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SIXTY YEARS PRINTING SPANISH

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LONG BEFORE the United States had a Texas city called El Paso, the Spanish used a route north through the Rio Grande Valley. They called it *El Paso del Norte*.

Today El Paso, a bilingual border city of 315,000, is still a pass to the north. For Baptists, however, it is a pass to all of the Spanish-speaking world, and has been for 50 years.

At El Paso is located the Baptist Spanish Publishing House—*Casa Bautista* to the Spanish-speaking—that serves Baptists and other evangelical Christians in 41 countries. It is Southern Baptists' only foreign mission institution permanently located in the United States and is said to be the largest evangelical Spanish publication center in the world.

The publishing enterprise moved to El Paso from Mexico in 1916. At first the reasons were political (the Mexican revolution and its aftermath), but now they are economic, related to the red tape of international postal regulations. But these factors have

Indian woman studies display at Baptist Book Store, Bogotá, Colombia.

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combined to make El Paso one of the more widely known American cities among evangelical Christians who speak Spanish.

From its small beginning in a missionary kitchen in Toluca, Mexico, in 1905, *Casa Bautista* has grown into the sprawling building it now occupies—80,000 square feet under one roof—providing for editorial offices, printing department, storage, and shipping facilities. Three linotypes serve both letterpresses and offset presses. Folding and collating machines prepare the pages for hard-cover, saddle-stitched, or other binding. Finished materials are moved to the mailing department where orders are processed, wrapped, weighed, stamped, and bagged for shipment through the local post office.

The kitchen in Toluca belonged to J. Edgar Davis, newly arrived missionary in Mexico, who bought a printing press and Spanish type and in 1905 installed the equipment temporarily in his home. He moved to León later that year, added a smaller press, and in January, 1906, began publishing under the name *Imprenta Bautista* (Baptist Press).

The 60th anniversary of the Publishing House received special recognition in October of this year with a reception held during the first meeting of its Advisory Committee.

From being the work of Davis, the Publishing House has become the labor of a score of missionaries and more than 50 other employees. The employees now come from Mexico, Cuba, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Chile,



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Missionary Frank W. Patterson has directed Publishing House since 1942.

Uruguay, Nicaragua, Germany, and the United States. Missionaries ordinarily are not appointed directly to the Publishing House staff, but are recruited from other Missions after having gained field experience.

Missionary Frank W. Patterson, director since 1942, has served at the Publishing House since 1939.

Current annual production totals more than 8,000,000 pieces of literature in Spanish for Baptists and other evangelical groups. The pieces include 30 periodicals and an average of 60 books a year, in addition to numerous pamphlets, booklets, tracts, posters, and miscellaneous items.

Newest additions to the roster of periodicals are *Ancla* (Anchor), a 32-page publication for university students, and *Respuesta* (Answer), 24-

page quarterly of general interest. A 100,000-copy edition of the New Testament, with helps for personal witnessing, is on the fall schedule.

The hymnal produced by the Publishing House is now in its sixth printing and has reached 170,500 copies. One of the largest producers of Spanish music in the area, the Publishing House is equipped with a music writer to prepare copy for printing. The music department also issues an eight-page quarterly of anthems and hymns, using when possible original works by Latin American composers. Two hymnals for children have been published and two more are in production.

The impact of the printed page could hardly be overestimated. In some countries—notably Venezuela and Guatemala—Baptist beginnings stemmed from the use of literature from the Publishing House.

Printed materials are regularly utilized in various types of evangelistic outreach. For instance, Missionary Mary Ann (Mrs. Justice C.) Anderson told about a recent outdoor service in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In a plaza where literally tens of thousands of persons pass by during the rush hour, tables were set up for sale of Bibles, New Testaments, and illustrated New Testaments, and free distribution of Gospels and tracts. On each piece of literature is stamped the address of the closest church so that interested persons can locate the

Pressman looks over a proof sheet of tract with its author, Alfredo Larin.



Doorbell Missionary

"My life consists too much in washing dishes, keeping house, and answering the doorbell a million and one times a day," LaVora (Mrs. S. D., Jr.) Sprinkle told me one day while she was a missionary housewife in Buenos Aires, Argentina. (The Sprinkles later transferred to Costa Rica.) "Every few minutes I find myself conversing with delivery boys, beggars, street peddlers, and the like. When not at that, I am doing something for my children. I began to feel like I was not really a missionary," she continued.

