse at an Augusta hospital for one year and during the first half of 1965 served at Louisville (Ky.) General Hospital, part-time. She was born in Appling, Ga., in 1938.

Twin sisters Joyce (left) and Janyce Rader arrived in Nigeria in September to begin their two-year assignments at Baptist Hospital, Eku. They were born in Nashville, Tenn., in 1940. Each received her nurse's training at the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Nashville, Tenn. They served as instructors at that school 1963-65, Janyce in the medical-surgical field and Joyce in the field of nursing of children. The sisters achieved R.N. standing in 1961 and later received the B.S. in Nursing degree from Northwestern State College of Louisiana.







Beginning two years of service in the pioneer Baptist medical mission work in Yemen in September was Jean Potter. She received the B.S. in Nursing degree from East Tennessee State College and achieved R.N. standing in 1959. She attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 1962-63. She has served as staff or head nurse at hospitals in Tennessee and North Carolina, and on part-time basis at Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La. She was practical nurse instructor in North Carolina for a year and instructor at Charity Hospital School of Nursing in New Orleans 1963-65. Her home state is Tennessee, where she was born in 1938.

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EPISTLES

Doctor Expresses Thanks

William Skinner
Chief of Medical Staff
Baptist Hospital, Asunción, Paraguay

It occurred to me recently that we are too often like children, always asking and receiving, but doing little thanking. We take too much for granted. I



want to express my personal gratitude to the Foreign Mission Board for the many helpful things they have afforded us in our missionary endeavor in Paraguay and all over the world; these allow us to fulfil our definite call to dedicate the skills the Lord has provided us to heal the integral man. I am thinking particularly of the equipment, operating funds, and personnel.

The pediatric pavillion, for example, is beautiful. Although it is not equal to a modern pediatric ward in the U.S., it is the best equipped one in Paraguay.

The oxygen-suction installation—the only one in Paraguay—still has a few kinks, but it is in operation. The hand-operated elevator has its problems also, but it provides good exercise and definitely renders a valuable service.

The air-conditioning in one ward for sick infants is a positive blessing for the babies with high fever and dehydration, especially on scorching hot days. The positive pressure croupette and the isolette and incubator for premature babies will afford tremendous help toward saving lives and witnessing to the parents, and, we hope, in later years to the children themselves about saving knowledge of the Lord.

Most of these items were made possible through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Some were personal gifts, but coming through proper channels.

The adaptation of the office space into a private clinic has benefited the private patients (who support 70 percent of the hospital's operating expenses), to say nothing of the comfort it offers us. Money has been received for a new x-ray machine that will conserve time and help save lives.

For these and the many implements we use daily in our routine duties I give thanks to God. I want to express thanks also to the hands the Lord used to allow these gifts to arrive and be put in use. I believe this feeling is mutual among all the missionary and national staff members at the hospital.

Desire To Give

John P. Grigge Ft. Victoria, Rhodesia

The first service on Sunday was at 8:30 A.M. in an African township. The congregation now meets under trees, but we hope to construct a church



building next year and we-receive-an offering to help finance this project.

The second preaching point was at a road camp where live a group of African families employed in road maintenance. A permanent building is not anticipated but there is ready response to the gospel. I had pondered the wisdom of receiving an offering, even though there is no immediate goal to challenge giving.

During the service I saw Amai Brock, a woman who has shown keen interest in the work, whisper to one of the young men. As we sang, the man came to tell me that Amai wondered if she could give an offering. I quickly said yes and after the song publicly explained Amai's request. "Perhaps there are others who would like to share in this," I added.

Following the offering I expressed appreciation for their desire to share with others what God had shared with them. "It may be that you would like to do this every Sunday," I said.

Amai was on her feet in a flash. "Tinoda kuzviita [We want to do it]," she declared. When God's Spirit moves in individuals' hearts, they do not have to be begged to give; they want to share in gospel outreach.

Men tamp rock street in Asunción,

WANDA PONDER



One More Leaves Paganism

Emma Watts
Ogbomosho, Nigeria



The old man seemed as unconcerned about spiritual matters as a person could be when the Baptist Hospital chaplain, his assistant, and I visited him. The

man was steeped in paganism, embracing a form of religion that emphasizes masquerading. He frankly confessed that he enjoyed all the feasting, dancing, and similar actions. We left his house feeling that our visit was probably wasted.

A few weeks later we returned to the home, but saw a changed man. He was so happy, I asked what had happened. He told us of the stand he had taken for Christ and explained that he had given away all trappings pertaining to his pagan worship. This may sound strange, but in such a religion a person does not have the right to dispose of such articles; though he may abandon the practice he must consider others of the group.

