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*Workman displays a grapefruit near Tripoli, Libya.*

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and now

# NORTH AFRICA

By John D. Hughey

*Monk meditates in ancient Coptic church in Cairo.*



**N**ORTH AFRICA was the destination of two couples selected for overseas service by the Foreign Mission Board in 1965. They were the first persons ever designated by a Baptist missionary agency to serve in that part of the world.

These are fateful days, and perhaps a time of unusual opportunity, for Christianity in North Africa.

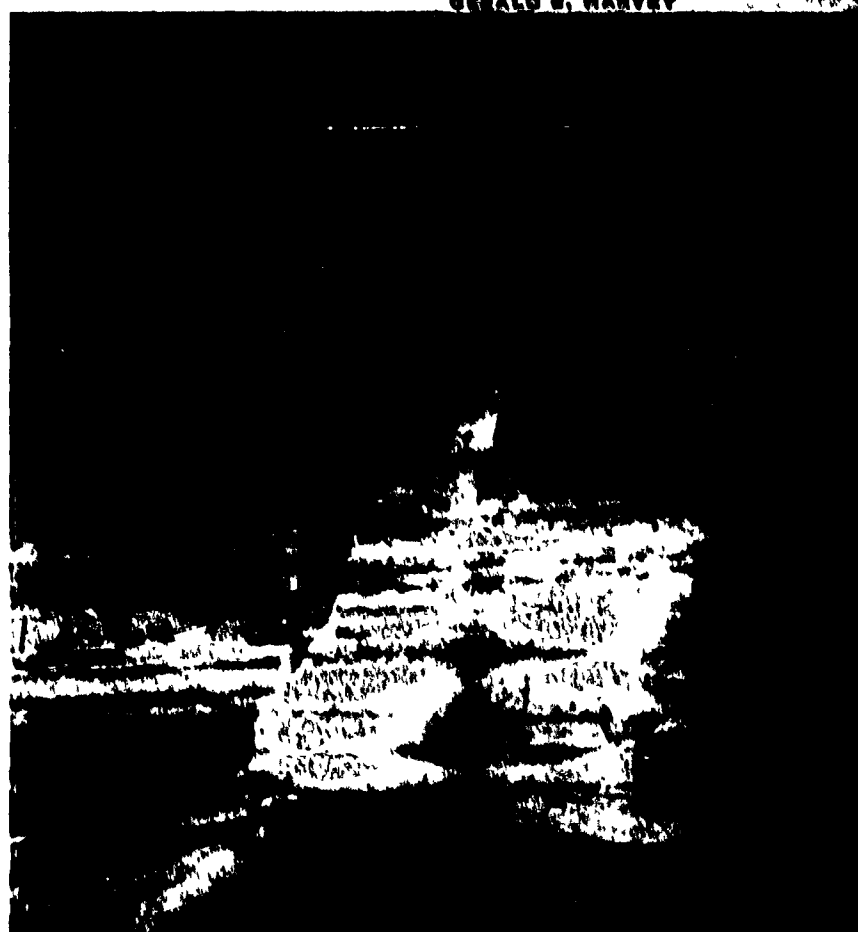
Five independent nations occupy the Mediterranean coast of Africa: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, and

*Man washes hands in irrigation ditch at experimental farm outside Brak, Libya.*



*Blind, Muslim beggar asks alms on corner in Melilla, Spanish city in Morocco.*

*Sphinx in Egypt.*





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*Gallopig horses raise a cloud of dust as riders throw guns into the air during a religious celebration in Morocco.*

the United Arab Republic (Egypt). They have a combined population of about 58 million. Their fertile areas are heavily populated, but several hundred thousand square miles are desert, part of the world's largest desert, the Sahara.

North Africa is part of the Arab world — Arabic is the common language, Islam the predominant religion.

There are differences, from country to country, in personal appearance, dialect, and custom. The greatest differences are between the United Arab Republic, commonly regarded as part of the Middle East, and the other

four countries, for which the term "North Africa" is frequently reserved. From the western border of the United Arab Republic to the Atlantic Ocean there are millions of indigenous North Africans who have their own Berber language and dialects. In the United Arab Republic, the Copts represent earlier Egyptian people, but their distinct language finds use only in the church liturgy.

North African soil has been the stage for much history. Abraham probably saw the pyramids of Egypt. The pharaohs ruled one of the mightiest empires of the ancient world. The

Phoenicians colonized North Africa, and Carthage (in what is now Tunisia) rivaled Rome in wealth and power. From North Africa Hannibal set out on his fateful campaign against Rome.

Greeks and Romans made North Africa a part of their world. Vandals invaded it, and finally Arabs possessed it. Arabs and native North African Berbers or Moors conquered Spain and marched as far as Tours in France before European armies drove them back. For several centuries North Africa was part of the Turkish empire.

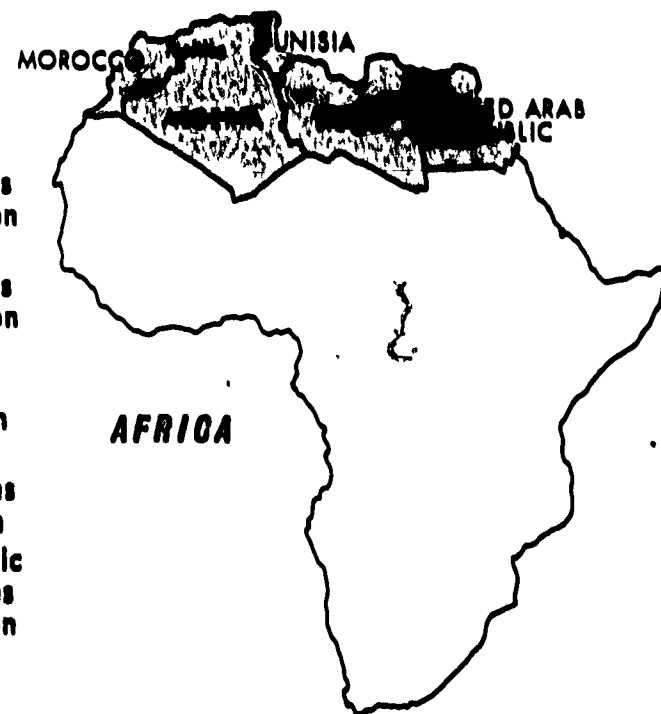
At one time North Africa was a Christian stronghold. Through such men as Tertullian, Cyprian, and Augustine this area helped determine the course of Christian history and theology. Impressive churches, schools, and monasteries were built. However, except in Egypt, Christianity made little impact on the indigenous people. Some Berbers, and even a few Berber tribes, became Christians, but for



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*Boy Scout at a camp in Tunisia.*

Morocco  
171,834 square miles  
12,675,000 population  
Algeria  
919,590 square miles  
11,610,000 population  
Tunisia  
48,332 square miles  
4,500,000 population  
Libya  
679,358 square miles  
1,505,000 population  
United Arab Republic  
386,100 square miles  
27,980,000 population



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the most part Christianity remained the religion of the Roman and Greek colonizers.

When the Arab followers of Muhammad swept across North Africa in the seventh century, many Christians fled to Europe, many were killed, and some became Muslims.

The Arabs accomplished what the Christians had not: they converted the native Berbers. Within a few generations Christianity was almost completely wiped out everywhere except in Egypt. There the Coptic church continued to hold the allegiance of many of its members; today the Copts make up 8 to 10 percent of the Egyptian population.

Why did Christianity surrender to Islam in North Africa? It was not just because of the superior force of the Arabs. The Christian missionary task had not been adequately carried out. There was too shallow a rootage among the people. Christian faith and practice in those called Christians apparently were far too weak to prove contagious or to call for self-sacrifice. Theological disputes had created bitterness and confusion.

Christianity returned to North Africa in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, this time in the person of European conquerors and colonizers.

*A Nubian girl in the Aswan area of United Arab Republic (Egypt).*



GERALD S. HARVEY

Algeria, Tunisia, and most of Morocco came under French control. Spain ruled the northern part of Morocco. Italy took Libya. Egypt became a British protectorate.

Throughout the region, Europeans built churches for their own use. Everywhere except in Egypt these were mainly Roman Catholic churches, though Protestant congregations and buildings also appeared. Even a Baptist church for Italians was organized in Tripoli, Libya, over 50 years ago.

Though the European governments were careful not to offend Muslims, considerable missionary activity took place. However, few converts were won among the Arabs or Berbers. Christianity was regarded as the religion of Europeans.

National revolutions and the recent achievement of independence have produced an exodus of Europeans from North Africa. The estimated Christian population (excluding Egypt) dropped from two million in 1965 to

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DOMINGO NALLA

*Muslims have tea at a Melilla cafe.*

*The children at an oasis village in Algeria drive their small flocks of sheep to scant desert pastures daily.*





*At an oasis in Libya, a shepherd tends his sheep.*

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half a million 10 years later. This decline is reminiscent of what happened in the seventh century.

The splendid church buildings seldom see use. The Roman Catholic Church in 1964 reached a friendly agreement with the Tunisian government whereby 77 churches, chapels, and other pieces of real estate no longer needed by the church were turned over to the state.

Perhaps these changing times will mean opportunity for Christianity in North Africa. The churches and missionaries do not live and work under shelter of European governments. This may prove to be an asset. Perhaps Christianity no longer will be regarded as a feature of colonialism and as just

the religion of foreigners (many of whom hardly commend Christianity by their lives).

"On the day when the last remnants of colonialism are gone," declared President Bourguiba of Tunisia, "our relations with the Christian church will be exemplary and ideal."

This does not necessarily mean full freedom for missionary work or for changing from Islam to Christianity. It does mean a clearing of the atmosphere.

At this turning point in history, the Foreign Mission Board is giving attention to North Africa. The initial thrust will be in three different places.

We expect to continue assisting the approximately 200 Baptists in Egypt. There will be financial grants to help pay the salaries of pastors and evangelists and the rental or purchase of places of worship. Missionary R. Edward Nicholas periodically travels

from Gaza to Egypt to counsel with the pastors and otherwise assist the churches. We would like to station a missionary couple in Egypt, but that seems legally impossible just now.

Last May the Board appointed Joseph and Nancy Newton to work with Arabs in the Spanish-governed city of Melilla, on the Mediterranean coast of Morocco. They are now studying Arabic and Spanish and hope to go to their mission post in the spring.

The Board has authorized the beginning of missionary work in Morocco itself, and one or two couples are being sought for that country. Representatives of several interdenominational missions witness faithfully, but there is no autonomous church of Moroccans, and there is no church building used mainly by Moroccans.

Harold and Dorothy Blankenship,

Hughey has been Foreign Mission Board secretary for Europe and the Middle East since 1964. He formerly served as a Baptist representative to Spain and as president of Baptist Theological Seminary in Switzerland.

missionary associates, have been in Tripoli, Libya, since last September. He is pastor of the 250-member, English-language First Baptist Church that was begun about three years ago. Two thirds of the members are civilians, mostly related with oil companies, and the rest are military connected.

This church faces an important ministry to the 10,000 Americans in Tripoli. Missionary work among the Libyan people is not authorized by the Libyan government, but the Blankenships are studying Arabic so that they will be prepared to communicate the gospel in that language also.

A French Baptist leader who knows North Africa well expressed delight some time ago that Southern Baptists

are becoming interested in that part of the world.

"For years I have been hoping and praying that a strong denomination would undertake missionary work in North Africa," he said. "The faith missions alone cannot do the job. There is a great work in North Africa for a mission board backed by a great denomination with the resources and the patience needed for a long-term investment."

May Southern Baptists have "the resources and the patience" for the task that has been started. North Africans need Christ. They can be saved by Christ. They are included in the scope of the Great Commission: "Go ye into all the world"; "make disciples of all the nations."

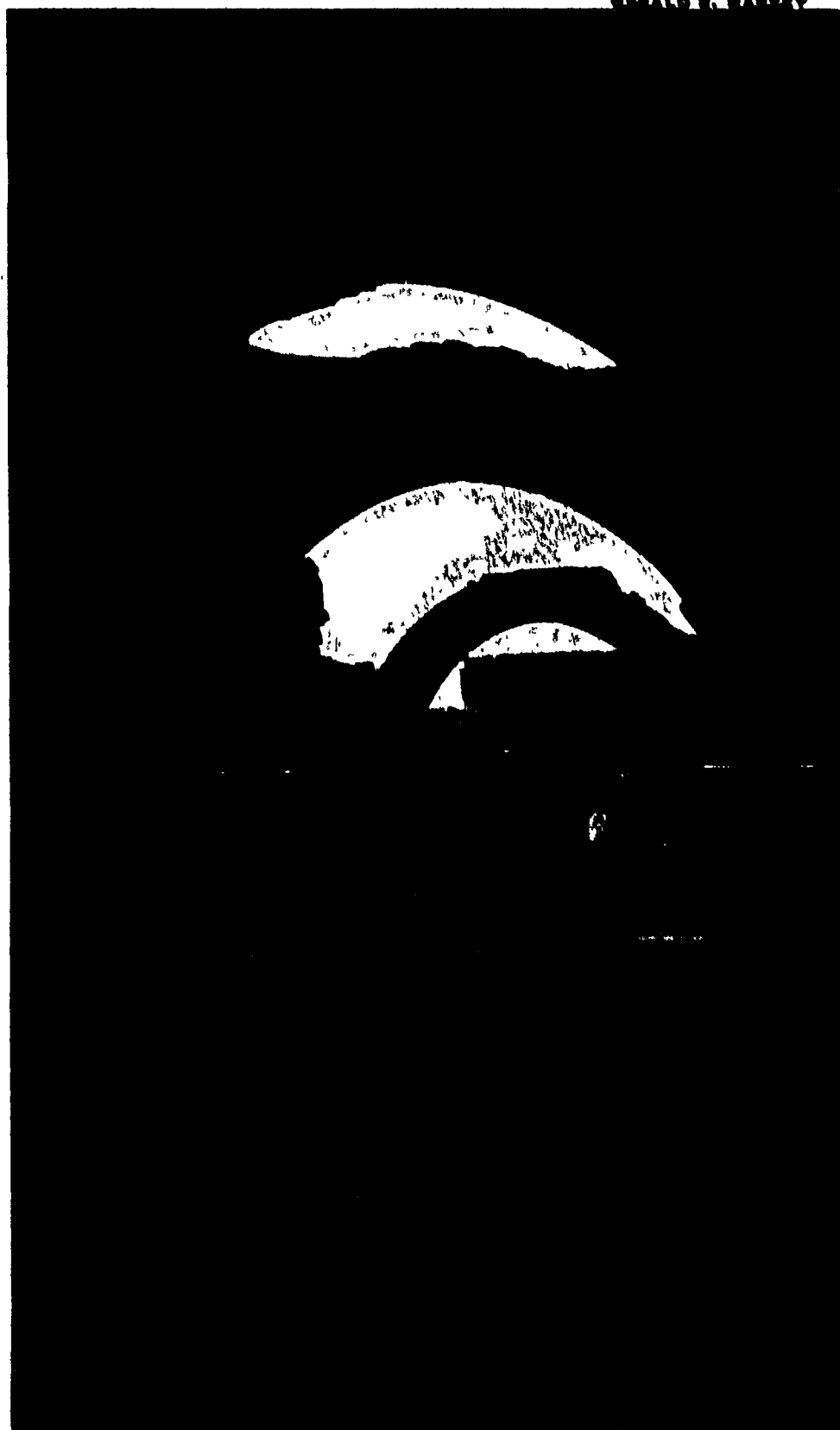


STANDARD OIL CO. (N.J.)  
*Artisan in Tripoli makes copper pans.*



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*Workman sews leather in a Libyan shoe factory.*

*Sixth century monastery  
on west bank of Nile River.  
Doors to monks' cells  
are on either side.*



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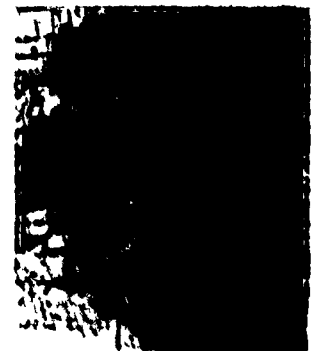
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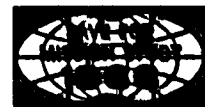
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COVER: Reliefs related to Lebanon-Syria campaign of Pharaoh Seti I on exterior wall of the temple of Amon-Ra Karnak at Thebes, Egypt. Photo by Fon H. Scofield, Jr.