"Then I decided I could use these experiences to serve the Lord," she related. "I began to keep a stack of tracts and copies of the Gospel of John by my front door, as well as printed invitations to the Bible studies we were having in neighborhood homes, and the address of our new little Baptist church. Every time I answered the door, I took one of each of these to the person calling and made a special effort to invite him to the Bible studies or to church."

And so, when my husband and I went to her home for Bible study she began introducing us to her butcher, cleaners deliveryman, and fruit delivery boys, as well as her neighbors. She had found a way of witnessing in her neighborhood by use of the printed word.—Mary Ann (Mrs. Justice C.) Anderson, missionary in Argentina



W. ROBERT HART
Clerk checks materials
at Baptist Book Store
in Valencia, Venezuela.



W. ROBERT HART
Customers consult salesclerk at Baptist Book Store in Bogotá, Colombia.

church. In this particular service 40 persons made decisions for Christ after hearing the messages.

A major ministry for printed matter lies in aiding the spiritual growth of believers. Mrs. Anderson also told how her husband had met a family of Ukrainian Baptist background who now live on the Argentine pampas. Their farm is far from any neighbors and 40 miles from the nearest Baptist congregation.

"The spiritual growth of the seven members of the Pablo Chodakowski family will depend to large extent on the printed word," she pointed out. "Each day the parents read the Bible to their children in Ukrainian and Spanish and include other forms of worship to make it a complete service in their home." They depend on literature from the Publishing House and other sources.

Materials in print are also their favorite means of evangelization, added Mrs. Anderson. The family tries to witness to their neighbors and acquaintances in conversation, and by distribution of Bibles and tracts.

"In many areas of these large agricultural and ranching countries of the world, where the means of transportation and communication are limited, people are swallowed up by the vastness of the territory," she commented. "Possibly in these cases the printed word is the only means of evangelism."

As one step in distribution, book deposits have been set up in almost all the Spanish-speaking republics in Latin America and in Spain for

storage of materials from the Publishing House. This plan reduces to a minimum the sometimes unendurable delays made necessary by mail orders and complex international shipping and customs regulations.

The deposit plan also enables purchasers to see the materials they choose rather than depend on catalogue descriptions. Also, if a country's contact with other nations is disrupted for any reason, the deposited materials would enable Baptists to draw from stocks on hand for a while, without their being constantly replenished.

The newly formed Advisory Committee, to meet every four years, includes representatives from each Spanish-speaking area served by the Foreign Mission Board: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Attending were 42 official representatives, four ex-officio members, and observers from other countries, reported Missionary Roberta Ryan.

Meetings of the committee are to provide for exchanging information, ideas, and recommendations that will help guide the Publishing House in printing materials and will inform the overseas representatives - concerning materials and facilities the Publishing House offers.

In all the changes and growth, the goal of *Casa Bautista* has remained the same: to serve literature needs in the proclamation of the gospel wherever Spanish is spoken.

FOR N. SCOTT, JR.
Publishing House music committee meets.

Waiting for granddaughter at Central Baptist Church Primary School, Quito, Ecuador, woman reads tract.

W. ROBERT HART





Lozano gives tract with candy and banana.

A BANANA and a tract

BY ALTON C. STRAUGHAN



ON A SUNDAY morning in Monterrey I consulted the hotel's church directory in seeking a Baptist congregation, since during my vacation in Mexico so far I had seen only Catholic churches. I found several Spanish-speaking Baptist churches listed and decided to worship with one of these. I wouldn't know the language, but I would know the Topic.

A taxi delivered me to First Baptist Church. After Sunday School I joined the worship service. A woman placed in my hands a hymnal already opened to the first hymn, and I was able to follow the familiar tune. But when the next hymn was announced I could not understand the number in Spanish.

About that time a man slipped into the pew beside me and began to whisper explanations in English and to write notes in English on the margin of his program. He told me that the man who was now pastor had been converted in a street-preaching service 12 years earlier.

After the service I met several members and the pastor, who speaks excellent English. Some members spoke only a little English and most spoke none, but I had never been made to feel more welcome in a church.