We warned him that Satan would tempt him to return to his old ways. But he was confident that he had settled the matter and that henceforth he would serve his new Master.

THE COMMISSION



African village near Umtali in Rhodesia.

GERALD B. HARVEY

Maria Rows the Boat to Church

Jean (Mrs. John A.) Poe Blumenau, Santa Catarina, Brazil

Maria Leopolde lives on the edge of the river that runs between the church and the homes of many members of the congregation. The operator of the rowboat



ferry service refuses to stay up long enough to take home passengers who attend the Baptist church. So Maria began borrowing a boat to do the ferrying herself.

Only five feet tall and weighing

about 90 pounds, she sometimes ferries five or six persons at a time and makes as many as nine or 10 trips each way. One night she could find nothing but an old boat, its hull partially rotted. About halfway across the river, the passengers had to bail water by hand as the boat almost sank. On another occasion Maria could not find a pole or oars, so paddled across with her hands.

We bought materials, and Maria, aided by neighbors, built a boat to carry as many as five persons. She

uses it weekly.

Conversions Follow Car Trouble

Marshall H. Fleurney

Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil



White driving to São Paulo for the ordination service of a recent seminary graduate, the microbus broke down in the mountains. The vehicle needed a welding

job or a new part, and I was stranded for two hours before anyone offered to tow me to a garage, the only one in the immediate area.

While the mechanic welded the auto part I asked about his spiritual condition. He said he had left the Catholic church in disgust and there was no evangelical church within 50 kilometers. Without a guide, he was struggling alone with his burden of sin, seeking salvation. He told how he would go into the woods for prayer, but felt he needed something more.

I related to him what Jesus had done for me. We talked until the

driver of a stranded truck needed the mechanic's services and I went on my belated journey.

On the return trip the new minister, the church organist, and I stopped to visit the mechanic. He invited us into his one-room home. The siding made of rough wood bore cracks wide enough to reveal brightly the lights of cars as they passed. The man's four children were asleep, three interwoven in one small bed and the baby in a crib. While we drank coffee warmed on the little wood stove, we witnessed to the man and his wife and their visiting friend.

Two hours later as we drove away through the cold, foggy night, we rejoiced that all three had accepted Christ and promised to read daily their new Bibles we had given them. I realized that it wasn't by accident that the Mission vehicle had broken down at that particular spot along a 900-kilometer stretch of highway.

Surprise Result

Pat H. Carter Mérida, Yucatán, México

Life is full of surprises. Many of the good things that have happened to us in Mexico have been unexpected. Recently a one-week evangelistic cam-



paign was planned at the church here. We expected a good meeting, except for Monday night since the evangelist could not arrive until Tuesday. The pastor preached on Monday; the crowd was small. At the close of the service there was but one profession of faith, made by a young man we had never seen before.

We learned that the convert, Eduardo, had only recently received his teacher's certificate from a university in Mexico City. He had come to Mérida to teach, but upon arrival discovered that the job promised him had been filled. Thus, he was alone and friendless when he "just happened" to wander by the church. Hearing the singing, he entered and felt God speaking to him.

Eduardo stayed three days, but was anxious to return home and tell his

parents of his new faith. He rode a bus to his hometown, some 2,000 kilometers [1,240 miles] away and witnessed to his parents and friends. He wrote that he planned to return to Mérida to learn more about what it means to be a Christian and that he

hoped to enter the seminary.

Keeping Quiet

Arrivals were slow for the Woman's Missionary Society meeting at Sineitha church, but soon 15 women were present. The new WMS president looked toward me, hoping that I would tell her what to do. I set sill. After a moment she arose and opened the meeting with prayer. Singing, reading of minutes, and program followed. Through it all this missionary kept quiet. This was a milestone! Months of effort had gene into training a few women who can read or lead, in order that they might take charge of their meetings. The process is often slow and discouraging, but gradually these women are becoming aware of their Christian responsibility.—Betty Ann (Mrs. David H.) Whitson, Mbeya, Tanzania

His "faith was better than his theology," observes this professor, "and his life was better than whatever faith he confessed."

ALBERT SCHWEITZER

An Evaluation

BY E. LUTHER COPELAND, Professor of Missions Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

LATE in the evening of Sept. 4, there died in Lambaréné, Gabon, one of the most controversial figures, yet perhaps the most universally beloved and revered personality of the past half-century.

What was the secret of Albert Schweitzer's greatness? I am sure that I could not give an adequate appraisal of Schweitzer's life and contribution even if I had much more time to read and reflect upon his major writings, and much more space for writing about him. A personality at once so simple and so complex defies easy analysis.