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*Sadao Ikeda at mission.*



*Ikeda's father wipes away tears during service at mission; mother is at right.*

# A Time To Rejoice

**BY FRED M. HORTON**  
*Missionary in Fukuoka, Japan*

**A**S THE JAPANESE father sat watching his son, tears welled up in the older man's eyes—not once, but three times—in an unusual acknowledgement of emotion.

Japanese tradition prescribes restraint of outward evidence of feelings. But this man's gratitude to God was so overwhelming he courageously dared to reveal his joy.

The wait had been long, but the day had arrived at last. While his father and mother looked on, Sadao Ikeda stood representing his classmates during graduation worship service at the Baptist seminary in Fukuoka. Tears flooded the eyes of Sadao's father as he sat in the audience.

A short time later Sadao stood with 600 graduating students before the student body and faculty to receive his diploma after years of arduous study. Now 31, Sadao had spent seven years at Seinan Gakuin in Fukuoka—four years to receive a college degree, then another three years in the seminary course.

At his seat halfway back among the rows of parents, Sadao's father brought a handkerchief to his eyes to wipe away the tears.

Again Sadao stood in front of a group, this time to accept the pastorate of Kobayashi Baptist Mission, a new and developing work in Fukuoka, a city of 650,000.

His father, seated beside a window near the front of the chapel, bowed his head as he dried his eyes.

The elder Ikeda had reason to rejoice. Sadao, by exemplary life and witness, had led both his father and mother to accept Christ as Saviour.

Sadao himself had been led to trust Christ by the man who later became his father-in-law, Koji Iwanaga, then pastor in Sadao's hometown, Sasebo. (Iwanaga since has become pastor of Japan's northernmost Baptist church in Asahigawa.)

Kobayashi congregation, a mission of the Higashi Baptist Church in Fukuoka, had 23 baptized members as of last August. The New Life Movement, nation-wide evangelistic crusade in 1963, greatly benefited the mission. The temporary, prefabricated building for the mission was erected with gifts from Japanese Baptists, assisted by the Japan Baptist Convention's loan fund. Now Sadao is leading in this ministry on a growing edge of evangelistic potential.

Through the long years of Sadao's study, his parents had confidence in his determination and ability. To see him reap the fruits of study and accept leadership as a Christian pastor were occasions demanding joy, however displayed.

# JOURNEYMAN AT WORK



By Lloyd W. Mann

**W**HEN I stepped from the plane in San José, Costa Rica, last August, I was realizing a dream I have held since I was 14.

While doing research on a missionary biography for a Royal Ambassador rank I began to dream of one day going to Latin America as a missionary. Eleven years later I found myself beginning a two-year term as a Missionary Journeyman, serving as student work director at the University of Costa Rica.

Much of my working day is spent at the ping pong table or checker board, playing games and talking with students who drop in, for we have found that the most important factor in student work is personal contact.

The Baptist Center—including student center, Mission headquarters, Bible institute, and book store—is located less than three blocks from the university campus. Situated near one of the main campus entrances, the center attracts many students.

Only two blocks away is one of the city's largest high schools. Students in their final year of high school are welcomed to the center, for workers at the center have recognized the responsiveness of these younger students and the need to reach them before they encounter the secularism at the university.

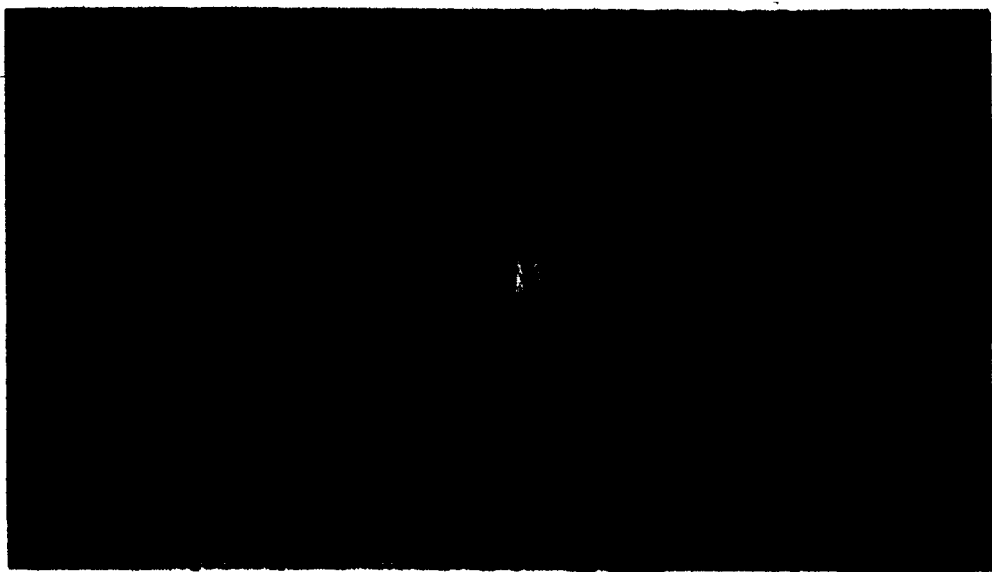
Ping pong, shuffleboard, and a wide variety of table games are provided during the day. The ping pong table



*Mann helps incoming president of student group with work in microbiology lab.*

PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

**Baptist Center  
in San José.**



**University students in a checker game at the center.**

**Mann helps set up for  
Christmas telecast.**

is never idle while the center is open, for Costa Ricans are avid fans of the game. Often the students spend as much time at the center playing ping pong as they spend in classes.

Every Wednesday evening, university students gather for a program that alternates Bible study with films, talks on topics such as "The Christian and Politics," or studies of subjects such as world religions.

Before each meeting, Missionary Dan (S. D., Jr.) Sprinkle conducts an English class, using an edition of the Gospel of John designed for teaching the language. His wife LaVora offers a cooking class in the center's kitchen.

A small group of Baptist students at the university meet with me on Monday nights for Bible study in depth and for visitation. When the university is in session (summer vacations are December-March), four of us go to the university coffee shop to witness to individuals taking a break from study.

Unscheduled activities also crop up. Students have shown interest in Bible study; from time to time, one or more students will come asking that I discuss some religious question. This often leads into investigating the Scriptures for an hour or so, or sometimes over a period of several days.

The university administration allows

Baptists to utilize campus facilities for special programs. Already we have used the university auditorium to present piano concerts, a lecture series, and the film, "Martin Luther." Activities on campus are usually co-sponsored with the other two evangelical student groups.

Right after final exams, an evangelistic hootenanny—a time of group singing—was held at the student center. Attendance was good, and the program was well-received.

During the two-and-a-half-month break between semesters, we kept busy. A "Tuesday Night at the Movies" type of program presented films from "The Answer" series of the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission and cultural movies from various embassies. A three-day camp for university students was held at the Mission house on the Pacific shore.

A mission trip was slated to a small island to distribute literature and help with sanitation and health problems. Also planned was a trip to the beaches during February to minister to the many university students who flock there for sun and fun.

Perhaps the greatest difficulty in student work here is the lack of Christian students to help carry the load. Of the 40 or so students who come to the center during an average day, only one is a Christian. This means programs must be planned to interest both Christians and non-Christians.

More than eight out of every 10 who come to the Wednesday night meetings are Catholics.

Finding the vocabulary to communicate the gospel constitutes a problem. Catholics use our usual vocabulary—faith, believe, Saviour, Christian—but with different meanings. We are seeking more meaningful ways to express gospel ideas to students.

Activities besides student work help fill my schedule. Once or twice a month I have opportunity to preach in various churches; once I flew to Limón, a Caribbean port, to speak in two churches. The Young Woman's Auxiliary work has claimed some of my time: I was a waiter at their national banquet, a speaker at one of their meetings, and Bible teacher at their February camp. Each Thursday I have a chance to work with the children of missionaries in their various organizations.

For the special Christmas program of the weekly Baptist Hour on television, I joined with two pastors and Missionary Laverne Gregory in a quartet. We are hoping the student group will be able to produce several television programs in coming months.

Because I can assist in student work, Sprinkle can now devote more of his time to the myriad other tasks that are his in church work, the Mission, and the Bible institute. I am grateful for this two-year realization of a missionary dream.

Mann, a native of Washington, is one of 46 Missionary Journeymen now serving two-year terms in 27 countries.



# SHOULD YOU GO?

BY JESSE C. FLETCHER, *Secretary for Missionary Personnel*

**S**OUTHERN Baptists are seeking to put 5,000 missionaries on the world's harvest fields of spiritual need at the earliest possible date. This is not just a numerical goal. It represents a conscientious effort to effect a more realistic stewardship of our resources and potential in light of our Lord's commands and the cry of persons without Christ.

At the end of 1965 there were 2,072 overseas missionary personnel, pressing forward on 60 beachheads and calling for reinforcements. Out of recent Mission meetings have come calls for hundreds of new missionaries. This representative group (on pages 10-13) of the most urgent requests is only part of the number and variety of new personnel needed.

Each request calls for a person willing to commit himself to God's progressive leadership regarding personal participation in the world mission task. Each request requires a person willing to discipline himself toward becoming his best for the sake of Christ and for those who so desperately need Him.

After studying these representative needs, if you would like to explore the possibility that you could meet one of them, please write: Secretary, Department of Missionary Personnel, Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230.

If you would like more information about missionary service or requirements for appointment, the Missionary Associate Program, or the Missionary Journeyman Program, please inquire.

## Ten Critical Needs

1. Pilot-mechanic for Brazil.
2. Doctor for Ghana.
3. Mechanic for Rhodesia.
4. Evangelist for Nigeria.
5. Seminary professor for Korea.
6. Evangelist for Jordan.
7. Business manager for Italy.
8. Nurse for Tanzania.
9. Evangelist for Pakistan.
10. Evangelist for Uruguay.

## Africa

### EAST AFRICA

Population: 26,300,000

Present Missionary Staff: 101

Urgent Needs:

- Field evangelists—5 couples
- Community center workers—1 couple; 1 woman
- Agricultural workers—2 couples
- Physician—1 couple
- Nurses—3 women

### GHANA

Population: 7,400,000

Present Missionary Staff: 32

Urgent Needs:

- Field evangelists—2 couples
- Baptist press worker—1 couple
- Physician—1 couple
- Nurse—1 woman

### IVORY COAST

Population: 3,665,000

Present Missionary Staff: 2

Urgent Needs:

- Field evangelists—2 couples
- Community center worker—1 woman

All population statistics, 1964 *Statistical Yearbook*, UN.

All personnel needs statistics as of Jan. 20, 1966.

### LIBERIA

Population: 1,030,000

Present Missionary Staff: 22

Urgent Needs:

- Field evangelist—1 couple
- Religious education worker—1 couple
- Secondary teachers (Bible, math)—2 couples or single women\*
- English-language pastor—1 couple\*

### MALAWI

Population: 3,800,000

Present Missionary Staff: 12

Urgent Need:

- Field evangelists—3 couples

### NIGERIA

Population: 55,650,000

Present Missionary Staff: 237

Urgent Needs:

- Field evangelists—5 couples
- Physicians—3 couples
- Dentist—1 couple
- Pharmacists—2 couples
- Secondary teachers (English, science, home economics)—2 couples; 2 women\*
- WMU workers—2 women
- Student worker—1 couple

Religious education teachers—2 couples

Men and boys worker—1 couple

City mission worker—1 couple

English-language pastors—2 couples\*

### RHODESIA

Population: 4,100,000

Present Missionary Staff: 48

Urgent Needs:

- Field evangelists—2 couples
- Nurse—1 woman
- WMU worker—1 woman
- Dormitory parents—1 couple\*
- Publication worker—1 couple

### TOGO

Population: 1,600,000

Present Missionary Staff: 2

Urgent Need:

- Field evangelists—2 couples

### ZAMBIA

Population: 3,500,000

Present Missionary Staff: 20

Urgent Need:

- Field evangelists—3 couples

\*Could possibly be filled by missionary associate.

# Europe and Middle East

## EUROPE

### FRANCE

Population: 48,000,000  
Present Missionary Staff: 4  
Urgent Needs:

English-language pastor—1 couple\*

### ITALY

Population: 50,500,000  
Present Missionary Staff: 26  
Urgent Needs:

Student worker—1 couple  
Business manager—1 couple

## MIDDLE EAST

### GAZA

Population: 395,000  
Present Missionary Staff: 11

### Urgent Needs:

Physician—1 couple  
Nurse—1 woman\*  
Nursing instructor—1 woman\*  
Medical technologist—1 woman

### ISRAEL

Population: 2,380,000  
Present Missionary Staff: 25  
Urgent Need:  
Field evangelist—1 couple

### JORDAN

Population: 1,830,000  
Present Missionary Staff: 18  
Urgent Needs:

Field evangelist—1 couple  
English-language pastor—1 couple\*  
Physician—1 couple  
Hospital administrator—1 couple  
Nurse—1 woman

WMU worker—1 woman

Secondary teachers—1 couple; 1 woman

### LEBANON

Population: 2,200,000  
Present Missionary Staff: 22  
Urgent Need:  
Field evangelists—2 couples

### YEMEN

Population: 5,000,000  
Present Missionary Staff: 3  
Urgent Needs:

Physician—1 couple  
Nurses—2 women  
Pharmacist—1 woman or man  
Medical technologist—1 woman

\*Could possibly be filled by missionary associate.

*At seminary in Lebanon, Missionaries David King (left) and W. O. Hern (by car) talk to students on way to churches.*

GERALD S. HARVEY



*Arlene Rogers, missionary nurse at Baptist Hospital in Barranquilla, Colombia.*



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# Latin America

## ARGENTINA

Population: 21,800,000

Present Missionary Staff: 79

Urgent Need:

Field evangelists—5 couples

## EQUATORIAL BRAZIL

Population: 12,530,000

Present Missionary Staff: 43

Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—4 couples

Secondary teacher—1 couple

Student worker—1 couple

## NORTH BRAZIL

Population: 21,070,000

Present Missionary Staff: 81

Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—4 couples

Office manager—1 couple

Seminary teacher—1 couple

## SOUTH BRAZIL

Population: 44,000,000

Present Missionary Staff: 154

Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—4 couples

Religious education worker—1 couple

Music worker—1 couple

Student worker—1 couple

## CARIBBEAN

(Bahama Islands, British Guiana, Dominican Republic, French West Indies, Jamaica, Trinidad)

Population: 7,320,000

Present Missionary Staff: 39

Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—11 couples

Religious education worker—1 couple

Seminary teacher—1 couple

Secondary teacher (math and science)

—1 couple\*

## CHILE

Population: 8,300,000

Present Missionary Staff: 55

Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—4 couples

School administrator—1 couple

Religious education worker—1 couple

## COLOMBIA

Population: 15,100,000

Present Missionary Staff: 39

Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—5 couples

Chaplain—1 couple

Physician—1 couple

Nurse—1 woman

Business manager—1 couple

## ECUADOR

Population: 4,800,000

Present Missionary Staff: 22

Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—6 couples

Business manager—1 couple

Seminary teacher—1 couple

Primary school director—1 couple or 1 woman

Student worker—1 couple

## GUATEMALA

Population: 4,100,000

Present Missionary Staff: 21

Urgent Need:

Field evangelists—2 couples

## HONDURAS

Population: 2,025,000

Present Missionary Staff: 8

Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—2 couples

Physician—1 couple

Nurse—1 woman

## MEXICO

Population: 38,500,000

Present Missionary Staff: 66

Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—4 couples

Physician—1 couple

Agricultural worker—1 couple

Radio-TV and Public Relations worker—1 couple

## PARAGUAY

Population: 1,910,000

Present Missionary Staff: 23

Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—2 couples

Physician—1 couple

Nurse—1 woman

Medical technologist—1 woman

## PERU

Population: 11,100,000

Present Missionary Staff: 25

Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—5 couples

Social worker—1 couple

## URUGUAY

Population: 2,600,000

Present Missionary staff: 20

Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—5 couples

Seminary teacher—1 couple

Student worker—1 couple

## VENEZUELA

Population: 8,200,000

Present Missionary Staff: 25

Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—5 couples

Religious education worker—1 couple

English-language pastor—1 couple

\*Could possibly be filled by missionary associate.