My new friend, who had introduced himself as Oscar Lozano Rocha, offered me a ride to my hotel, but asked me to wait a few moments. I watched as he began to gather the discarded church bulletins and other pieces of literature that had been left in the pews. I followed his example and soon every piece of printed material had been collected.

"Will you go with me to the market?" he invited, and we crossed the street. There he went from stand to stand, buying a bunch of bananas from each merchant and pausing for a friendly chat, a smile warming his pleasant, spectacled face as he moved along. His load of fruit soon grew so that I offered to help him carry the bananas to his car.

"When I reach home there will be about 30 little people waiting to open the gate for me," he explained as he drove me to the hotel. He referred to the begging children who would meet him. The bananas were for the children, he continued, but with each piece of fruit he would also give a piece of the religious literature he had collected at the church.

Following my return home to Shreveport, La., Lozano and I ex-

changed a few letters. My inquiry to the Foreign Mission Board about materials in Spanish that might be more effective with those children brought information about the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex. Publishing House workers told me of suitable tracts they could provide at a nominal price. They also said that back-dated Sunday School literature could be furnished for only the price of postage. I sent a check.

"The package of religious literature that you sent me from El Paso was delivered to poor people who live on the hill near my home," my Monterrey friend wrote later.

"I thought you did not mind if I delivered these pamphlets to them in some paper bags with bananas, candies, and peanuts," he added. "I found that everybody liked to read the pamphlets very much, and I was especially surprised to meet some Christian families."

My visit to the Spanish-speaking church in Monterrey paid unexpected dividends, for it introduced me to a gracious friend who has found that a gospel tract may meet a more welcome reception if it is wrapped around a banana or a piece of candy.



Dedicated to Bible Study

By Frank W. Patterson

Director, Baptist Spanish Publishing House

EL EXPOSITOR Biblico will be dedicated to the study of the holy Scriptures and matters related to them," wrote David A. Wilson in the first number of this Sunday School periodical when it appeared in October, 1890, in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. As he began, the editor set forth the reasons for publication:

"(1) To stimulate, as far as possible, the desire to possess a Holy Bible and to learn and understand the sublime truth that it contains.

"(2) To effect in all a higher respect for the holy character and the authority of this blessed book of God, so that they will accept it as the ultimate authority in every matter of faith.

"(3) To disobey the superstitious preoccupation of some that only certain privileged persons ought to read the Word of God and that for the rest this is harmful.

"(4) Finally, to help those who sincerely desire to study the divine Word to have the highest understanding of it."

This publication, which marked its diamond anniversary last year, has a current circulation of about 70,000 copies distributed throughout the Spanish-speaking world.

Originally *El Expositor Biblico* consisted of only 12 pages and was published monthly. It contained editorial comments, the weekly lesson, exegetical notes, questions, and a summary of key words.

Today the teachers' edition of the magazine runs to about 96 pages quarterly, presenting exegetical notes, suggestions about application, illustrations, and aids for teachers of Intermediates, Young People, and Adults.

Possibly Wilson had his own press, for the first issue carried the imprint, "El Expositor Biblico Press, Guadalajara." Until a few years ago it was believed the publication was begun in 1892, but then a Baptist pastor in Cuba donated Wilson's personal collection of the periodical that showed Oct. 5, 1890, as the first date. Publication probably was suspended for a two-year period after Wilson returned to the U.S. in 1891 for more study.

Wilson resigned as a missionary in Mexico in 1897 and went to Cuba as a missionary in 1901, so Miss Sara A. Hale edited *El Expositor Biblico* 1897-1900, followed by J. S. Cheavens 1901-03, and J. G. Chastain 1904-07. The publication became a quarterly in 1905.

In 1907 responsibility for the magazine was assigned



Alfredo Lerin, holding copy of El Expositor Biblico, speaks to Sunday School at Juárez, Mexico.

to J. E. Davis, founder of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, then in Mexico. Continuing the policy of his predecessors, he assigned much of the writing to various pastors and national workers.

The Publishing House was moved to El Paso, Tex., in 1916, and G. H. Lacy assumed responsibility for *El Expositor* during 1917 to give Davis a rest. In 1920, when Davis' health broke, Cheavens again became editor until his sudden death in 1921. Missionaries Frank Marrs and W. F. Hatchell then took charge for three issues until Davis could return.