Schweitzer can certainly be criticized: It can be argued that his theology was inadequate to nourish those who are drawn to follow his example of renunciation and sacrifice. But it should be remembered that he was a product of an age which rejected cold dogma and rigid orthodoxy and thereby often failed to appreciate the richness of Christian theological development.

Likewise, it can be claimed that Schweitzer's comprehensive ethical philosophy of "reverence for life" is more pantheistic than theistic, although Schweitzer himself insisted that it was the ethic of Jesus. The great doctor was motivated by a desire to atone for human cruelty and man's inhumanity to man, but his neglect of the reality of divine atonement may have caused people to commit themselves more to Schweitzer than to God.

In a book published only last year (Ecumenics, Prentice-Hall, 1964, pp. 176-177), John A. Mackay perceptively criticizes Schweitzer for substituting "reverence for life" for "incarnation in life." Mackay predicts that Schweitzer will always belong more

to Europe and America than to Africa because he never really belonged to Africa, never became incarnate in the African people, never became interested in the redemption and reorientation of the Africans in their spiritual selfhood and in the sociological conditioning of their lives. To the day of his death Schweitzer had no representative of the New Africa as a medical colleague; after Schweitzer's half-century of devoted service to the African people his hospital is left in the hands of his daughter and other Westerners.

Similarly, Schweitzer can be accused of representing an age of paternalism in missions, an age that has passed all too slowly. He never ceased treating the Africans as children.

All of these criticisms have much validity. Yet Schweitzer is greater than his detractors, and their criticisms diminish his stature as little as they affected his demeanor. He stands as a massive protest against conformism, materialism, and inhumaneness. He is a striking symbol of the nobility of the human spirit when touched by genuine honesty, humility, and the spirit of self-renunciation. He is a judgment upon many Christians whose theologies and philosophies may claim either to be "sounder" or more sophisticated.

Schweitzer's greatness lies in part in the many-sided, almost incredible genius and precocity by which he could reach the apex of formal academic attainment (doctoral degrees) in three different fields—theology, philosophy, and music—and write significant works in all three before the age of 30, and in the matter-of-fact, unpretentious manner in which he accepted such unique endowments. His greatness may be attributed also to the measure in which his self-denial

matched his amazing genius, or to the radical honesty of a faith that was reticent of assertions which went beyond the power to demonstrate.

Always Schweitzer's faith was better than his theology, and his life was better than whatever faith he confessed. So he challenges and judges lesser men whose theologies are better than their faith and whose lives come in a poor second to their professions.

No one was more influential than Schweitzer in blocking efforts of the research of pre-war liberalism to extract Jesus from his first-century context and make him over into a modern idealist. And few have so consistently reverenced Jesus while rejecting the Christian dogma of the deity of Christ.

How then could Schweitzer say in answer to questions of Africans as to why he had come to minister to them, simply, "Jesus sent me"? How could a first-century Jewish prophet, who according to Schweitzer was tragically mistaken in his expectation of the end of the world, have such authority over this brilliant young German genius of the modern world? Or, to consider one of the questions posed by Jaroslav Pelikan, "How can so Christian and even orthodox a conclusion as Schweitzer's life be drawn from so radical and even heretical a premise as Schweitzer's theology?"1

Schweitzer himself gives a strong hint concerning the answer:

The essence of Christianity is an affirmation of the world that has passed through a rejection of the world. Within a system of thought that rejects the world and anticipates its end Jesus sets up the ethic of active love!

Even if the historical Jesus has something strange about Him, yet His personality, as it really is, influences us much more strongly and immediately than when He approached us in dogma and in the results attained up to the present by research. . . .

Anyone who dares to look the historical Jesus straight in the face and to listen for what He may have to teach him in His powerful sayings, soon ceases to ask what this strange-seeming Jesus can still be to him. He learns to know Him as One who claims authority over him.²

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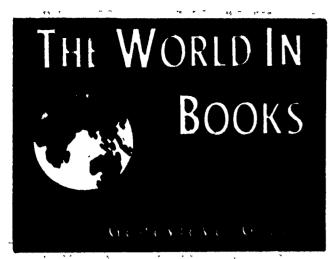
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Taiwan As I Saw It

By Juliette Mather Broadman, 128 pages, \$1.50

Miss Mather, for a long time associated with the Woman's Missionary Union in Birmingham, Ala., became an "unofficial missionary" teacher at 60, first in Japan and then in Taiwan. This is her account of what Taiwan is like. It makes a good addition to the mission bookshelf for background reading to accompany any study of Taiwan and, to some extent, any study of Oriental lands where Chinese people live.

This is a factual book. Miss Mather has made no attempt to dress it up in the clothing of fiction or even to play up the element of adventure, as so many authors do these days. She handles her subject in a straightforward manner. To anyone sincerely interested in knowing what the island nation is really like, the book provides absorbing reading. Details of life there help the reader get the

feel of the country.