# The Orient

## HONG KONG AND MACAO

Population: 3,772,000

Present Missionary Staff: 57

### Urgent Needs:

Seminary teacher—1 couple  
Student worker—1 couple  
Secondary teachers—2 couples; 1 woman  
College teacher (science)—1 couple  
Social worker—1 woman\*  
Office secretary—1 woman\*  
Publication workers—1 couple; 1 woman  
English-language pastor—1 couple\*

## INDIA

Population: 460,500,000

Present Missionary Staff: 2

### Urgent Needs:

Physicians—3 couples  
Nurses—2 women  
Hospital administrator—1 couple

## INDONESIA

Population: 100,100,000

Present Missionary Staff: 90

### Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—6 couples  
Student worker—1 couple  
Physician—1 couple  
Nurses—3 women  
Hospital administrator—1 couple

## JAPAN

Population: 96,000,000

Present Missionary Staff: 135

### Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—10 couples; 1 woman  
College teacher (English)—1 couple\*  
Secondary teachers (Bible, music, English)—4 couples\*

Dormitory assistant—1 woman\*

English-language pastor—1 couple\*

## KOREA

Population: 27,300,000

Present Missionary Staff: 46

### Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—10 couples  
Seminary teachers—2 couples  
Dentist—1 couple  
Nurse—1 woman  
Physician—1 couple  
Student workers—2 couples\*

## MALAYSIA

Population: 10,675,000

Present Missionary Staff: 52

### Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—8 couples  
Religious education worker—1 couple  
English-language pastors—2 couples\*  
Book store worker—1 couple\*

## OKINAWA

Population: 775,000

Present Missionary Staff: 6

### Urgent Need:

English-language pastor—1 couple

## PAKISTAN

Population: 98,620,000

Present Missionary Staff: 23

### Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—4 couples  
Industrial education teacher—1 couple  
Dormitory parents—1 couple\*  
Hospital administrator—1 couple  
Physicians—1 couple; 1 woman  
Nurses—2 women  
Medical technologist—1 woman

## PHILIPPINES

Population: 30,500,000

Present Missionary Staff: 87

### Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—8 couples  
Seminary teacher—1 couple  
English-language pastor—1 couple\*  
Publication worker—1 couple  
WMU worker—1 woman  
Physician—1 couple  
Book store worker—1 couple\*

## TAIWAN

Population: 11,700,000

Present Missionary Staff: 64

### Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—10 couples; 4 women  
Seminary teacher—1 couple  
Music worker—1 couple  
Student workers—1 couple; 3 women  
Business manager—1 couple  
Book store worker—1 couple

## THAILAND

Population: 28,850,000

Present Missionary Staff: 61

### Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—8 couples  
Religious education worker—1 couple  
Music worker—1 couple  
Publication workers—1 couple; 1 woman  
Nurse—1 woman

## VIETNAM

Population: 15,500,000

Present Missionary Staff: 23

### Urgent Needs:

Field evangelists—6 couples  
English-language pastor—1 couple\*

\*Could possibly be filled by missionary associate.

*Missionary Gerald Fielder meets with associate at Seinan Gakuin, Baptist university in Fukuoka, Japan.*

AL J. STUART



# editorials

## An Emblem To Remind Us

**U**PON adopting its five-year theme for the post-Jubilee period, the Southern Baptist Convention affirmed a basic and challenging objective for every church. It was born of the belief that every church can fulfil its mission.

The theme always appears with the emblem displayed on this page. The annual program emphasis that is current is also attached; the five emphases adopted in 1963 are as follows:

1965—*A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Worship*

1966—*A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Proclamation and Witness*

1967—*A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Education*

1968—*A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Ministry*

1969—*A Church Fulfilling Its Mission Through Evangelism and World Missions*

In a singular way, the 1966 emphasis suggests the opportunity for every church to learn more fully how the worldwide fulfillment of its mis-

sion is largely achieved through what the Foreign Mission Board does. The Board is actually the channel through which all Southern Baptist churches project their proclamation and witness to the nations beyond our boundaries.

In a second capacity, the Board is the main supply source of foreign missions information and materials that a church needs in its program of missionary education. In keeping with the theme before us, we continually encourage every church to plan whatever is necessary for educating all ages toward a greater awareness of the mission they and their church are to fulfil.



## Mail Inquiry Clarified

**RESPONSE** by subscribers to the postcard inquiry we sent out at the close of 1965 has been gratifying. We regret, however, that several persons interpreted the question about automatic renewal as a notice that their subscriptions had expired.

We intended to provide each person the privilege of including, with the other reply information, a request that his or her subscription be set up on an automatic renewal basis. Some persons prefer this instead of the procedure that requires expiration notices and possible interruption that sometimes means missing an issue of **THE COMMISSION**.

The double postcard that you received was not a notice that anyone's subscription was about to expire.

We hope that this clarification serves as a reminder for those who have not yet mailed the reply card back to **THE COMMISSION**. The information requested will help us immeasurably. Our thanks to all who have responded thus far.

## Keep Us Informed

**HAVE YOU CHANGED** your mailing address recently? Are you planning to, soon? Be sure to let us know both the old address and the new one, as soon as possible. We will do what we can to see that you do not miss an issue of **THE COMMISSION**.

# The Task At Home



By Baker J. Caithen

**W**HEN the Southern Baptist Convention came into being in 1845, it established two mission boards: the Foreign Mission Board for work in lands afar, and the Home Mission Board for work in our country.

Across the years the ministries of home missions have reached into areas of need. Many strong churches today look back with grateful appreciation upon the assistance given to them by the Home Mission Board as work was begun. Praises to God are sung in many Indian tongues, as well as in Spanish, French, and other languages, because home missions programs have proved fruitful.

Today the home mission task takes on even greater significance as far-reaching changes occur in our country. The development of great cities and the shift of rural people into urban areas have brought fresh challenges and responsibilities.

It is obvious that vital ministry to the cities must be projected or millions of people will live without contact with churches. The rush of life and the isolation created by apartment living already do much to keep modern Americans from becoming involved in church life.

The Home Mission Board addresses itself to this growing challenge with vigor and determination.

While making new evangelistic thrusts into large metropolitan areas, it seeks other creative ways whereby people can be served. Much of the future of Christian work in this country depends upon the outcome of efforts to reach the cities for Christ.

Another rapidly growing facet of the task at home is the ministry to persons from overseas who are in this country for study or business, government or military responsibility.

Thousands of students from abroad are now enrolled in U.S. universities. Upon returning to their home countries, many will become leaders in business, in government, or in the professions. They who are won to Christ here will have opportunity to return to their people as witnesses for the Lord. Some who are not won to Christ, but who are impressed by Christian courtesies extended to them while in this land, will return home to become friends of the missionaries and Christian workers.

The number of students from abroad undoubtedly will continue to grow. Much more can be done in years ahead to share Christ with them.

A major part of the task at home is seen in ministry to persons in

the armed forces. Dedicated chaplains minister not only to those with whom they are immediately identified on military bases, but often share in service to the surrounding population.

The home task takes on greater significance when we consider that Americans are increasingly involved in worldwide responsibilities. Overseas their number increases, not only in the widely dispersed military forces, but in business, government service, and as tourists.

Emphasis should be placed upon dedicating overseas experiences to Jesus Christ. For whatever reason a Christian goes abroad, he should seize the opportunity to serve his Lord in manner of life, in his attitudes, and by personal testimony wherever he goes.

As we labor at the home task, we strengthen the base for world missions. The days that lie before us call for maximum effort on a world scale. That effort will be in proportion to the strength of the supporting base.

We are grateful to God for the reinforcement the Annie Armstrong Offering brings to home missions along with gifts through the Cooperative Program. May God's power rest mightily upon all who labor in the task of home missions.



# ROCK VILLAGE

BY  
L. BYNUM AKINS



*Congregation at Rock Village in front of bamboo tabernacle when chapel was organized in late 1964.*

**R**EFUGEES fleeing the China mainland through Burma were offered land by the Nationalist Chinese government on Taiwan in 1960. The refugees are mostly Chinese, with a few Burmese.

In South Taiwan, near the city of Kaohsiung, is a wide river, Kao Ping Shoo. Once deep enough to carry small merchant ships as far as 25 miles inland from the coast, the river has changed its course, leaving several miles of rocky, dry bed.

The government in Taiwan offered each refugee two acres of this land free, with a year to develop it. The area was covered with smooth rocks, each about the size of a doubled fist, but the government also provided the use of heavy machinery to help clear away the rocks.

Refugees built their homes to form a small village, officially called Hsin Gwo Hsin Tswen—New Country, New Village. We call it Rock Village. The

farmers at first tried to grow tobacco, but found that bananas and sugar cane grow better.

While waiting for their houses to be completed, the refugees lived for several months at a nearby village, Meei Nong, where there is a Baptist chapel. Mrs. Wang Shou Hsin, who worked with this chapel, witnessed to some of the refugees. When the newcomers moved to their own village, they invited Mrs. Wang to come and preach. Cheng, one of the converts, invited the believers to meet in his house until a bamboo tabernacle could be built in his front yard.

A year later, in December, 1964, the villagers met at the river to watch the baptism of 47 persons. The converts were organized into a chapel (the term designating small groups of believers not yet ready to form a church). Mrs. Wang now lives in the new village. A neighboring preacher,

Pastor Hwang, and a missionary from Kaohsiung, 29 miles away, go to the village regularly for services.

By the end of 1965, the chapel had its own kindergarten for more than 25 children.

Spiritual growth among the villagers has been unusually strong. Mrs. Ling, who was not a believer, asked some of the Christians to call the preacher to pray for her daughter, who was seriously ill. The young pastor was fearful that, if the child should die, the wrong impression might be left. So he asked the woman to pray for God's will to be done and urged that she trust in God, whatever happened. Though the child died, the woman accepted Christ as Saviour.

The government now has granted the chapel two plots of land on which to erect a church building. Many of these displaced persons in a new country have found a new faith.

## Custom Hinders

Anita Coleman  
Fukuoka, Japan

The custom of arranged marriage is still held to a great extent in Japan. This tradition can be a real hindrance to Christians.

Dan San, the university student who lives with me, was baptized last year. She shares my concern for students and advises many of them about their spiritual problems. Now she faces a problem about marriage.

She has been dating a fine, Christian young man from our church. Not long ago, she introduced him to her family with the announcement that they wanted to be married. Her parents, however, told her that she is not old enough to choose and that it is the parents' responsibility to find her partner.

When she tried to explain that she wanted a Christian home and that it would be unnecessary for her parents to find someone for her to marry, the family advised her to give up this foolish notion.

"It is because you have become a Christian that your thinking has changed so much and that you are against us," they charged.

Dan San told me later, "I wasn't embarrassed, because my thinking has changed. They cannot understand, because they do not know God's love."

## EPISTLES

### 'Thank You for Sending Them'

Hoke Smith, Jr.  
(South Field Representative in Latin America)

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Paster Enrique Marconi, of First Baptist Church, Paraná, Argentina, asked me to deliver a message to Southern Baptists. He made the request during a missionary conference as he challenged his congregation to assume support of an Argentine missionary working among Indians of the northern jungles. He told this story:


"I was just a little barefoot boy selling newspapers and shining shoes on a street corner in Rosario, when one day I was approached by a foreign couple. The lady, with a smile, asked if I would sell her a newspaper. As I gave it to her, the man put his hand on my head and tousled my hair in a friendly gesture; many years had passed since I had felt such a caress. Then he said, 'Young man, why don't you come to our house this evening and learn a Bible story?'

"I went, and heard my first gospel song and listened to my first story from the Bible: Daniel in the lions' den. (Because of this, years later I named my first child Daniel!) These two wonderful people led me to know Jesus as my Saviour, and my life was completely changed.

"Brother Smith, please tell Southern Baptists thank you for sending Martin Blair and his wife to Argentina!"

[The Blairs were missionaries to Argentina for 35 years before retiring in 1954. He died in 1959. She now lives in Ft. Worth, Tex.]

Later in the conference a speaker told of a convert on the mission field who was asked what he would do upon reaching heaven.

"First," he said, "I will fall at Jesus' feet and thank him for saving me. Next, I will find the missionary who led me to Jesus, and I will thank him for having come to my land. Then I will look for the people who gave the money so the missionary could come, and I will thank them for sending him." 

## How Baptists Grow in Brazil

H. Marshall Flournoy  
Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil



Curitibanos, a small lumber town of less than 10,000 population in the interior of Santa Catarina state, has a reputation as a hard spot for evangelicals.

Less than five years ago, police had to threaten the local Catholic priest with imprisonment if he led one more mob to stone the windows of an evangelical church. There is no resident evangelical pastor.

Uncertain of the outcome, six workers and the wives of two of them entered this town on a Tuesday to take the first, direct Baptist witness there. We went without advance publicity so that the priest could not forbid attendance.

During the day we placed printed posters in practically every store window and distributed gospel tracts and invitations to attend services. Riding through the streets in the Mission car, we announced services over the public address system. To our surprise, more than 100 attended the first night.

After the service we worked well past midnight, gluing posters and announcements to the light posts on the main streets. The mayor had granted permission, but experience had taught us that placing the posters at night allows the glue to dry by morning and makes it harder for the opposition to tear them down.

A street service was held in a different, heavily populated section daily.

The radio station carried spot announcements about this campaign to

initiate a Baptist church and about the radio program the church would present each Sunday. Attendance at the services reached about 300 before the week was over; the club we had rented for a meeting place overflowed.

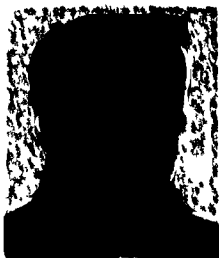
Sixty persons, including 40 adults, came forward during services to profess faith in Christ; these were given counseling and then were visited in their homes. A number of these had heard the gospel for the first time. Many other persons raised a hand to indicate concern but did not come forward.

A Baptist pastor will ride a bus almost two hours each way from his present mission to hold services every Sunday in the little, rented store building where the work is beginning in Curitibanos. This is how Baptists are growing in Brazil.

# Experts Approve Courses

Van Gladen

Torreón, Coahuila, Mexico



Can a seminary in Mexico really be a Mexican seminary if it is supported and run by a bunch of foreign missionaries? This question furnishes grounds for argument for some of our critics who have said the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary at Torreón cannot properly minister to the needs of Mexican Baptist churches.

We who work here are not offended by such criticism, but take it seriously. Since our only purpose in having such a seminary is to prepare ministers in the right way for their service in Mexican churches, we are wasting our time and the Lord's money if we are not realizing that purpose. Consequently, we constantly wonder if our curriculum is properly adapted to the culture out of which our students come and in which they work.

Recently we had a chance to find out.

Trustees had voted to have a faculty retreat to study the cultural orientation of our program of studies. We invited to this meeting several officials of the Mexican Baptist Convention and a representative from each of two other seminaries, besides most of the trustees. For three days we heard lectures and discussions on Mexican history, psychology, educational philosophy, economic policy, and religious development. The panel of experts listened as each teacher explained his efforts to make classes relevant to the realities that Mexican ministers must face.

We awaited, rather anxiously, the suggestions for altering our plan of studies. I was surprised at the result. These men, who supposedly know what kind of leadership the churches in Mexico need, indicated approval of the curriculum. They urged a few changes, mainly to increase the number of hours of study in certain areas.

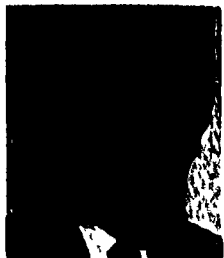
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## System Limits Choice

C. Donald Langford

Kowloon, Hong Kong

The Hong Kong educational system took on a more personal aspect when Irene, one of the most intelligent and devout young Chinese Christians we know, failed her exam by one point in one subject and thus missed completely the opportunity for university study.



Her next move was to apply for entrance to several kinds of training schools. She was accepted by a teacher's training school and a nursing school. When she came to talk with us about her choice, we were frustrated as we battled memories of the system of education in the U.S., where persons are free to plan which profession they will enter. It seemed un-

fair that the future of this capable girl should be left as a matter of chance as to which type of training school accepted her.