Davis began to write the exegetical portion of *El Expositor Biblico* in 1922 and continued until his death in 1944. Hight C Moore, editorial secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, furnished the Publishing House his Sunday School commentaries from 1923 until 1953. His successor, Clifton J. Allen, has continued to do this.

Since 1929 *El Expositor* has been published in two editions — one for pupils and the other for teachers. Prior to 1963 the two editions were identical except that the materials for teachers were omitted from the pupils' edition. Today the two editions are entirely different, and the edition for teachers contains helps for teaching various age groups.

After the death of Davis, responsibilities for editing *El Expositor* became mine. Alfredo Lerin has shared in editing the exegetical section and other sections since joining the Publishing House staff in 1946. Joe T. Poe, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Publishing House, was named editor of the pupils' edition in 1964, and I have continued to edit the teachers' edition. Other parts of the teachers' edition are assigned to selected writers in many parts of Latin America.

The purpose of the periodical's editors is still to be faithful to the inspired Word and to explain its teachings clearly so that all may understand, to the end that this publication may be a powerful instrument in the evangelization of the multitudes and the building of churches.

Editor's note: How well the editors have fulfilled their purpose is reflected on the next page where some of the Baptist leaders in various countries tell about the influence of *El Expositor Biblico* and other materials from the Publishing House.

Impact of the Printed Page

By Aurelio Mandujano
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico

In 1954 I baptized Julio C. Morales as the first Baptist in the Mexican state of Tabasco. He had found New Testament truth through *El Expositor Bíblico*, along with a few visits of mine. Now he is a minister of the gospel and is preaching Christ.

In Tabasco there are one church and four missions. There are also four brethren studying in the Baptist center for seminary work in Mérida. This is the humble testimony around one *El Expositor* magazine.

By Carlos de la Torre
Buenos Aires, Argentina

From my very first pastorate I had the satisfaction of counting on the help of *El Expositor Bíblico*, as well as other teaching materials printed by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House. Since 1924, when I was called to be the pastor of the *Distrito Sudoeste* (Southwest District) Baptist Church, which I am still leading today, I have realized how useful this literature is for the general teaching program of the church.

By Luis E. Quilo

I accepted Christ at the age of 14. It was undoubtedly through *El Expositor Bíblico*, teacher's edition, that I had my first encounter with the Lord, because no person or evangelist was interested in me.

I visited a small mission in a Guatemalan town and listened to a humble and modest lay preacher who used *El Expositor Bíblico*. I was not saved. I had never seen any other Sunday School literature except the small quarterly or leaflet called *Mansana de Oro* (Golden Apple).

In 1930 this lay preacher asked me to teach the lesson on a Sunday when he was not to be present. He gave me his quarterly. I went home with it in my hands for the first time and devoured page after page. As I entered that veritable arsenal of knowledge — introductory notes, illustrations,

By Rolando Gutiérrez Cortés
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Managua, Nicaragua

Our First Baptist Church of Managua was organized March 1, 1917. In 1967 we will be celebrating the golden jubilee of Baptist work in Nicaragua, and with it the work of our Baptist church school.

From the beginning the work has had pastors who were well grounded doctrinally. Following the Nicaraguan pastor José Mendoza came David A. Wilson, who had served in Cuba and Mexico and was the initiator of *El Expositor Bíblico*. He knew how to direct doctrinal instruction and organization in such a way that baptism by immersion became the rule for all the denominations of this country except the Moravians.