Peace Corps and Christian Mission

By Roger D. Armstrong Friendship, 126 pages, \$1.75 paperback

According to this author, the Pence Corps and Christian missions need to consider each other. Though he identifies himself with the Peace Corps, he states well the case for Christian responsibility. In this he contributes a valuable insight to current discussion among concerned Christians. Some of his generalizations are open to question, but he is the first author to discuss the Peace Corps-missions relationship in the context of what the church's mission is all about.—J.J.

Macapagal the Incorruptible

By Quentin Reynolds and Geoffrey Bocca

McKay, 215 pages, \$3.95

Sometimes the reader may feel this is a history of the Philippines rather than a biography of one of its presidents, so closely is the life of Diosdado (Dadong) Macapagal tied into the life of his country. It is the story of a life endangered first by poverty and then by war followed by internal strife and corruption in the Philippine government.

Macapagal's honesty set him apart. "Honesty is not his policy," it was said of him; "it is his character." The story follows him through his struggle for an education, his beginning work as a lawyer, his war years, his work as a delegate to the UN, his campaign for election to the Philippine Congress and for the presidency.

Though Quentin Reynolds is cited as one of the authors, the book was not written until after his death. His

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Himalayan Heartbeat

By Ken Anderson
Word Books, 197 pages, \$3.75

The story of a Christian medical ministry in the part of India that borders on the mountains of Tibet, this book is a plea for deeper commitment of Christians everywhere to world evangelization.

Most of the book is the life story of Geoffrey D. Lehmann, a physician who established a Christian hospital at a small Indian village called Herbertpur. Born of a well-to-do family, he was able to go to India independently and build the hospital. His early training was in the field of engineering, so that he brought to the task of missionary and doctor a third qualification for his work of "building up" a mission.

Since the book deals with the Indian subcontinent and with medical work, it offers helpful background information for the 1966 foreign mission study of "New Mission Fields in Asia." It is also good background reading for recruitment of

mission volunteers.

The Schweitzer Album

By Erica Anderson
Harper & Row, 176 large pages,
\$17.50 (\$14.95 until Dec. 31,
1965)

The subtitle calls this attractive volume "A Portrait in Words and Pictures." The portrait is both physical and spiritual.

Clear action photographs, many in color, present the famed missionary doctor, philosopher, and musician with his family, friends, and patients. Excerpts from Schweitzer's own speeches and writings are used to reveal his spirit.

The author arranges the picture story in five sections. The first, "The Themes of the Beginning," deals with Schweitzer's birth, boyhood, and youth. The second, "The Fellowship of the Spirit," weaves into the story his extreme respect for life. Next comes "The Ministry of Service," concerning his healing ministry. "The Community of Friendship"

reveals his capacity for friendship and his wealth of friends. The last section, "The Unity of Thought," presents Schweitzer the philosopher.

Through the skill of the author-photographer, the reader sees the busy activities of a man of action, but feels the calm quietness of a man at peace with himself.

Missionary Legal Manual

By Crawford M. Bishop Moody, 158 pages, \$2.50

Written for foreign mission boards and individual missionaries, this manual is divided into two parts. The first has 18 chapters about laws (both of the U.S. and foreign countries) governing individual missionaries and mission organizations. They cover such subjects as preparation for going abroad, supplies, registration, protection by the U.S. Government, treaty provisions regarding missionaries, local laws, property, exit and reentry permits, marriage, children, and estates. The second part has nine longer chapters dealing with religious freedom as it relates to missions abroad and discussing work in Catholic, Communist, colonial, and Muslim countries, as well as other aspects of the subject.

REVIEWS IN BRIEF

World Affame, by Billy Graham (Doubleday, 267 pages, \$3.95): a discussion of some of the world conditions confronting man today—population explosion, lawlessness, racism, misuse of science, communism, politics.

Christian Calling and Vecation, by Henlee H. Barnette (Baker, 83 pages, \$1.50), discusses the author's belief that a Christian's primary task, whatever the work by which he makes his living, is to give witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Skaping the Church's Ministry with Youth, by David M. Evans (Judson, 127 pages, \$1.75), presents the need to see youth as active in the present church, not the "church of tomorrow" as many persons picture youth's role.

What Can I Believe?, by Walter L. Cook (Abingdon, 112 pages, \$2.00): a director of student field work answers youth's most often asked question.

Call Me Neighber, Call Me Friend, by Philip A. Johnson (Doubleday, 184 pages, \$4.50); a Lutheran pastor's case history of the integration of a Chicago neighborhood.