I asked if she wanted to be a nurse. She replied that the thought had never before entered her mind, but that suddenly the idea was appealing. We tried to help her make a decision based on as much information and experience as she could have, plus prayer for God's leadership.

The answer to that prayer has been revealed. Irene entered nursing school and after several months there feels an absolute assurance that this is God's will for her. In our impatience with a system, we had not used our eyes of faith to see that God can work his will in the lives of those who are committed to him, either within or without a framework set up by men.

Boats in the harbor at Hong Kong.

FOR M. SCOFIELD, JR.

## Apology

In our several trips between eastern and western Nigeria we have encountered numerous police roadblocks to check for arms due to the political situation. On one occasion the police began examining our suitcases and came to my briefcase.

"What's in there?" the officer asked. "Some reports, letters, my Bible," I began.

"A Bible?" the policeman interrupted. "Are you a Christian?"

"Yes. A Baptist missionary."

"Oh, sir, I am sorry," the officer apologized over and over. "You may go on."

Now we have on our windshield a sign: "Baptist Mission." The police wave us by other cars unpacked for inspection. Instead of persecution because we are Christians, we received an apology for an opened suitcase.—

Eugene Leftwich, Aba, Nigeria.

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## Concert Shifted

Darlene (Mrs. Charley E.) Westbrook  
Tandil, Argentina



We invited the choir from the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires to present a concert in our city. Charley (my husband) reserved the concert hall three weeks in advance and returned twice to confirm the reservations. Newspapers provided good publicity.

Three hours before the concert was to begin, Charley took the 28 members of the choir to the hall to rehearse. At the door he was informed that we could not use the hall, since a council meeting was to be held in an adjoining room.

Charley then set out to find a last-minute location. At 7:00 P.M., people were turned away from the reserved hall, but the mid-winter night was springlike and, with the mayor's permission, the choir began its concert in the open air in a nearby plaza.

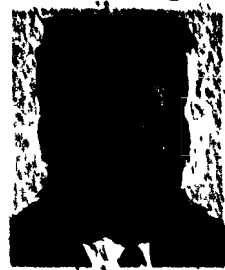
Meanwhile, chairs were being set up in another hall nearby, and after 20 minutes the audience walked the block and a half to the new location. Despite the circumstances there was good attendance for an evangelistic performance in such a strongly Catholic city. Even the public sensed the work of the priests in the matter; we are told we could probably never reserve the hall again for an evangelistic type of program.

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# Outlook in Luxembourg

**Rudolph M. Weed**  
Gonderange, Luxembourg



Luxembourg, surrounded by Belgium, France, and Germany, is a tiny country, roughly triangular in shape, measuring about 55 miles north to south and 35 miles across at its widest point.

The population of about 350,000 is almost solidly Roman Catholic. Catholicism is supported by the state and the interrelationship is strong. A doctrine of religious freedom is on the law books, but this concept has never been genuinely tested. There are perhaps half a dozen or so protestant churches of various types, but these minister mostly to persons of other nationalities who happen to be here.

The people speak a unique dialect. It has no grammar and there is no consistency in spelling or rules of construction. The language has some basic similarity to German, but Germans cannot understand it because there are many other elements involved. The official language is French, even though some citizens cannot speak it. Many persons speak English well.

Fully independent, the country belongs to the European Economic Community and to NATO. The chief industry is steel, and, in spite of its size, Luxembourg ranks among world leaders in steel production. In recent years other industries have been established.

In February, 1963, a group of Americans employed in the construction of a new DuPont plant began an English-language Baptist mission.

They asked the Foreign Mission Board to appoint someone to serve as pastor and also to look into beginning a national work. There are no national Baptists in Luxembourg.

At that time, sizable industrial expansion by American companies was taking place, and more Americans were anticipated. That expansion, however, was caught in U.S. efforts to impede outflow of gold, and the number of Americans in Luxembourg has diminished.

My wife Helen and I were appointed in May, 1964, and arrived on the field the following September. We have attempted to maintain a pastorate and to learn French at the same time. Since there is no liberal arts university in Luxembourg, the situation for language study is not ideal.

The only other English-language worship available here is with a small Anglican church. As a result, our congregation consists of people of several denominations. This provides an interesting experiment in practical ecumenicity, but offers obstacles to developing strong church ties.

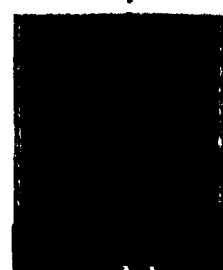
Predicting the course of Baptist work here is difficult. If the American community continues to decline, the English-language work will fade. Beginning a sustaining national work will be hard. Catholicism has much more of a devotional aspect here than in many parts of Europe and mass is always well attended. The religious life of the people is so filled with superstition that they are wary of spiritual truth. Overcoming this will be a long pull, to say the least.



Zambian carries large ivory tusk.

## Bwanali Shares

**L. Gordon Ogden, Sr.**  
Lusaka, Zambia



A mother and six children returned to Zambia from Malawi, where they had lived for several years. The father had died of pneumonia, so the mother and children returned to live with her father and attended one of the Baptist churches in Lusaka. When it was learned that the oldest child, 18-year-old Bwanali, sought a job to support the family, we tentatively planned to hire him to tend our garden.

Before our house was completed, however, Bwanali visited a friend about 30 miles away. Prior to leaving, he borrowed a Bible from one of the church leaders. On his own initiative he held a Sunday morning preaching service during his visit, with 20 men as his first congregation. When he gave an invitation, four responded.

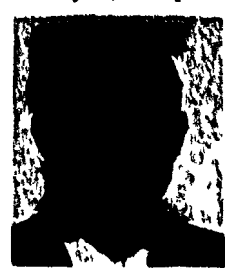
He returned there the following weekend and conducted another service; three more men made professions of faith. As a result, plans were made to help establish a regular preaching service with Bwanali in charge. Although untrained in method, he has taken literally the command of Jesus that all Christians are to go and tell.

Bwanali has never been ordained or even said that he feels called to preach, but is only sharing his experience. Still, his grandfather ordered the youth to stop preaching and warned that if he does not stop he must move out of the home. We feel this is our opportunity to help by hiring Bwanali as gardener and supplying a place for him to live in the helper's house adjoining our home.

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## Change Allows Family Worship

**C. Kenneth Hayes**  
Tokyo, Japan



A pastor of one of the churches asked me to survey his church's educational program and make recommendations about how I thought it could be improved. This was an almost unheard of opportunity for a missionary, especially a language student.

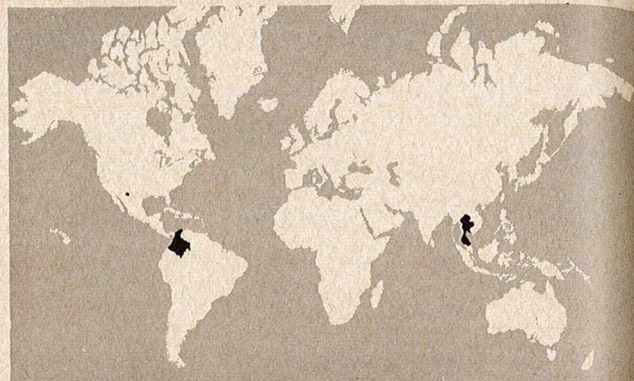
In typical Japanese fashion, the Sunday school was so structured that the children attended at one hour and the adults at another. Pointing out that this schedule virtually prohibited

a family from attending church as a unit, I suggested an alternate program. Since this called for a complete reorganization of the time schedule and space use, I really did not expect much to come from my suggestions, particularly after I learned from other missionaries that the present program is used by most of the churches.

Thus, I was stunned when a layman told me, "We began your new program last Sunday." So far, the congregation is enthusiastic about the results. The attendance increases almost every Sunday, and families are beginning to worship together for the first time.



# YOUR MISSION FIELDS



Series presenting capsule views of mission fields.

## THAILAND

**Population:** 28,850,000.

**Size:** 200,148 square miles (about four times the size of N. Carolina).

**Government:** Constitutional monarchy. Capital: Bangkok.

**Religion:** Buddhism is state religion; there is one evangelical Christian in every 1,100 persons.

**Language:** Thai (official); Chinese is also spoken.

### SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS

**Date of entry:** 1949 (28th country entered).

#### Service centers:

Baptist Hospital, Bangkla.

Thailand Baptist Theological Seminary, Bangkok.

Publication and Promotion Department, Bangkok.

Student center, Bangkok.

Two kindergartens.

**Related to work:** 767 members in seven churches; 25 chapels.

**Present missionary personnel:** 59.

#### At Ayudhya

Bobby and Jeannie Spear and 4 children

#### At Bangkla

Orby L., Jr., and Betty Butcher and 4 children

Vera Gardner

Earl and Joann Goatcher and 2 children

Fred and Sue Medcalf and 4 children

Rosemary Spessard

Bob and Maxine Stewart and 3 children

Harlan and Jo Willis and 3 children

#### At Bangkok

Max and Betty Alexander and 3 children

Olive Allen

Vernon and Dorothy Dietrich and 3 children

Dennis and Katherine Elliott and 4 children

Mary Frances Gould

Jenell Greer

Ronald and Evelyn Hill and 4 children

Frances Hudgins

Judson and Harriett Lennon and 1 child (and 1 child no longer on field)

J. Ralph, Jr., and Betty Marshall and 3 children

Glenn and Polly Morris and 1 child

Larry Smith\*

Fanny Starns

Benton and Elizabeth Williams and 4 children

J. L. and Alice Wilson and 2 children

#### At Chonburi

John and Nanette Patten and 3 children

#### At Haadyai

Hubert and Ann Fox and 2 children

Juanita Johnston

Paul and Dottie Mosteller and 2 children

#### At Nakorn Nayoke

Ray and Margie Shelton and 4 children

#### At Paknam

Paul and Virginia Moody and 4 children (and 1 child no longer on field)

#### At Prachinburi

Jerry and Darline Hobbs and 5 children

#### At Songkhla

Dan and Fannie Cobb and 4 children

#### Not yet on field

Alton and Olga Hood and 4 children

Jack and Oneida Mahaffey and 3 children

Jack and Gladys Martin and 3 children

\*Missionary Journeyman



Field statistics as of Jan. 1, 1965. Missionary personnel information as of Feb. 1, 1966. (Some of the missionaries 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.



# COLOMBIA

**Population:** 15,100,000.

**Size:** 439,520 square miles (about six times larger than Missouri); fourth largest S. American republic.

**Government:** Gained independence from Spain in 1819; republic formed in 1886. Capital: Bogotá.

**Religion:** Roman Catholicism prevails; other religions tolerated officially, but evangelicals have sometimes met harassment.

**Language:** Spanish.

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS

**Date of entry:** 1942 (17th country entered).

### Service centers:

Baptist Hospital, Barranquilla.



International Baptist Theological Seminary, Cali.

Book store, Bogotá.

One high school and 26 elementary schools; 18 kindergartens.

**Related to work:** 3,661 members in 42 churches; 123 chapels. Colombian Baptist Convention was formed in 1952.

### Present missionary personnel: 39.

#### At Barranquilla

Glynn and Ila Breeden and 5 children

James and Esther Morse and 2 children

Arlene Rogers

Lillian Rae Williams

#### At Bogotá

Wilson and Martha Donehoo and 4 children

Charles and Wanda Hobson and 5 children

#### At Bucaramanga

Marion and Evelyn Corley and 4 children

#### At Cali

Charles and Martha Bryan and 2 children

Darline Elliott

James and Mary Nell Giles and 4 children

Donald and Meredith Kammerdiener and 3 children

Alan and Virginia Neely and 3 children

Donald and Violet Orr and 4 children

Jack and Pat Patterson and 6 children

Crea Ridenour

Ben and Janis Welmaker (3 children no longer on field)

#### At Cartagena

Zach J., Jr., and Barbara Deal and 2 children (and 2 children no longer on field)

Helen Meredith

#### At Manizales

Tommy and Joan Norman and 3 children

#### At Medellín

John and Evelyn Thomas (3 children no longer on field)

Loren and Cherry Turnage and 3 children

#### Not yet on field

Russell and Nancy Patrick and 3 children

# Baptist Spanish Publishing House

**Location:** El Paso, Tex.; publishing house is only Southern Baptist foreign mission institution permanently located in U.S.

**Date begun:** Founded in León, Mexico, in 1905 by the late Missionaries Edgar and Mary Davis; moved to El Paso in 1916.

### Services:

Printed materials are shipped regularly and in quantity to 41 countries where Spanish is spoken. Materials are used not only by Southern Baptists, in both foreign and home mission work, but by other denominational, nondenominational, and interdenominational groups.

Literature output in 1965: 1,086,532 copies of 28 periodicals;

387,166 copies of 37 books and booklets; 6,985,297 tracts.

Capital investments at the publishing house: \$1,200,000.

### Present missionary personnel: 20.

Other employees total more than 50.

#### At El Paso

Judson and Dorothy Rose Blair and 4 children

Viola Campbell

Hoyt and Marie Eudaly and 2 children (and 1 child no longer at home)

Mrs. Marlin Hicks and 3 children  
Thomas and Cornice Hill and 2 children

Frank and Pauline Patterson (2 children no longer at home)

Abel and Lee Pierson (2 children no longer at home)

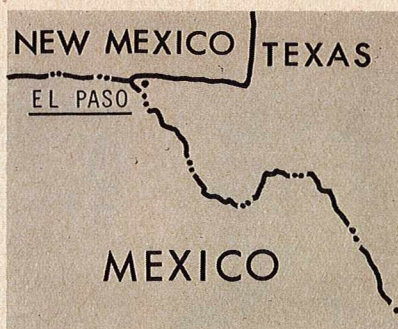
Joe and Eleanor Poe and 3 children

Wilson and Jimmie Ross and 3 children

Roberta Ryan

Matthew and Dora Sanderford and 4 children

Ann Swenson

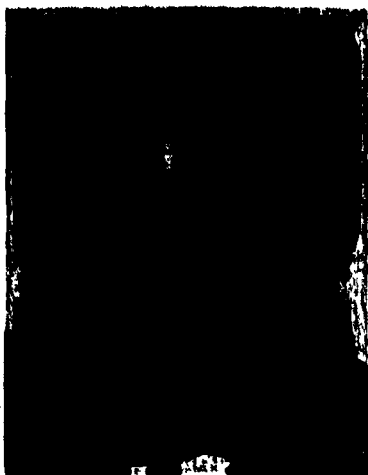




# FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

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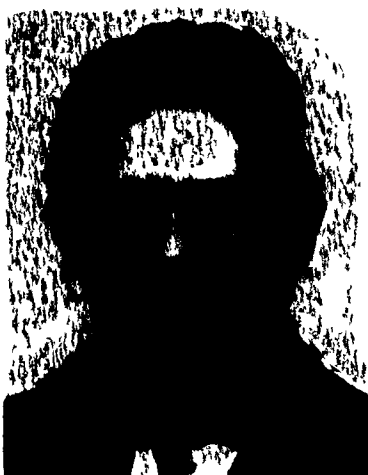
## Allison, George Arnold

b. Tulsa, Okla., Nov. 2, 1928. ed. Okla. A&M Col. (now Okla. State Univ.), B.S., 1952; SWBTS, B.D., 1953. Serviceman, U.S.M.C., U.S., 1946-48; univ. book store employee, Stillwater, Okla., 1951-52 (part-time); pastor, Longwood Church, Ponca City, Okla., 1952 (part-time); New Baden (Tex.) Church, 1953-54; First Church, Mason, Tex., 1955-57; Raleigh Ave. Church, Birmingham, Ala., 1957-61; & First Church, Oneonta, Ala., 1961-66; asst. pastor, ed. & music dir., Belmont Ista. Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1952-53 (part-time). Appointed (special) for Italy, Dec., 1963. m. Mary Gene King, May 22, 1953.

## ITALY

## Allison, Mary Gene King (Mrs. George A.)

b. Tuscaloosa, Ala., Nov. 22, 1930. ed. Judson Col., 1947-48; Univ. of Ala., B.A., 1951; SWBTS, M.N.E., 1953. WMU employee, Bap. Gen. Conv. of Tex., Dallas, 1951-52 (part-time); BSU dir. for three schools of nursing, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1952-53. Appointed (special) for Italy, Dec., 1963. m. George Arnold Allison, May 22, 1953. Children: George Michael, Oct. 25, 1954; Joseph King, Jan. 17, 1956; John Marlon, May 1, 1959.