Family, State, and Church, by Paul Woolley (Baker, 48 pages, \$1.00): a discussion of such problems as tax exemption, military chaplains, religious holidays, and religion in public schools in the light of God's purpose for the three institutions.



Journeyman In Ghana

Carol Stalcup, one of the 46 Missionary Journeymen now serving in 26 countries, examines art work by children at good will center in Accra, Ghana. The two-year periods of duty for Journeymen began in September.

Forces Grow

"A significant trend" upward in addition of missionary personnel was pointed out to the Foreign Mission Board in October by Jesse C. Fletcher, secretary for missionary personnel.

In comparing two, three-year periods, Fletcher reported that during 1960-62 there were 381 persons added to the mission force for an average of 127 a year. With a total of 218 new personnel possible for the current year (including missionaries, missionary associates, special project nurses, and Missionary Journeymen), the 1963-65 total would reach 572, an average of 191 a year.

"This would constitute an astounding 50 percent increase in the three-year period," commented Fletcher. A similar increase for the 1966-68 period would require adding an average of 285 to the mission force annually.

"That kind of advance is not yet in the picture," said Fletcher, but the personnel department is working diligently "in response to indications that such an advance is not at all beyond what the Lord of the Harvest may be doing in our midst even now."

Anticipated December appointments are expected to push personnel additions for 1965 to a record high.

Cauthen Reviews Advance

Reflections on changes during two decades were expressed by Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen at the annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board in October, 20 years from the time the Board held its first annual meeting after World War II.

In 1945, total receipts of the Board were \$3,592,000, and the missionary staff numbered 550. The 1966 budget adopted by the Board calls for \$25,-282,552, and the missionary force reached 2,047 in October.

"Two basic convictions filled the minds of those serving the task of foreign missions" in 1945, recalled Cauthen. They were "that the achievements of world missions are indestructible" and "that Southern Baptists must do far more to help save the world than had been done before,"

"The 20 years which have gone by have given great evidence of God's leadership," he said. "A steady advance into new lands has taken place until we are now ministering in 60 countries of the world.

"Unparalleled opportunities for evangelism far beyond anything that

we have ever before experienced have come into reality," continued the executive secretary. "We have been caught up in a vast forward thrust which we recognize as being the work of the Lord.

"We are humbled at the adoption of a budget in excess of \$25 million, but as we lift our eyes to the task that is at hand we are quieted into serious thought as we measure what lies ahead.

"We cannot wait for the world to become as we would like it to be before we launch out into our witness for Christ," he declared. "We must go into the world of our day as it is."

Concluded Cauthen, "Our own problems and needs at the home base could easily become so urgent as to divert our eyes away from a world in distress and focus them upon ourselves. If this should happen, the consequences would be tragic. It is our task in this day of urgent worldwide need to call Southern Baptists to march forward more powerfully than ever before that the world may know Him who gave Himself for our redemption."

1966 Budget Voted

The largest budget in the history of the Foreign Mission Board—a 1966 budget of \$25,282,552.55—was adopted by the Board at its annual meeting held in Richmond, Va., in October.

The new budget is an increase of \$2,351,503.79 over the 1965 budget, and includes \$19,482,552.55 for operating purposes and \$5,800,000 for capital purposes.

Of the operating budget, \$17,558,058.55 will be spent overseas and the
remaining \$1,924,494 in the United
States for administration, missionary
education and promotion, and other
expenses related to maintaining a
headquarters and keeping Southern
Baptists informed of the work.

Paris Campaign First in France

The first simultaneous evangelistic effort by Baptist churches in France resulted in 65 professions of faith during meetings at eight churches in the Paris area Oct. 17-24.

French Baptist pastors served as evangelists. Theme for the meeting was "Jesus Is the Way." Attendance incre in each church. Attendance increased daily

Advertisements included 700 large posters displayed in prominent places throughout Paris. Announcements were carried in five leading newspapers of the city for four days just before the meetings. Baptists distributed 120,000 printed invitations.

"The campaign was a great blessing, particularly to members of our churches," declared Pastor A. Thobois of Avenue du Maine Baptist Church in Paris. "They have been carried forward in a wave of prayer and service," added Thobois, president of the French Baptist Federation.

The eight praticipating churches report a total membership of 650. Six of them have been established during the last 15 years, among them the English-language Emmanuel Baptist Church in Rueil.

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Planning Mission Study

One of several age-level committees in the Southern Baptist Missionary Education Council discusses future home mission study during the Council's annual meeting at Memphis, Tenn., in October. The Council plans and sets specifications for graded series of mission study on both foreign and home missions. Represented on the Council are the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood Commission, the six theological seminaries, the Convention's Executive Committee, and the Southern Baptist Press Association.