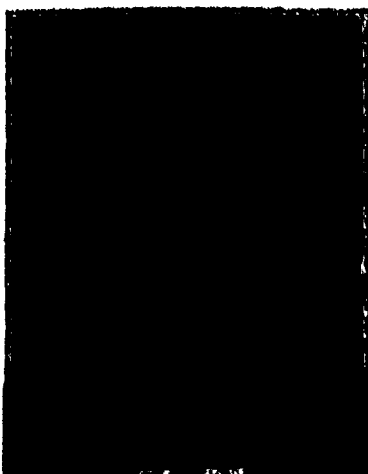
## Bailey, Chester Roy

b. Wheeler, Tex., Feb. 19, 1932. ed. W. Tex. State Col., B.S., 1957; SWBTS, B.D., 1962. Serviceman, U.S.N., U.S. & Mediterranean, 1951-55; ranch worker, Canyon, Tex., 1957; city inspector, Dumas, Tex., 1957-59; pastor, Turneraville (Tex.) Church, 1960-61, & First So. Church, Worland, Wyo., 1962-66; SWBTS summer missionary team dir., Bahama Islands, 1960 & '61; sem. trailer park mgr., 1960-62, Ft. Worth, Tex. Appointed for Mexico, Dec., 1963. m. Ruby Fay Rives, Aug. 4, 1956.

## MEXICO

## Bailey, Ruby Fay Rives (Mrs. C. R.)

b. Rotan, Tex., Aug. 4, 1937. ed. W. Tex. State Col., B.S., 1958; SWBTS, 1959-62. Col. cafeteria employee, 1953-56, & household worker & col. bus. dept. lab. asst., 1956-57, Canyon, Tex.; elem. teacher, Hartley, Tex., 1958-59, White Settlement, Tex., 1960-62, & Worland, Wyo., 1963-66; Tex. highway dept. clerk, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1959-60; SWBTS summer missionary, Bahama Islands, 1960 & '61. Appointed for Mexico, Dec., 1963. m. Chester Roy Bailey, Aug. 4, 1956. Child: Katherine Lynne, Aug. 11, 1962.



## Blundell, Claude Ray

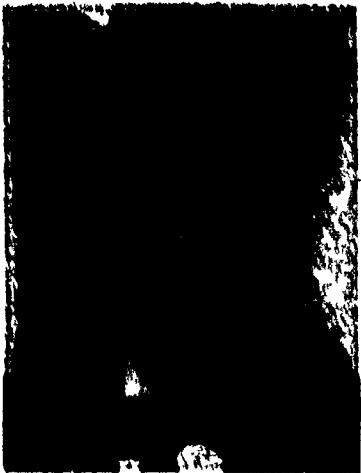
b. Moonshine Hill, Tex., Feb. 19, 1936. ed. Wharton Co. Jr. Col., A.A., 1956; Baylor Univ., B.A., 1958; SWBTS, B.D., 1962. Self-employed dorm. food vendor, Waco, Tex., 1957-58 (part-time); salesclerk, 1958-59, & sem. campus laborer, 1959-60 (each part-time), Ft. Worth, Tex.; HMB summer missionary, Columbus, Ga., 1959; SWBTS summer missionary, Bahama Islands, 1960; tractor co. employee, El Campo, Tex., summers 1961 & '62; pastor, Hidden Valley Church, Houston, Tex., 1962-66. Appointed for Uganda, Dec., 1963. m. Martha Ann Darlington, Aug. 10, 1962.

## UGANDA

## Blundell, Martha Ann Darlington (Mrs. C. Ray)

b. Dixie, Ga., Jan. 24, 1937. ed. Howard Payne Col., B.A., 1959. Waitress, summers 1953-58, Jr. high school teacher, 1959-63 & 1964-66, restaurant employee, summer 1960, & sec., Second Church, summer 1961, Houston, Tex.; col. snack bar waitress, 1953-57, col. bookstore clerk & sec., 1957-59 (part-time during school terms), & sec. & recep., summer 1959, Brownwood, Tex. Appointed for Uganda, Dec., 1963. m. Claude Ray Blundell, Aug. 10, 1962. Child: Amy Elizabeth, Dec. 20, 1963.





### Christian, Carle Ernest

b. Painesville, Ohio, Jan. 24, 1935, ed. Bowling Green State Univ., 1953-54; Univ. of Alas., 1957-58; Furman Univ., B.A., 1960; M.W.B.T.S., B.D., 1963, Glee, part-time, 1954-55, & truck driver, summer 1958, Perry, Ohio; bank employee, Painesville, 1958; bandman, U.S. Army, Alas., 1953-57; retail store employee, Fairbanks, Alas., 1956-58; music dir., Brushy Creek Church, Taylors, S.C., 1959-60 (half-time); cook, N. Kan. City, Mo., 1960-61 (part-time); music dir., 1961-63 (half-time), & pastor, 1963-66, First Church, Independence, Mo. Appointed for Mexico, Dec., 1966. m. Grace Esther Henck, Nov. 28, 1957.

### MEXICO

### Christian, Grace Esther Henck (Mrs. Carle E.)

b. W. Chester, Pa., Sept. 7, 1934, ed. Eastern Nazarene Col., B.S., 1956; Furman Univ., summer 1958; Temple Univ., M.Ed., 1961; M.W.B.T.S., summer 1962. File clerk, Washington, D. C., summers 1952-55; col. cafeteria employee, Quincy, Mass., 1954-56; teacher, Elson, Alas., 1956-57; Fairbanks, Alas., 1957-58, Traveler's Rest, S.C., 1958-59, Taylors, S.C., 1959-60, Gashland, Mo., 1960-62, & Independence, Mo., 1962-63. Appointed for Mexico, Dec., 1966. m. Carle Ernest Christian, Nov. 28, 1957. Children: Paul Kevin, Sept. 1, 1958; Heidi Nanette, Nov. 22, 1963.



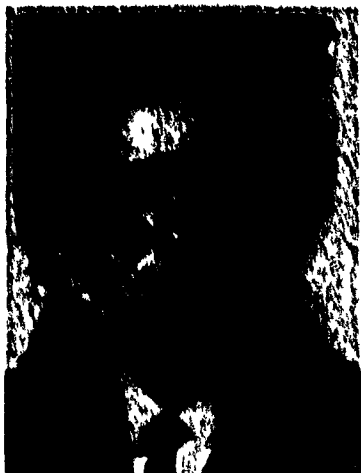
### Davidson, Roy Guy, Jr.

b. Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 19, 1929, ed. Baylor Univ., 1947-50; So. Methodist Univ., 1950-51; Hardin-Simmons Univ., B.S., 1955; S.W.B.T.S., B.D., 1963, Invincible (V.M.S. worker), Tex., summers 1948-50; mission pastor, First Church, Waco, Tex., 1949-50 (half-time); newsboy, Dallas, Tex., 1950-51; music & youth dir., First Church, Roscoe, Tex., 1951-52, & W. Side Church, Sweetwater, Tex., 1952-53; music & ed. dir., First Church, Big Lake, Tex., 1953; pastor, Nolan (Tex.) Church, 1953-56; Morgan Mill (Tex.) Church, 1958-59; Pinkerton Church, Rule, Tex., 1959-61, First Church, Quitaque, Tex., 1962-64, & First Church, Lorenzo, Tex., 1964-66; groc. clerk, 1956-57 (part-time), & deliveryman, 1957-58, Ft. Worth, Tex.; assoc. pastor, First Church, Haskell, Tex., 1961-62. Appointed (special) for Malawi, Dec., 1965. m. Patsy Dodds, Jan. 12, 1952.

### MALAWI

### Davidson, Patsy Dodds (Mrs. Roy G., Jr.)

b. Roscoe, Tex., Mar. 19, 1934, ed. Hardin-Simmons Univ., 1952-55; Tarleton State Col., 1958-59; W. Tex. State Col., 1962-63; Amarillo Col., 1963; Gayle School of Bus. Efficiency, Abilene, Tex., summer 1956. Salesclerk, Sweetwater, Tex., 1954-55; accounting asst., 1956-58, & bookkeeper, 1958, Ft. Worth, Tex.; sub. teacher, Lorenzo, Tex., 1964-66. Appointed (special) for Malawi, Dec., 1965. m. Roy Guy Davidson, Jr., Jan. 12, 1952. Children: Roy Guy III, May 4, 1953; Edward Gill, Aug. 10, 1960; Frances Gay, June 4, 1963.



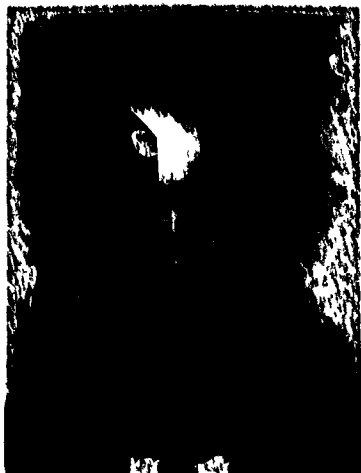
### Leeper, James Frederick

b. Houston, Tex., Oct. 18, 1936, ed. Northwestern Univ., B.A., 1958; S.B.T.S., B.D., 1962. Dining hall worker, Evanston, Ill., 1954-58; newspaper mailer, summer 1955; & house repairman, summers 1956-58, Cincinnati, Ohio; deliveryman, 1958-59, Infirmary psychiatric aide, 1959-60, mill employee, summers 1959 & '60, & sub. teacher, 1960-62, Louisville, Ky.; youth dir., Park Pl. Methodist Church, Jeffersonville, Ind., 1960-61; salesman, New York, N.Y., summer 1962; pastor, First Church (now Bamberg American Bap. Church), Bamberg, Germany, 1962-65. Appointed for Turkey, Dec., 1965. m. Norma Jean Davis, Aug. 16, 1959.

### TURKEY

### Leeper, Norma Jean Davis (Mrs. James F.)

b. Battle Creek, Mich., May 15, 1937, ed. National Col. of Ed., B.Ed., 1959. Long distance tel. opr., 1955 & summers 1956 & '57, & playground supvr., summers 1958 & '59, Battle Creek; col. library asst., Evanston, Ill., 1958-59 (part-time); elem. teacher, Louisville, Ky., 1959-61. Appointed for Turkey, Dec., 1965. m. James Frederick Leeper, Aug. 16, 1959. Children: Tracy Marlis, Nov. 9, 1961; Kelly Jean, Oct. 20, 1962; Kerry Eileen, Oct. 28, 1964.



### May, William Porter (Bill)

b. Miami, Fla., Jan. 24, 1931, ed. Univ. of Miami, 1949-50; Union Univ., B.A., 1959; N.O.B.T.S., B.D., 1963. Upholsterer, 1950-52, & newspaper stereotype apprentice, 1954-56, Miami; artilleryman, U.S. Army, U.S. & Germany, 1952-54; pastor, Hatchie Church, Hornsby, Tenn., 1958-60, Paradise (La.) Presbyterian Church, 1962-63, & Central Blvd. Church, Miami, 1963-66; jr. high school teacher, Molitay, Tenn., 1959-60; motel desk clerk, New Orleans, La., 1962-63. Appointed for Ecuador, Dec., 1965. m. Marilyn Vinita Crane, May 6, 1951.

### ECUADOR

### May, Marilyn Vinita Crane (Mrs. William P.)

b. Kan. City, Kan., Mar. 22, 1930, ed. Univ. of Miami, 1948-50; Union Univ., 1956-57; N.O.B.T.S., 1961. Sub. teacher, 1950-51 & 1963-66, state bureau clerk, 1951-52, typist-clerk, 1952-56, & elem. teacher, 1956, Miami, Fla.; elem. teacher, Lafitte, La., 1960-61, & New Orleans, La., 1961-63. Appointed for Ecuador, Dec., 1965. m. William Porter (Bill) May, May 6, 1951. Child: William George, Dec. 4, 1957.

## New Members Of Foreign Mission Board

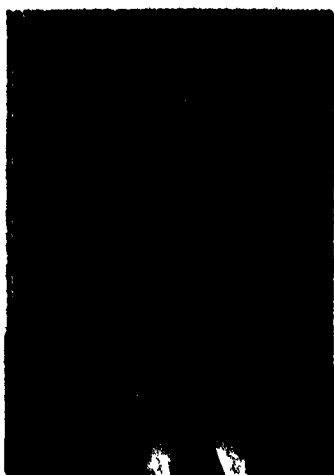
Presented here are Foreign Mission Board members elected by the Southern Baptist Convention last May. Given with each name is the state convention the member represents (or designation as a local member) and the year his present term expires. Other members of the Board were presented in **THE COMMISSION** in June and December, 1964.



Miss Mary Essie Stephens  
Alabama 1968



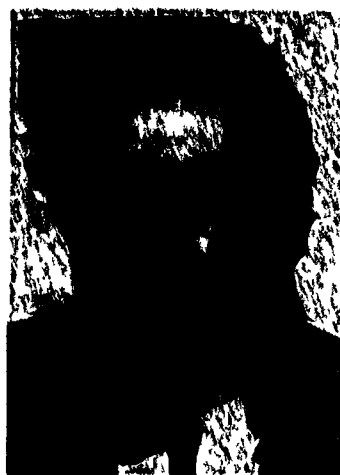
J. Ray Garrett  
District of Columbia 1968



Howard Todd Taylor  
Illinois 1968



W. E. Thorn  
Kansas 1968



Barney E. Bayles  
Maryland 1968



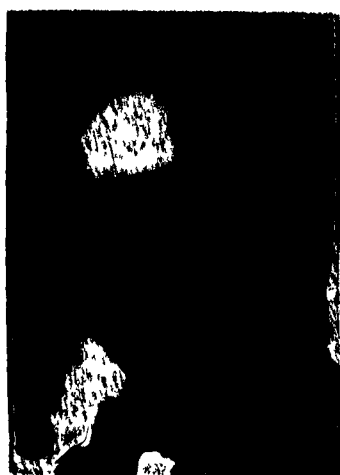
Charles A. Lassiter  
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James D. Hall  
Oklahoma 1968



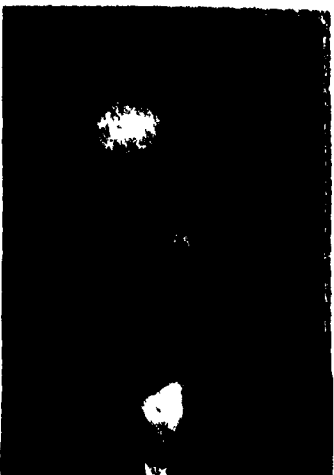
Clifton W. Woolley  
Tennessee 1968



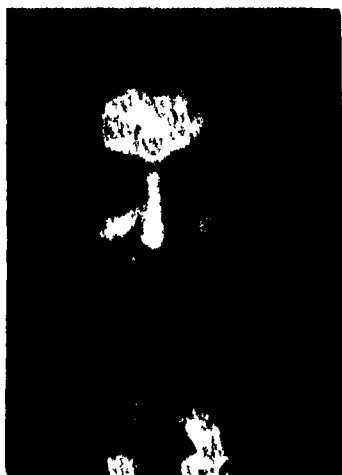
C. J. Humphrey  
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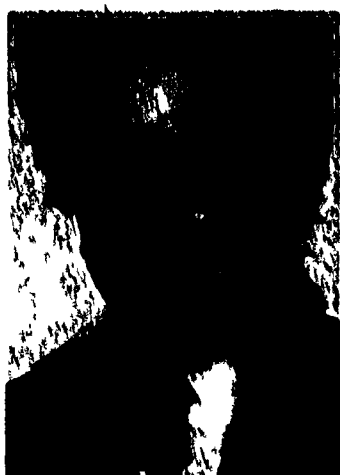
John L. Moran  
Virginia (local) 1968



James E. Rayhorn  
Virginia (local) 1968



Hunter Riggins  
Virginia (local) 1968



Edwin L. Shattuck  
Virginia (local) 1968



Dalton L. Ward  
Virginia (local) 1968

# FAMILY

## SPECIAL PROJECT NURSE (Employed in January)

STATON, Dora Jane, Ill., Jordan (c/o Tom Staton, Rt. 1, Belknap, Ill.).