Regional Representative Named

The first of six regional personnel representatives was elected by the Foreign Mission Board in October. Roger G. Duck, a missionary to Colombia since 1957, will serve the Southwest area of the United States. He will work under supervision of Samuel A. DeBord, associate secretary for missionary personnel who is

responsible for candidates for foreign mission service in the western part of the U.S.

"His responsibility will be to interview on the grass roots level across a three-

Roger Duck state area (Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma) with special emphasis at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Baptist colleges in the area," explained Jesse C. Fletcher, secretary for missionary personnel. "He will also introduce a personnel factor to many schools of missions held in these three states and will furnish instant response from the personnel department to persons writing to express an interest in the cause of missionary service."

Duck will live in or near Ft. Worth, Tex. The plan for regional representatives calls for them to be placed in areas of heaviest concentration of mission volunteers, candidates, and prospects. Duck is to channel as many qualified persons as possible into the screening procedure leading toward appointment as a missionary, or employment as a missionary associate or Missionary Journeyman.

"We want to stress that the regional plan is an effort to locate a representative of the personnel department in a particular area and not to open a regional office of the Board," stated Fletcher.

Before his election, Duck had served in the capacity on a temporary basis for two months. Born in Texas, Duck is a graduate of Southwestern seminary and has done further study there since returning to the U.S. on furlough. Before missionary appointment he was pastor in Texas and served in the U.S. Navy 16 months. He is married and has three children.

More Orientation Studied

A longer orientation period for new missionaries before going overseas received approval in principle by the Foreign Mission Board in October. The extended orientation is expected to help appointees be better equipped to study a new language and adapt more quickly to a new culture.

Further study of the program and reports to the Board were requested. Details and location of orientation sessions will be considered as the study progresses. A plan for two 16-week sessions each year, held September-December and January-April, seemed to find favor with Board members. The fall of 1967 was mentioned as possibly the earliest date such a program could begin.

In recent years new missionaries have received from one week to 10 days of orientation before departing from the U.S. There has been general concern among those participating that a longer program is needed.

The Consultation on Foreign Missions, held by the Board at Miami Beach, Fla., earlier this year, repeatedly referred to this need.

Longer orientation could lead to earlier effectiveness by missionaries and thus a strengthened service, Secretary for Missionary Personnel Jesse C. Fletcher told the Board. He said the program could result in earlier and better adjustments on the field.

Fletcher listed as some specific results of such a program: increased language facility, better organizational aptitude (teamwork), benefits for family and child-parent adjustments, gains in methodological background, and advantages in cultural and environmental background.

Extended preparation "would add a note of balance to our whole Advance program," he declared. Working toward a goal of 5,000 missionaries, "we not only want to spread out, we want to root down."



Crusade in Spain

Maria Luisa Cantos, concert pianist in Barcelona, Spain, talks to Missionary Gerald McNeely outside Baptist church in Barcelona. Miss Cantos gave a concert in Valencia in connection with opening rallies for Spanish Baptists' first nationwide evangelistic effort in October. The 46 churches and mission points joining in the crusade reported a total of over 600 professions of faith, Missionary Dan White said.

RAs in Honduras Hold Camp

The first national Royal Ambassador camp to be held in Honduras was attended by 56 boys and their counselors in September.

Missionary Harold E. Hurst, camp director, reported that seven Ambassadors and two counselors dedicated their lives to the gospel ministry, and several boys professed faith in Christ.



Candidate Conference

Truman S. Smith (right), Board associate personnel secretary, talks with one of 28 persons from five states at the Oct. 18 candidate conference at First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga. Two other associate secretaries and A. Jackson Glaze, Jr., missionary from Argentina, assisted. Present, by invitation, were candidates for appointment and others interested in missions. Similar meetings are set for seminary campuses at Wake Forest, N. C., Jan. 31, and at Ft. Worth, Tex., Feb. 7.

Spanish Ministers Meet

More than 200 Protestant ministers met in Madrid, Spain, for a three-day conference to study prospects for future work in the country.

Addressing the group was José Cardona Gregori, Baptist minister who is executive secretary of the Spanish Evangelical Defense Committee. Spanish Protestants face the future with "cautious optimism," said Cardona. They feel that the expected promulgation on religious liberty by the Vatican Council will "warm the climate for religious liberty in Spain."

One leader appraised the assembly as "the most significant gathering of Protestant leadership ever held in modern Spain."

Seminaries Report Enrolment

Sixteen countries and four continents are represented among the 40 students enrolled for the fall term at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Rüschlikon, Switzerland, which has begun its 17th session.