## ADDRESS CHANGES

### Arrivals from the Field

CAMPBELL, Rev. & Mrs. Charles W. (Argentina), c/o O. G. Kimmey, 1432 Parkdale, Tyler, Tex.  
CLARKE, Dr. & Mrs. Coleman D. (Japan), c/o Cliff C. Sheffield, 2530 Rivers Rd. NW., Atlanta, Ga.  
HAWKINS, Mr. & Mrs. Fred L., Jr. (S. Brazil), 4808 Shirmar Dr., Nashville, Tenn.  
LUSK, Rev. Richard L. (Macao), 302 N. Bond Ave., Brownsville, Tenn.  
MARCIHAN, Margaret (Nigeria), 18 Whitloy Dr., Douglasville, Ga.  
MARLER, Rev. & Mrs. L. Parkes (Korea), Gen. Del., Forest, Miss. 39074.  
NANCE, Rev. & Mrs. John I. (Indonesia), 14 E. Federal, Shawnee, Okla.  
SCOTT, Mr. & Mrs. F. Rao (Philippines), 1718 Viking, Houston, Tex. 77018.  
SNYDER, Rev. & Mrs. F. Joe (Lebanon), Rt. 1, Box 53, Grapevine, Tex.  
TOPE, Rev. & Mrs. Charles A. (Kenya), 1605 Marland Wood Rd., Temple, Tex.  
VAN LEAR, Marie (Nigeria), Cliftondale Park, Clifton Forge, Va. 24422.

### Departures to the Field

BERRY, Willie Mae, Bap. Med. Ctr., Nalerigu, via Gambaga, Ghana.  
COMPTON, Sr. & Mrs. Alan W. (Latin America radio-TV rep.), c/o V. Walton Chambless, Via Lactea No. 31, Col. Prado Churubusco, México 13, D.F., México.  
FITTS, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin E., Apartado Aereo 57, Trujillo, Peru.  
GLAZB, Dr. & Mrs. A. Jackson, Jr., Callo Ramon L. Falcon 4080, Buenos Aires, Argentina.  
GREEN, Sr. & Mrs. James H., Apartado 379, Mérida, Yucatan, México.  
HOLMES, Rev. & Mrs. Evan F., Casilla 1417, Concepción, Chile.  
MITCHELL, Rev. & Mrs. J. Franklin, Casilla 50-D, Temuco, Chile.  
ROBERTSON, Sr. & Mrs. R. Boyd, c/o V. Walton Chambless, Via Lactea No. 31, Col. Prado Churubusco, México 13, D.F., México.  
WOLFARD, Dr. & Mrs. Rodney B., Caixa

Postal 2541-ZC-00, Rio de Janeiro, GB, Brazil.

### On the Field

ANDERSON, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip M., 8512 Mercedes, Makati, Rizal, Philippines.  
BALLENOR, Rev. & Mrs. I. E., Markgraffstrasse 7, 6900 Heidelberg, Germany.  
BENEFIELD, Rev. & Mrs. Leroy, 19 Tacay Rd., Box 7, Baguio City, Philippines.  
CARTER, Mr. & Mrs. J. Dale, Corrente, Piauí (Via Gilbues, Piauí), Brazil.  
CLARK, Mary, PMB 35, Gatooma, Rhodesia.  
CULPEPPER, Dr. & Mrs. Robert H., 425A Oaza Hoshiguma, Fukuoka City, Japan.  
FLEET, Rev. & Mrs. Ray T., Caixa Postal 1352, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil.  
FLOYD, Rev. & Mrs. John D., 59-A Katipunan St., Loyola Hts., Quezon City, Philippines.  
HENSLEY, Rev. & Mrs. Robert L., Caixa Postal 35, Goiânia, Goiás, Brazil.  
HUNT, Rev. & Mrs. Walter T., Box 94, Davao City, Philippines.  
KOLB, Dr. & Mrs. Raymond L., Corrente, Piauí (Via Gilbues, Piauí), Brazil.  
LAWSON, Rev. & Mrs. Charles H., Sr., 9A Jose Escaler, Loyola Hts., Quirino Dist., Quezon City, Philippines.  
LAWTON, Rev. & Mrs. Wesley W., Jr., 61-2 Fu Hsin 1st Rd., Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Rep. of China.  
LEGO, Rev. & Mrs. L. Gene, Bap. Press, PMB 5071, Ibadan, Nigeria.  
MCCOY, Dr. & Mrs. Donald B., 59-B Katipunan St., Loyola Hts., Quezon City, Philippines.  
OLIVER, Rev. & Mrs. A. Bruce, Corrente, Piauí (Via Gilbues, Piauí), Brazil.  
PHILLIPS, Rev. & Mrs. Marshall E., Box 2925, Mombasa, Kenya.  
ROBERSON, Rev. & Mrs. Cecil F., Box 2085, Lagos, Nigeria.  
ROBERSON, Rev. & Mrs. William T., Box 46, Dalat, Vietnam.  
SLACK, Rev. & Mrs. James B., 9 Jose Escaler St., Loyola Hts., Quezon City, Philippines.  
SNELL, Rev. & Mrs. Roy E., Bap. Mission, 55-5 Choong Moo Ro, Seoul, Korea.  
SPENCER, Mr. & Mrs. Harold E., M'lang, Cotabato, Philippines.  
THETFORD, Rev. & Mrs. Randall L., 8371 Mercury St., Makati, Rizal, Philippines.

### United States

ADAMS, Rev. & Mrs. Bobby E. (Chile), 2000 Broadus, Ft. Worth, Tex. 76115.

ADAMS, Rev. & Mrs. Hayward L. (Nigeria), 2839 Evergreen Ave. SW., Camden, Ark. 71701.  
BIBLE, Mattie Lou (N. Brazil), So. Bap. Theol. Sem., 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, Ky. 40206.  
BRASINGTON, Rev. & Mrs. J. Bryan (Peru), 1101 NE. 20th Ave., Gainesville, Fla.  
BRATCHER, Artie (Mrs. L. M.), emeritus (Brazil), Box 935, Hixson, Tenn.  
BRIDGES, Rev. & Mrs. Glenn M. (S. Brazil), Box 188, Melissa, Tex. 75071.  
CARTER, Dr. & Mrs. Pat H. (Mexico), 734 S. Acadian Thruway, Baton Rouge, La.  
FORD, Mr. & Mrs. Charles S. (Nigeria), 819 N. Farmington, Jackson, Mo. 63755.  
HARDISTER, Rev. & Mrs. Graydon B. (transferred to Jordan), 2400 E. 22nd, Apt. 114, Austin, Tex. 78722.  
HOLLAWAY, Dr. & Mrs. Ernest L., Jr. (Japan), Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37209.  
HUEY, Dr. & Mrs. F. B., Jr. (S. Brazil), Box 22148, Ft. Worth, Tex. 76122.  
JACKSON, Rev. & Mrs. Stephen P. (S. Brazil), 521 Merritt St., Ft. Worth, Tex. 76114.  
KING, Dr. & Mrs. David W. (Lebanon), Wayland Bap. Col., Plainview, Tex.  
MASAKI, Rev. & Mrs. Tomoki (Japan), 3055 Oahu Ave., Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii 96822.  
PINKSTON, Rev. & Mrs. Gerald W. (Indonesia), 481 W. Adoue, Alvin, Tex. 77511.  
TIROWER, Rev. Jack E. (S. Brazil), Ft. Worth Hall, Southwestern Bap. Theol. Sem., Ft. Worth, Tex. 76115.  
WEST, Dr. & Mrs. Ralph L. (Nigeria), Trenton, S.C.  
YOUNG, Neale C., emeritus (Nigeria), Bethea Bap. Home, Darlington, S.C. 29532.

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## 6% INTEREST

Colorado Southern Baptist  
Church Loan Bonds  
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MAIL TO—

Bill Lenders, Administrator  
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Denver, Colorado 80222

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### Mills, John Corbin

b. Eald, Okla., Aug. 14, 1937, ed. Okla. State Univ., B.S., 1960, & M.S., 1963; SWBTS, 1965. Serviceman, U.S. Army, U.S., 1956; univ. lab. asst., 1956-60, & teaching asst., 1960 & '61, Stillwater, Okla.; high school teacher, Okla. City, Okla., 1961-63; sem. maintenance dept. employee, 1963, & youth dir., Diamond Hill Church, 1963 (each part-time), Ft. Worth, Tex. Appointed for Liberia, Dec., 1965. m. Virginia (Jenny) Lee Land, June 3, 1961.

### LIBERIA

### Mills, Virginia (Jenny) Lee Land (Mrs. John C.)

b. Washington, D.C., July 3, 1939, ed. Okla. State Univ., B.S., 1961, & further study, summer 1962; Central State Col., summer 1963. Salesclerk, 1953-63 (part-time, intermittently), drugstore fountain clerk, summers 1956 & '59, elem. teacher, 1961-64, & sec. to music dir., Trinity Church, 1964-65 (part-time), Okla. City, Okla.; GA camp handicraft dir., Falls Creek, Okla., summer 1957; univ. dorm. office worker, 1958-60, & bookkeeper, Univ. Hts. Church, summer 1960, Stillwater, Okla.; sec., Diamond Hill Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1963. Appointed for Liberia, Dec., 1965. m. John Corbin Mills, June 3, 1961. Child: Malinda Lee, Aug. 15, 1963.



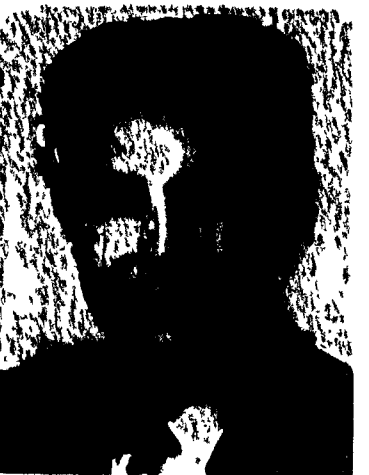
### Owen, Richard Allen

b. Greenville, S.C., May 6, 1931, ed. N. Greenville Jr. Col., A.A., 1951; Furman Univ., B.A., 1953; SWBTS, B.D., 1957, & Th.M., 1959. Campus employee, Tigerville, S.C., 1949-51, & Clemson, S.C., summer 1951; mill worker, Greenville, 1952-53; parking lot attendant, 1953-56, & dairy employee, 1956-59, Ft. Worth, Tex.; assoc. pastor, Hartside Church, Liberty, S.C., summer 1956; govt. forestry fireman, Alas., summer 1957; pastor, Mt. Olive Church, Camden, S.C., 1959-61, & Norris (S.C.) Church, 1961-66. Appointed for S. Brazil, Dec., 1965. m. Betty Rae Barbara Stroud, Aug. 31, 1958.

### SOUTH BRAZIL

### Owen, Betty Rae Barbara Stroud (Mrs. R. Allen)

b. La Grange, Ga., Sept. 19, 1931, ed. La Grange Col., 1950-51; Tift Col., B.S., 1955; SWBTS, M.R.E., 1959. Sec.-recep., summer 1951, La Grange; Troup Co. Bap. Assoc. summer missionary, Ga., summer 1952; camp counselor, summer 1954, & camp rec. dir., summer 1955, Clayton, Ga.; elem. teacher, La Grange, 1955-56, Azle, Tex., 1956-57, & Camden, S.C., 1959-60; sem. library worker, summer 1956, & sem. profs. sec., 1957-59 (part-time except summer 1957), Ft. Worth, Tex. Appointed for S. Brazil, Dec., 1965. m. Richard Allen Owen, Aug. 31, 1958. Children: Richard Allen, Jr., Oct. 13, 1961; Gina Rae, July 29, 1964.



### Stanley, James Ira

b. Chauncey, Ga., Feb. 8, 1936, ed. E. Tex. Bap. Col., B.A., 1959; SWBTS, B.D., 1963. Invincible (VBS worker), Tex., summer 1957; pastor, Kenwood Church, Texarkana, Tex., 1957-59, Little River Church, Cameron, Tex., 1961-62, First Church, Smiley, Tex., 1962-63, & First Church, Pleasanton, Tex., 1963-66; groc. stock worker, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1959-61; youth evangelist, student dept., Bap. Gen. Conv. of Tex., summers 1959-61. Appointed for the Philippines, Dec., 1965. m. Irma Rosalyn Reavis, Aug. 28, 1959.

### PHILIPPINES

### Stanley, Irma Rosalyn Reavis (Mrs. James I.)

b. Alvin, Tex., July 3, 1939, ed. E. Tex. Bap. Col., 1957-59; Tex. Christian Univ., B.A., 1961. Organist, Calvary Church, Beaumont, Tex., 1954-57; Invincible (VBS worker), Tex., summer 1959; teacher, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1961-62, & Smiley, Tex., 1962-63. Appointed for the Philippines, Dec., 1965. m. James Ira Stanley, Aug. 28, 1959. Child: Ruth Anne, Apr. 3, 1964.



### Varner, Victor Nelson

b. Electra, Tex., Sept. 21, 1930, ed. Okla. Bap. Univ., B.M.E., 1953; SBTs, M.R.E., 1956, & further study, 1956; Tex. Christian Univ., 1958-59; SWBTS, 1959. Music dir., Trinity Church, Shawnee, Okla., 1950-51, First Church, Kingfisher, Okla., 1951-52, & First Church, Okemah, Okla., 1952-53; music & ed. dir., Auburndale Church, Louisville, Ky., 1953-56, & First Church, Tex. City, Tex., 1956-61; sem. fellow, Louisville, 1955-56; ed. dir., St. Matthews Church, Louisville, 1956, First Church, Columbus, Ga., 1956-58, First Church, Benbrook, Tex., 1958-59, & Central Ave. Church, Memphis, Tenn., 1961-62; Sunday school dept. assoc., Bap. Gen. Conv. of Tex., Dallas, 1962-63; men's dept. sec., SMC Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, 1963-66. Appointed (special) for N. Brazil, Dec., 1965. m. Joan Criswell, June 8, 1952.

### NORTH BRAZIL

### Varner, Joan Criswell (Mrs. Victor N.)

b. Shawnee, Okla., Aug. 7, 1933, ed. Okla. Bap. Univ., B.M.E., 1955; Univ. of Louisville, 1953-54; SBTs, 1953-56; SWBTS, 1959-60. Music school piano teacher, 1953-56, & sem. accompanist, 1954-56, Louisville, Ky.; private piano teacher, Tex. City, Tex., 1959-60, & Memphis, Tenn., 1964-66; pianist, Temple Church, Memphis, 1963-66. Appointed (special) for N. Brazil, Dec., 1965. m. Victor Nelson Varner, June 8, 1952. Children: Virginia Lynn, Sept. 4, 1957; Jan Michele, Jan. 3, 1961.





### Wilkes, John Mannon

b. Frederick, Okla., Feb. 5, 1933. ed. Okla. A&M Col. (now Okla. State Univ.), summer 1951; Cameron State Agr. Col., A.A., 1952; Midwestern Univ., B.A., 1954; SWBTS, B.D., 1958. Col. lab. asst., 1951-52; hearing layer, 1951-52 (part-time); a mechanic, summer 1953, Lawton, Okla.; farmer, Mt. Park, Okla., 1951-53; schoolwork, Wichita Falls, Tex., 1953-54 (part-time); a Ft. Worth, Tex., 1954-55 (part-time, intermittently); a 1957-58; HMB summer missionary, Ore.-Wash., 1957; youth dir., Tate Spec. Church, Arlington, Tex., 1958 (part-time); pastor, Moravia (Iowa) Church, 1958-61; E. Corinth Church, Corinth, Miss., 1961-64; a First Church, Piedmont, Mo., 1964-66. Appointed for France, Dec., 1966. m. Doylene Currin, July 14, 1956.

### FRANCE

### Wilkes, Doylene Currin (Mrs. John M.)

b. Ardmore, Okla., Apr. 1, 1932. ed. Killebrew Col., 1950-51; Baylor Univ., B.A., 1954; SWBTS, M.R.E., 1956. Col. asst. librarian, Killebrew, Tex., 1950-51; univ. dorm. PBX opr., Waco, Tex., 1952-54; inviolable (VBS worker), Tex., summer 1952; HMB summer missionary, Ill., 1953; a Ore.-Wash., 1953 & '57; approved worker, TU dept., Dep. Gen. Conv. of Tex., 1954; sem. women's dorm. recep., Ft. Worth, Tex., 1955-56; teacher, Venus, Tex., 1956-57; a Ft. Worth, 1957-58. Appointed for France, Dec., 1966. m. John Mannon Wilkes, July 14, 1956. Children: John Robert, Oct. 11, 1958; Kathryn, Dec. 7, 1960.

## Missionary Family Album (Continued from page 25)

### BIRTHS and ADOPTIONS

ANDERSON, Stephen Brandon, son of Mr. & Mrs. Phillip M. Anderson (*Philippines*), Nov. 22, 1965.  
BROWN, Faith Anne, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Ernest E. Brown, Sr. (*Bahamas*), Dec. 30, 1965.  
JOHNSON, Jonathan Emery, son of Rev. & Mrs. R. Elton Johnson, Jr. (*S. Brazil*), Dec. 21, 1965.  
JONES, Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Don C. Jones (*Korea*), Dec. 17, 1965.  
JONES, Stanley Neil, son of Mr. & Mrs. William H. Jones, Jr. (*Zambia*), Jan. 6.  
LUSK, Nancy Renee, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Richard L. Lusk (*Macao*), Jan. 24.  
MCKINLEY, Robert Wade, son of Rev. & Mrs. James F. McKinley, Jr. (*Pakistan*), Jan. 16.

### DEATHS

DUNCAN, N. B., father of Ila Mae (Mrs. Clarence R.) Smith (*Venezuela*), Dec. 29, 1965, Dora, N.M.  
MARCHMAN, Mrs. J. F., mother of Margaret Marchman (*Nigeria*), Jan. 14, Douglasville, Ga.  
TOWERY, Mrs. Edna, mother of Dorothy (Mrs. Elbert H.) Walker (*Philippines*), Nov. 24, 1965, Ft. Valley, Ga.  
VEATCH, Andrew Larry, infant son of Rev. & Mrs. Carol A. Veatch, Sr. (*Bahamas*), Jan. 21, Freeport, Bahamas.

### RETIREMENT

PATTERSON, Dr. & Mrs. Ira N. (*Nigeria*), Jan. 1.

### TRANSFERS

COMPTON, Rev. & Mrs. Alan W., *Chile* to Latin America radio-TV rep.  
HARDISTER, Rev. & Mrs. Graydon B., (appointed for) *Gaza* to *Jordan*, Feb. 10.  
MONTGOMERY, Mr. & Mrs. I. E., Jr., appointed for *Indonesia* to *E. Africa*, Jan. 13.

SNYDER, Rev. & Mrs. F. Joe, *Lebanon* to *E. Africa*, Feb. 1.

### Degrees Conferred

Minor Davidson (*Malaysia*) received the Doctor of Theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., in absentia at January commencement.  
Billy L. Walsh (*Mexico*) received the Doctor of Theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., at midwinter commencement in January.

### Herring Receives Award

Gordon Rea Herring, who recently graduated from Furman University, Greenville, S.C., has been named recipient of the Elizabeth Lowndes Award by the Woman's Missionary Union. Herring is the son of missionaries Alex and Nan Herring, stationed in Taitung, Taiwan.

This special award of \$200 is given each year by WMU. It goes to a Margaret Fund college student who is a graduating senior and who, during college years, has distinguished himself in scholarship, leadership, and character, and maintained a B average or above.

### 'Bill Wallace' in Arabic Due

Bill Wallace of China is now being translated into Arabic by the publication department of the Arab Baptist General Mission (composed of missionaries in Lebanon, Jordan, Gaza, and Yemen). The Broadman Press best seller, written by Jesse C. Fletcher, Foreign Mission Board missionary personnel secretary, tells of a Southern Baptist medical missionary who died in a Chinese Communist prison.

## Publishing Couple Honored

Honored recently by fellow employees for their 25 years of service at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex., were Frank and Pauline Patterson. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1939, the Pattersons began working at the Publishing House after initial language study in Mexico City.

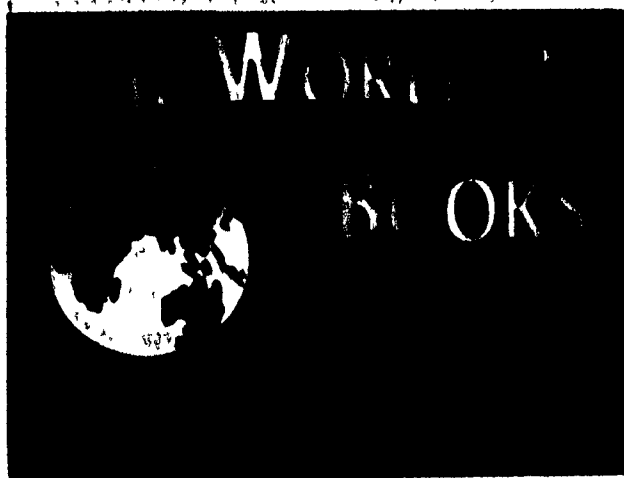
The only other missionary personnel when they arrived were Edgar and Mary Davis, who 35 years earlier had begun in León, Mexico, the publication work from which the Publishing House developed. There were 10 other employees in 1940.

Patterson became director in 1942, shortly before the Davises retired. For two years the Pattersons were the only missionaries on the staff, and at one time the number of employees dwindled to seven. Today there are 18 other missionaries and more than 50 other employees. (Complete list of missionary personnel and summary information appears in "Your Mission Fields" section on page 21.)

## Regional Aide Situated

Roger G. Duck, first regional personnel representative to be elected by the Foreign Mission Board, has located in Ft. Worth, Tex. A former missionary to Colombia, Duck will endeavor to furnish immediate contact with persons in the Southwest area of the U.S. who express an interest in missionary service. He works under supervision of Samuel A. DeBord, associate secretary for missionary personnel in the western U.S.

Duck's office is at 505 South Office Building at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. His home address is 4701 Gordon Avenue, Ft. Worth.



Any book mentioned may be secured from Baptist Book Store in your area.

#### Miss Strong Arm

By Jacqueline Durham  
Broadman, 174 pages, \$2.95

This is a biography of the woman whose name is remembered especially each spring when the annual offering for home missions is taken. "Miss Strong Arm" is Miss Annie Armstrong, first secretary of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. Although her name is connected closely with home missions, it was she who named the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

The story of Miss Armstrong, which will be enjoyed by older readers as well as by the Junior-aged children for whom the book was written, begins when Annie was a Junior girl in Baltimore and traces her development and career through the rest of her life. She lived in a turbulent time, spanning Civil War days and beyond the first quarter of the twentieth century. It was a turbulent time among Baptists, too, spanning the days when women came more actively into church life.

A dynamic worker for missions, both in the homeland and abroad, she had the strong convictions and the leadership ability that enabled her to get things done. Because of these traits a friend called her "Miss Strong Arm."

#### The New Creation and the New Generation

Edited by Albert van den Heuvel  
Friendship, 125 pages, \$1.75

The six chapters in this book, written by leaders from Asia, Europe, and America, form a forum for youth workers and those connected with the growing movement to enlist and develop young people through the churches. Youth work is given a hard look from the standpoint of sociology, psychology, theology, and the teachings of the Bible. One is ever aware that the perspective of the writers is international and interdenominational.

Edited by Albert van den Heuvel of the World Council of Churches, the book is not intended to give ready-made answers but to offer insights that should lead to deeper understanding. The editor and writers of the chapters see youth work and workers as here to stay, but at the same time point to the disappointing fact that such a small percentage of the world's youth participates in youth movements, despite their rapid growth. Because of this, the editor looks at the motives involved, both good and bad, and what all of this means in the light of the Christian faith. The book should stimulate serious thought about matters that must be faced concerning youth and the work being done on their behalf.—J.M.W.

#### 10,000 Tom-Toms

By Jens Larsen  
Fortress, 268 pages, \$1.50

Kwoli, a Liberian youth, returns home after attending a mission school in the neighboring country of Sierra Leone. Assuming himself to have become "civilized," he is determined to reenter his home culture without submitting to its traditions and the dominating influence of the "Devil Bush" cult. In rapid suc-

cession he offends the tribal chief, is ambushed and subdued by the country devil (witch doctor), and finds himself being subsumed by the rituals and schooling he intended to avoid.

Along with the new identity and acceptability he gains upon completing the cult's enforced training course, he is given a new name, Lepol. The coming of Christian missionaries to the community is his opportunity to become a valuable part of the school they establish. He also gains new standing among his people.

The story brings to light a variety of customs, superstitions, and traditions that help explain the culture of Liberia's hinterland tribes. Kwoli is to some degree symbolic of the deep-rooted struggle through which most black Africans must pass in order to emerge from ancient animism into the twentieth century.

As a novel, this is entertaining background reading for any study of Africa below the Sahara.—F.H.N.

### REVIEWS IN BRIEF

**Depth Perspectives in Pastoral Work**, by Thomas W. Klink (*Prentice-Hall*, 144 pages, \$2.95): a volume in the "Successful Pastoral Counseling" series, giving insight into the complex problems of the pastor.

**Family Pastoral Care**, by Russell J. Becker (*Prentice-Hall*, 144 pages, \$2.95): a valuable contribution to the "Successful Pastoral Counseling" series, presenting workable approaches to the major problems of pastoral care.

**Protestant Concepts of Church and State**, by Thomas G. Sanders (*Doubleday*, 388 pages, \$1.45): a serious study of five views that play a distinctive role in the "Protestant" outlook on the relationships of church and state in America.

### An Introduction to North Africa

#### Baal, Christ, and Mohammed Religion and Revolution in North Africa

By John K. Cooley  
Holt, Rinehart, & Winston, 370 pages, \$8.95

This is a competent, though non-technical, introduction to an area for which Southern Baptists are just beginning to appoint missionaries. The countries dealt with are Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya, with briefer references to the United Arab Republic (Egypt).

The story begins with Phoenician colonialism and Carthaginian greatness, hence the appearance of "Baal" in the title. The account continues through Roman rule and Christian ascendancy, describes the Arab and Muslim conquest and the flourishing of North African

kingdoms, followed by Turkish rule, then shows the return of European influence and the triumph of "Christian" colonialism. Major attention is devoted to the new national revolutions and their effect on the churches. Repeated emphasis falls on the Berber natives of North Africa.

That Tertullian, Augustine, and other great theologians lived in North Africa is a reminder that Christianity was once strong there. Its strength would have lasted longer had it not been mainly a religion of colonizers. In modern times also, Christianity has had little native rootage. When the colonial regimes ended, most of those who were classified (rightly or wrongly) as Christians went to Europe, whence they or their ancestors had come. A tantalizing question is, "How did Islam succeed where Christianity failed?"

Christian missionary efforts have been spasmodic and have resulted in few converts. In parts of North Africa at the present time Christian missionaries are tolerated, though not particularly welcomed. Islam still dominates life and enjoys official support. However, recent years have witnessed the rise of secularism and the weakening of religious faith on the part of many. Christianity may face a fresh opportunity in this new day for North Africa. Will Southern Baptists be willing to make the patient, long-term investment necessary?

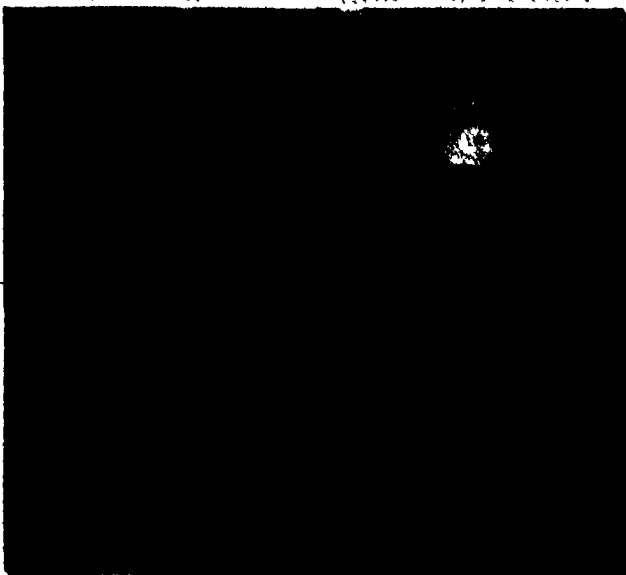
The author of this interesting and useful book knows the area well. For seven years he was North Africa correspondent for *The Christian Science Monitor*, and he covered the Algerian war for that paper and for the National Broadcasting Company.—John D. Hughey

# NEWS

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## Reception in Israel

Zalman Shazar, president of Israel (left), greets Missionary Dwight L. Baker, chairman of the Baptist Convention in Israel, at the traditional New Year's reception at the president's home in Jerusalem. Representatives of 16 Christian denominations in Israel attended. The president expressed hope that "enlightened intentions," as expressed in the Vatican Council actions, and of other Christian bodies that have denounced religious persecution and racial hatred, will "speedily be translated into the practical language of good deeds."

## Advance Funds Meet Many Needs

Several appropriations from 1965 Advance funds were made by the Foreign Mission Board at its January meeting. The Board received \$1,823,505 in Advance funds, the Board's share of the money received through the Cooperative Program by the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee after the Convention's operating budget was met in mid-November. Advance funds are divided between Foreign and Home Mission Boards with the Foreign Mission Board receiving two thirds.

From this Advance income, the Board appropriated \$100,000 for its Relief Fund. Specific recommendations for use of this fund are presented as needs appear (such as those resulting from recent floods and landslides in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).

"Emergencies occur so repeatedly throughout the world that it is necessary to have a considerable relief fund on hand in order to be able to respond to crises as they occur," explained Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen.

The Board also appropriated \$100,000 of Advance funds for special proj-

ects in evangelism and church development overseas, and \$50,000 to go to the American Bible Society for overseas distribution of Bibles (an equal sum is to be provided by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering).

Large amounts for buildings and equipment in a number of countries also were voted from Advance funds. Several smaller appropriations were made, reflecting some of the Board's specialized ministries. These included \$3,500 for radio work in Vietnam, \$6,750 for equipping an agricultural project at Limuru, Kenya, and an equal amount for a similar project at Tukuyu, Tanzania.

## School's Influence Grows

The first students from South America to attend Baptist Theological Seminary, Rüschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, in the 16-year history of the school are Mr. and Mrs. José de Abreu of Brazil. They were introduced as new students in January at the opening convocation of the spring semester. Nineteen countries, the largest number so far, are represented among the 40 students enrolled.

## First Baptisms in Sabah Mark Pioneer Progress

The baptism of 30 new Christians at three locations in December and January marked the firstfruits of Southern Baptist mission efforts in Sabah (formerly North Borneo), Malaysia.

First to be baptized were converts from Jesselton, where Missionaries Carl F., Jr., and Mary Yarnell began the Jesselton Baptist Center with Bible study in their home in November, 1964; they started regular worship services a few weeks later.

During November, 1965, 25 persons professed faith in Christ. Yarnell baptized 15 of these early in December after they had testified to their faith and attended a new members' class. Among those baptized were Chinese, Burmese, English, Eurasians, and persons from two tribal groups of Borneo, Dusuns and Muruts. The service was held in Tuaran, 20 miles

from Jesselton, where an evangelical church offered use of its baptistry.

One of the converts is a young woman who, a few days after her baptism, completed high school in Jesselton and returned to her home in Labuan, an island about 70 miles away. "We hope the Holy Spirit will use her as the seed of a Baptist church in Labuan," Yarnell said.

The only other Southern Baptist missionaries in Sabah are Charles and Erica Morris at Sandakan. In mid-December Morris baptized 11 persons who live along the Sabah-Indonesia border. Work in this area resulted from the witness of Baptist Karens who migrated from their homeland of Burma about 15 years ago to work in Sabah timber camps. They held worship services in their homes, taught the Bible to their children, and sent their tithes back to their churches in Burma.

After one of the Karens read about the Southern Baptist missionaries in Sabah in the *Orient Baptist News Sheet*, published in Hong Kong, she and her family became active members of the Jesselton Baptist Center. At her urging, the missionaries began making monthly trips to visit other Karens and supplied materials for home Bible study conducted by a Karen layman.

Among those Morris baptized are eight Karens, two Kenyah tribespeople of Borneo, and one person from the island of Timor.