In Colombia, the International Baptist Theological Seminary at Cali began its 13th year with a record enrolment of 46 students. It also has a record number of faculty members with 10 missionaries and two nationals (some who teach only part-time).

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Missionary Dick Henderson assists during evangelism retreat in Ghana.

Retreat Precedes Evangelism

Seeking spiritual power for a nation-wide evangelistic campaign, 72 Baptist pastors and church leaders in Ghana assembled at Ghana Baptist Seminary, Abuakwa, for an evangelism retreat.

The gathering preceded a month of evangelistic meetings in Baptist churches throughout the country. Special emphasis on personal witnessing,

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prayer, preparation, and CRUSADES training was scheduled following the local revivals, to lead up to campaigns in three strategic cities next

February.

Plans for city-wide evangelism during February at Accra, Kumasi, and Tamale were announced at the retreat. Intensive efforts in publicity, personal witnessing, and preaching will be used. In each city, the largest meeting halls have been rented for nightly services.

Represented at the retreat were 47 churches. Featured speakers were Joseph B. Underwood, Foreign Mission Board consultant in evangelism and church development, and E. O. Akingbala, Baptist pastor from Nigeria.

Several persons testified about experiences in personal witnessing. One young man from northern Ghana told how his desire to witness for Christ was frustrated when he moved to the Kumasi area as a student and was unable to speak the local language. He said he was led by God to walk the streets until he found other members of his tribe with whom he could talk about Christ. During the school term he reached 38 persons for Christ in this manner.

Final evening of the retreat was devoted to personal witnessing and preaching in the community. Though a torrential rainstorm disrupted the preaching service on the street, the efforts resulted in several professions of faith, reported Missionary Richard C. Henderson, chairman of the evangelism committee of the Ghana Baptist Convention.

At the retreat it was announced that 665 persons representing 85 churches had attended eight associational evangelism clinics conducted during September.

Portuguese Baptists Plan for Seminary

Messengers to the Portuguese Baptist Convention voted to establish a department of young people's work and instructed the Convention's executive committee to begin planning for a Baptist theological seminary in Portugal.

Attending the Convention's 31st annual meeting were 73 messengers from 26 churches. They reelected José Gonçalves president and received four additional churches, bringing to 27 the number of churches cooperating with the Convention.

John D. Hughey, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Europe and the Middle East, described Portugal as "a bright spot on the Baptist world map" in his report to the Board about his recent tour of Europe. "Church services are well attended, Baptists are optimistic and forward-looking, and the relationship between missionaries and Portuguese is excellent," he said.

Officers Elected

Three new officers—including the first woman to hold such an office were elected by the Foreign Mission Board in October.

J. Chester Badgett, pastor of Campbelisville (Ky.) Baptist Church since 1950, was elected president of the 61-member board. Named first vicepresident was J. Roy Clifford, pastor of The Tabernacle Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. The new second vicepresident is Mrs. J. Woodrow Fuller of Dallas, Tex. Mrs. Fuller, the first woman officer, is the wife of the associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas. The Fullers' daughter Ann (Mrs. Billy W. Coffman) is a missionary to the Dominican Republic.

Badgett, a member of the Board since 1962, is a native of Kentucky. He is a graduate of Georgetown (Ky.) College, and of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., with the Master and Doctor of Theology degrees. All his pastorates have been in Kentucky.

His concern for missions is evidenced in practical ways. After fire destroyed the Campbellsville church building, the congregation, under Badgett's leadership, determined that this would not detract from the cause of world missions. While rebuilding, and continuing through payment on the new building, the church has increased giving through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The church also sponsors five missions.