Morris baptized four new Christians from the Baptist Gospel Center in Sandakan on Jan. 2, exactly one year after worship services were begun in the Morris home. With nine other Baptists who live in Sandakan, they anticipate organizing a church soon, and hope to erect a building.



## Receipts Highest

A total of \$11,123,505—a record high in a single year—from the Cooperative Program was received by the Foreign Mission Board during 1965. This represents 49.28 percent of all Cooperative Program funds received by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Although the proportion is slightly below the record 52.27 percent of Cooperative Program funds the Board received in 1964, it was only the third time since 1948 that the Board had received as much as 49 percent (in 1957 the share was exactly 49 percent).

"Every Southern Baptist who contributes through the Cooperative Program has a share in worldwide mission labors made possible by this channel of support," Board Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen declared.

## Congregation Gets Home

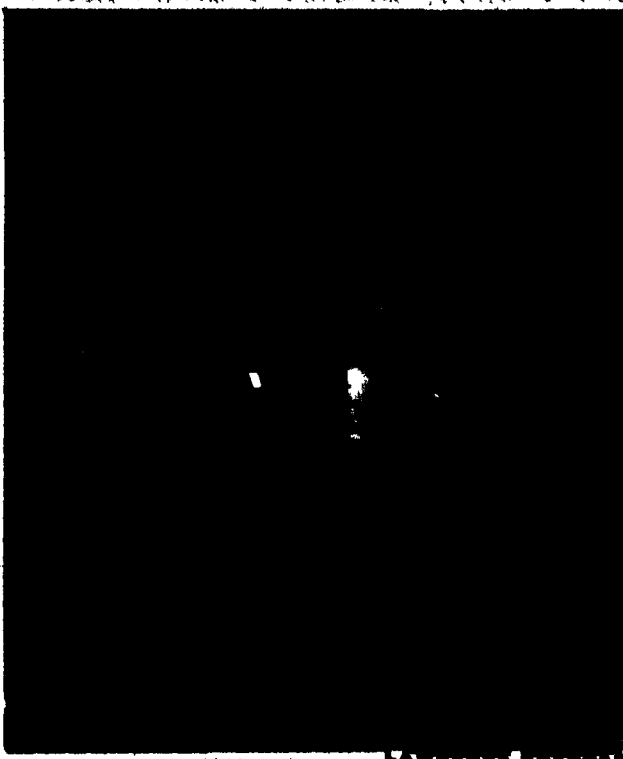
After holding their meetings in homes for five years, Baptists in Ramallah, Jordan, in January dedicated as a place of worship an attractive rented hall, located in a new building. Jerusalem Baptist Church, led by Pastor Anis Shorosh, sponsors the mission in Ramallah, a prosperous and growing community five miles from Jerusalem. Several Jerusalem Church members live in Ramallah.

Baptists in Jordan hope to place a resident missionary in Ramallah soon. Missionary William O. Hern (now on furlough) began Baptist work in Ramallah while living there, but he later moved to Jerusalem.

## Trilingual Services Open

The newest Baptist congregation in Israel began services during the closing weeks of 1965 in Haifa, Israel's chief port city, according to Missionary Dwight L. Baker. Since the group is made up of more experienced Christians, including families from abroad who are in Israel working on various projects, the congregation hopes to organize into a church during the first half of 1966.

Three languages—Arabic, Hebrew, and English—are used in each service by employing a simultaneous translation system. The congregation meets on Saturday morning—the Jewish Sabbath—as do most Baptist groups in Israel, since Sunday is a normal work day and few worshipers are free.



## Orientation

*Appointees for Peru, Keith and Anna Lee Shelton, chat with Pratt Dean, missionary candidate, at semi-annual Orientation Conference in Richmond, Va., Jan. 18-25. Attending were 60 candidates and appointees. Included among the faculty were 32 furloughing missionaries. Beginning in the fall of 1967, conferences are slated to expand to 16 weeks each to provide time for more extensive orientation.*

## Guest Teachers Return

After a semester as guest professors at Hong Kong Baptist College, Dr. and Mrs. John T. Carter have resumed teaching duties at Samford University (formerly Howard College), Birmingham, Ala. Each has a doctor's degree in education.

At their own expense, the Carters and their two children went to Hong Kong, visiting countries in Europe, the Near East, and Asia on the way. They expected to make additional Asian stops while returning home.

## Self-Support Plan Begun in Israel

Plans are under way to put Baptist churches in Israel on a self-supporting basis for the first time since Baptist work began in that country 54 years ago, Missionary Dwight L. Baker has reported.

Beginning in January, the Baptist Mission in Israel stopped all direct payments of salaries to pastors and evangelists. Instead, limited subsidies are paid to local church treasurers who will, with additional church funds, take care of their ministers' financial needs. Mission funds are to be re-

## Yemen Staff Busy

Baptists' medical unit in Yemen treated about 7,400 different patients during the 10 months it operated in 1965, according to a report from Missionary Dr. James M. Young, Jr.

Visits by outpatients totaled about 13,000. There were 378 admissions to the hospital, and about 325 surgical operations, of which 170 were major. "Soon we will have to stop scheduling surgery, for we have several months' backlog," wrote Young.

The doctor has set up on a temporary basis a 20-bed hospital in a previously unused, second-story section of a hospital in Taiz. Baptist missionary personnel in Yemen includes only the Youngs, a Baptist nurse from Spain, and a special project nurse from the U.S. They are assisted by two Baptist medical workers from the Middle East. Jibla, a city about 40 miles from Taiz, has been selected as site for a permanent Baptist hospital.

## Initial Service Held

Southern Baptists' only missionaries to Austria, Bill and Sally Wagner, reported 27 persons attended their first English-speaking worship service on Sunday morning, Jan. 2, at the Salzburg Baptist Church. The Wagners held their first Bible study session in their home on the following Wednesday.

Austria became the 60th country where Southern Baptists have missionaries when the Wagners, who were appointed last August, arrived there in October. They have begun language study and are serving as fraternal representatives to Austrian Baptists, in cooperation with the German Baptist Union and an international mission committee for Austria.

duced each year over a fixed period so that churches will assume full responsibility for meeting local needs.

The Association of Baptist Churches in Israel, organized in April, 1965, is to take the initiative in sponsoring and assisting mission points and opening new preaching stations. These activities formerly were undertaken by the Baptist Mission. The Mission will give financial aid and, where possible, will provide trained personnel for specific projects, if the Association requests such help.



## All Safe in Nigeria

All Southern Baptist missionaries in Nigeria were reported safe in the political and military crisis that erupted there in January, according to word from missionaries to H. Cornell Goerner, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Africa. Communications were temporarily halted during the abortive coup d'etat but were soon restored.

The Foreign Mission Board has 238 missionaries assigned to Nigeria. Some are in the U.S. on furlough, but most are in the country. Missionary Edgar H. Burks, Jr., secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Mission, in a letter dated Jan. 11, indicated his belief that there was no anti-white feeling in the agitation within Nigeria.

## Arabic Edition Started

An Arabic edition of the Israel Baptist paper, *Hayahad* [Togetherness], was begun in January, to appear every two months. The paper is already published monthly in Hebrew and bi-monthly in English.

Potential readership among the churches of Galilee and other Arab centers in Israel is much larger than the number of English readers in the country. There is hope that the Arabic edition will become monthly before the end of the year.

## First Auxiliaries Formed

Mission study auxiliaries for young people—the first such organizations in Portugal—were organized in January by the women of Queluz Baptist Church, near Lisbon. Missionary Norma (Mrs. John M.) Herndon reported that a Sunbeam Band, a Junior Girls' Auxiliary, an Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary, and a Young Woman's Auxiliary were formed, with a total enrolment of 51. Sunday school enrolment at the church totals 127.

Although several Baptist churches in Portugal have had story-hour groups similar to Sunbeams, the Queluz Church is the first with the three other organizations.

## GAs Gather in Guatemala

The annual Girls' Auxiliary camp in Guatemala brought together 87 girls, plus 18 counselors and other helpers, to the campus of the Guatemalan Baptist Theological Institute, Guatemala City, in December. The four-day program included an initiation ceremony for 17 new GAs.



## Book Center Dedicated

*Dedication of the Christian Book Center at Lower Buchanan, Liberia, had as guests W. R. Telbert, Jr. (second from left), vice-president of Liberia and president of the Baptist World Alliance, and Wayne Dehoney (third from left), of Jackson, Tenn., Southern Baptist Convention president. Standing beside Dehoney is Bradley Brown, missionary at Lower Buchanan. The center has a book salesroom, offering Christian literature at non-profit prices, and a reading room open to the public. The reading room also serves as meeting place for classes and study groups in helping train leaders among Baptists.*

## Cultural Center Opens in Cali

The Christian Cultural Center has been opened in Cali, Colombia, as a pioneering experiment to interpret the message of Christ to today's sophisticated world. Activities include a monthly cultural program using the musical and other talents of missionaries and national Christians, a Saturday afternoon cooking class, two sections of English taught twice a week, piano and accordion lessons, and a counseling service.

Located in the upper middle class section of Cali, the center is on a main thoroughfare that passes by a university, a medical center, and the International Baptist Theological Seminary.

Building for the center is rented with funds from the Foreign Mission Board and the Colombian Baptist Convention. The location also serves as

a student center and as a site for Sunday and Wednesday worship services attended by a better educated class of people than usually attend the Baptist churches. Several persons have been attracted by announcements in newspapers and other printed material.

"As people enter to inquire about the various phases of the program, we have opportunity to tell them of our spiritual motivation and how they can achieve greater significance in living through a personal relationship to Jesus Christ," commented Missionaries James and Mary Nell Giles, who help with the center.

"We hope this new dimension of Christian service will be able to soften up some of the opposition and prejudice against evangelicals and win a hearing for the gospel."

## 100th Anniversary of Bible in Arabic Observed

The 100th anniversary of the translation of the Bible into Arabic was observed by Christians in Lebanon with an exhibition of Christian literature at the American University of Beirut in January. Widely publicized, the exhibit attracted large crowds. Baptists were among 12 groups displaying literature. President Charles Helou of Lebanon sponsored the observance. The minister of the interior officially opened the exhibition.

Although the Bible translation being

commemorated is not the first translation of Scriptures into Arabic, one authority has called it "a masterpiece" that has been "one of the most important missionary agencies" in the Arabic-speaking world.

It was prepared by missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, first Protestant organization to establish continuing work in Lebanon. Several Arab scholars assisted. The version is currently being revised.

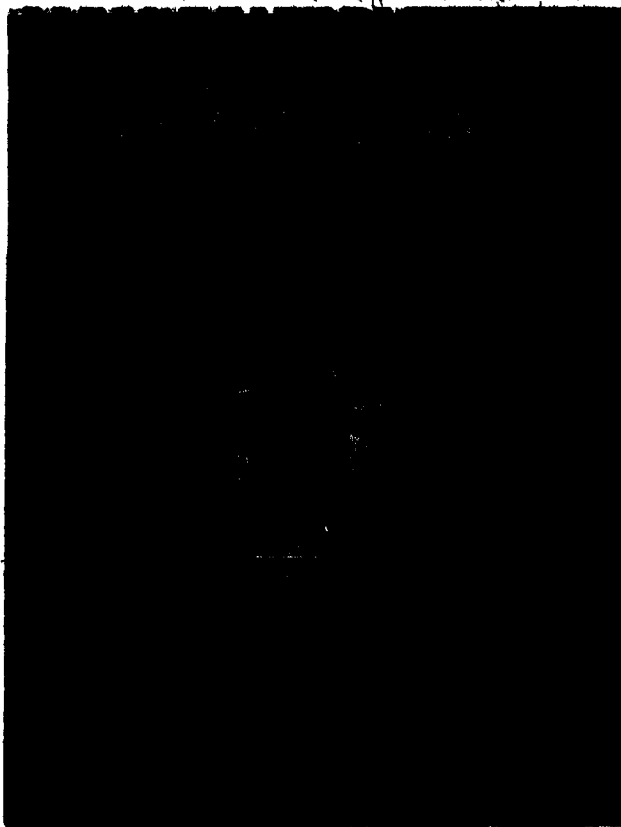
## Campaign Next For Costa Rica

A simultaneous evangelistic campaign will be held in Baptist churches in Costa Rica during March, with 11 guest preachers from seven countries invited to assist. Slated to open the campaign is a pastors' retreat, followed by a press reception and a breakfast at which the guests will be introduced to prominent businessmen and other Costa Rican leaders.

Evangelistic meetings will be held in local churches Mar. 6-20. The campaign will culminate with five days of mass meetings, Mar. 21-25, in San José and other cities.

Final preparation for the campaign was a major item of business at the 20th annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of Costa Rica at Turrialba in January. Fifty messengers from 16 churches attended. Joseph B. Underwood, Foreign Mission Board consultant in evangelism and church development, took part in the planning and gave challenging reports from recent mass evangelism efforts in other parts of the world.

The Convention received into fellowship two churches. One is a newly organized church in Puntarenas, a Pacific port. The other, in Puerto Limón on the Caribbean Sea, was begun in



*Adrián Gonzáles, crusade committee chairman for Costa Rican Baptists, shows a campaign poster to Joseph B. Underwood during the Convention.*

1888 by the Jamaica Baptist Union and is the oldest Baptist congregation in Costa Rica, according to Missionary L. Laverne Gregory. Convention-related churches, with a combined membership of 1,106, reported a total of 115 baptisms during 1965.

Messengers approved the establishment of a cooperative Baptist planning board to increase participation of nationals in the distribution of funds and the promotion of self-support.

## Literature Distribution Brightens

Indications that wider distribution of evangelical literature throughout Latin America may have been made possible by actions of the Roman Catholic Ecumenical Council have been noted by Missionary Stanley D. Stamps, director of the Baptist book store in Quito, Ecuador.

A number of priests and nuns have recently purchased literature, including Bibles, at the store, Stamps reported. He also said secular distributors are showing an interest in handling Christian publications.

Stamps and Hoyt Eudaly, sales and distribution director for Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Tex., visited the manager of the newest and largest book store in Quito. Impressed by the quality and content of the Baptist books, the manager placed an order. "Never before has a secular book store of such influence

stocked books from our Publishing House," declared Stamps.

The book store manager also described *Respuesta* [Answer], new Baptist evangelistic magazine, as a publication of quality and general interest. He arranged for the two missionaries to meet the manager of the largest magazine distribution agency in Ecuador. After briefly examining the magazine, the distributor called for a national distribution contract.

"The next day we gave him the 1,000 copies we had on hand, and in a few days *Respuesta* was on newsstands all over town, proclaiming the gospel in the secular world," related Stamps. "Similar distribution of the magazine had already been arranged in other countries."

"A new day of emphasis on Bible reading may well have dawned in Latin America," he added.

## Advisers Named

A six-member Southern Baptist advisory steering committee has been appointed to coordinate plans for the proposed 1969 Baptist evangelistic campaign throughout the western hemisphere. Announcing the appointment was W. Douglas Hudgins, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee chairman, who is pastor in Jackson, Miss.

The Executive Committee last September approved Southern Baptist participation in the crusade and asked Hudgins to appoint the committee. The group will correlate crusade plans with the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptists, and with Baptist bodies in other countries.

Wayne Dehoney, Convention president and pastor in Jackson, Tenn., will serve as committee chairman. Other members will be Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor in Oklahoma City, Okla., and a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance; Ray Roberts, executive secretary, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio; M. B. Carroll, pastor in Dallas, Tex.; Owen Cooper, layman from Yazoo City, Miss.; and J. Conally Evans, pastor in Ocala, Fla.

The "Crusade of the Americas" was proposed by Rubens Lopes, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, following the nation-wide evangelistic campaign in Brazil in 1965. Baptist bodies in North, South, and Central America have been invited to participate. Each Baptist group will conduct its crusade in its own way at a time most suitable in 1969.

## Yugoslav Hymnal Coming

Yugoslav Baptists are soon to have their own hymnal, including both words and music. The hymnal, called *Spiritual Hymns*, is to be completed this year with 15,000 copies printed.

The Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$4,000—one fourth of the cost of printing and binding the hymnal. Remainder of the expense is expected from other contributions and from sales.

Yugoslav Baptists now use a 15-year-old, pocket-sized hymnbook with words only. Most of its 300 hymns will be included in the new hymnal, along with about 100 other selections not previously translated for use in Yugoslavia.

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