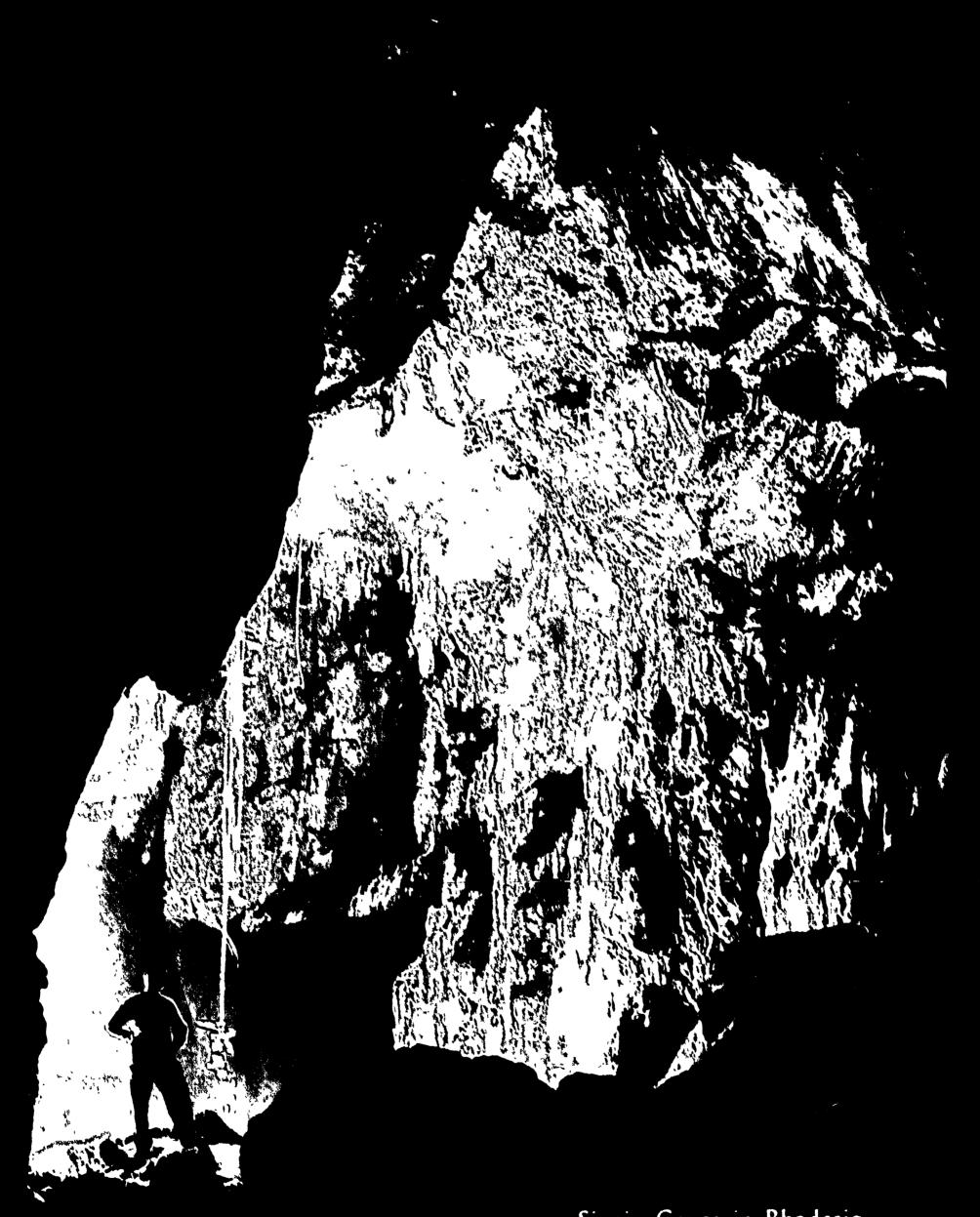
J. Rush Loving, director of church relations for the University of Richmond, was reelected recording secretary. Miss Inez Tuggle, secretary to the executive secretary, was reelected assistant recording secretary.

South Africa Dates Set

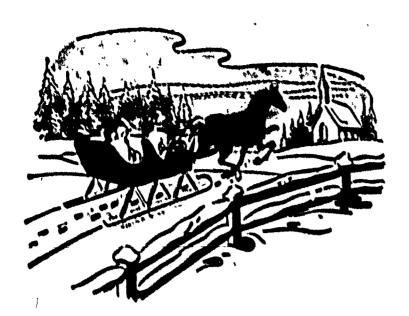
Churches in the Baptist Union of South Africa have designated May 1-15, 1966, as dates for their nations. wide evangelistic effort.

The churches have asked the evangelism division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to aid them in conducting the campaign and in enlisting evangelists from the U.S. The Baptist Union reports 164 churches with more than 16,000 members, in addition to the churches and missions of their missionary society.

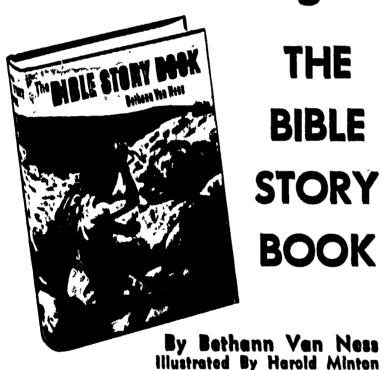
The Foreign Mission Board does not carry on work in the country.



Sinoia Caves in Rhodesia
Photo by Gerald S. Harvey



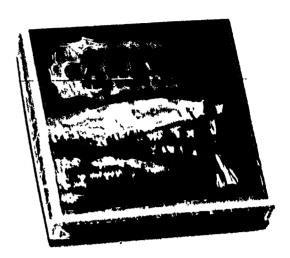
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