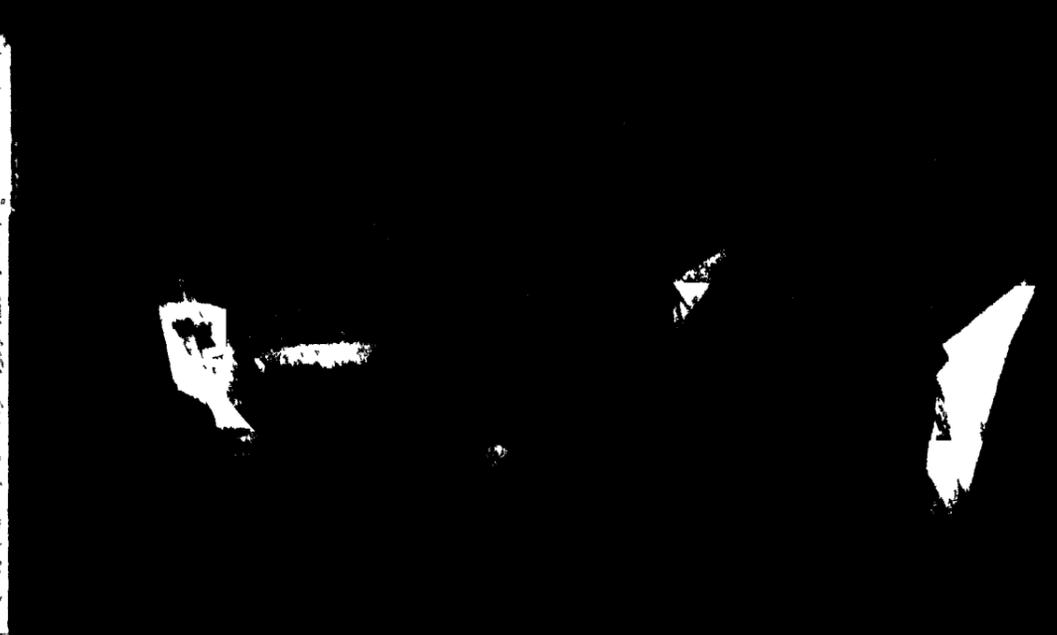
The founder of *El Expositor Bíblico* and the magazine itself have been

homiletics, suggestions for the teacher to use—it seemed I had found a mine, and that, as I dug deeper, I would discover new treasures.

That was the real beginning of my ministry, though when I went before the class that morning neither the preacher nor I realized it. This happened 36 years ago, when I was 15 years old. I remember that I used every bit of the material in the quarterly; it took about an hour and a half. I felt that I was in a new world discovering new marvels. I desired to transmit this same experience to my pupils. I wanted them to discover this inexhaustible supply of treasures.

Later I was asked to be the teacher of a new class. With God's help I accepted this challenge.

Years later, before I entered the seminary, I was the teacher of classes for Young People and Adults in what is now a big church. There, too, *El*



Editorial committee for *El Expositor* (from left): Missionaries Frank Patterson and Joe T. Poe, and Alfredo Lerín.

formative influences in the biblical doctrines of our church. Succeeding pastors have continued to use its materials. So it is that *El Expositor* has served as a foundation and meant a continuity along doctrinal lines which can be seen clearly in First Church, Managua.

By Leobardo Estrada
New York, New York

I am grateful to God for the Baptist Spanish Publishing House and for all the people that have consecrated their intellectual and spiritual talents, and whose writing has served to guide thousands of people in sound biblical doctrine and to teach the eternal and inexhaustible riches of God's kingdom.

(Estrada, second vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention 1963-66, is director of language missions in New York for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.)

Expositor Bíblico was my excellent and faithful guide. Although I always gave the principal place to the Bible when I studied my lesson for the following Sunday, my best friend and helper was *El Expositor*. I have a collection of this precious quarterly in my files which dates from the year 1931. I consult this file constantly because this is my best commentary on the Scriptures.

God put a church in my hands that was not Baptist in practice, but with the help of Baptist literature He gave me the means to develop this church. I can now see it following in the structural background of New Testament churches, which is to say Baptist.

(Quilo is pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Guatemala City, the first Baptist church in Guatemala, organized in 1946. The church was independent until Quilo and others became convinced of the Baptist position because of printed materials, including periodicals from the Baptist Spanish Publishing House.)

By Adele Rebleto

AS WE prepared for an evangelistic campaign last April, Rubén Angulo, a deacon, gave me a name and address for visitation. Angulo works at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House. The name had been received through the mail in answer to a coupon in *Respuesta* that offered books to those who wrote in.

The evangelist, a church member, and I went to that address the next day. We were met by a somewhat surprised man who invited us in. After a few moments of conversation I told him that we were evangelicals and had a message for him.

"I really think you were sent by God," he answered. "This morning I began to feel that somebody was going to come and tell me very important things. By the way," he went on, "I have received a very interesting magazine called *Respuesta*. I wonder if you know about it."

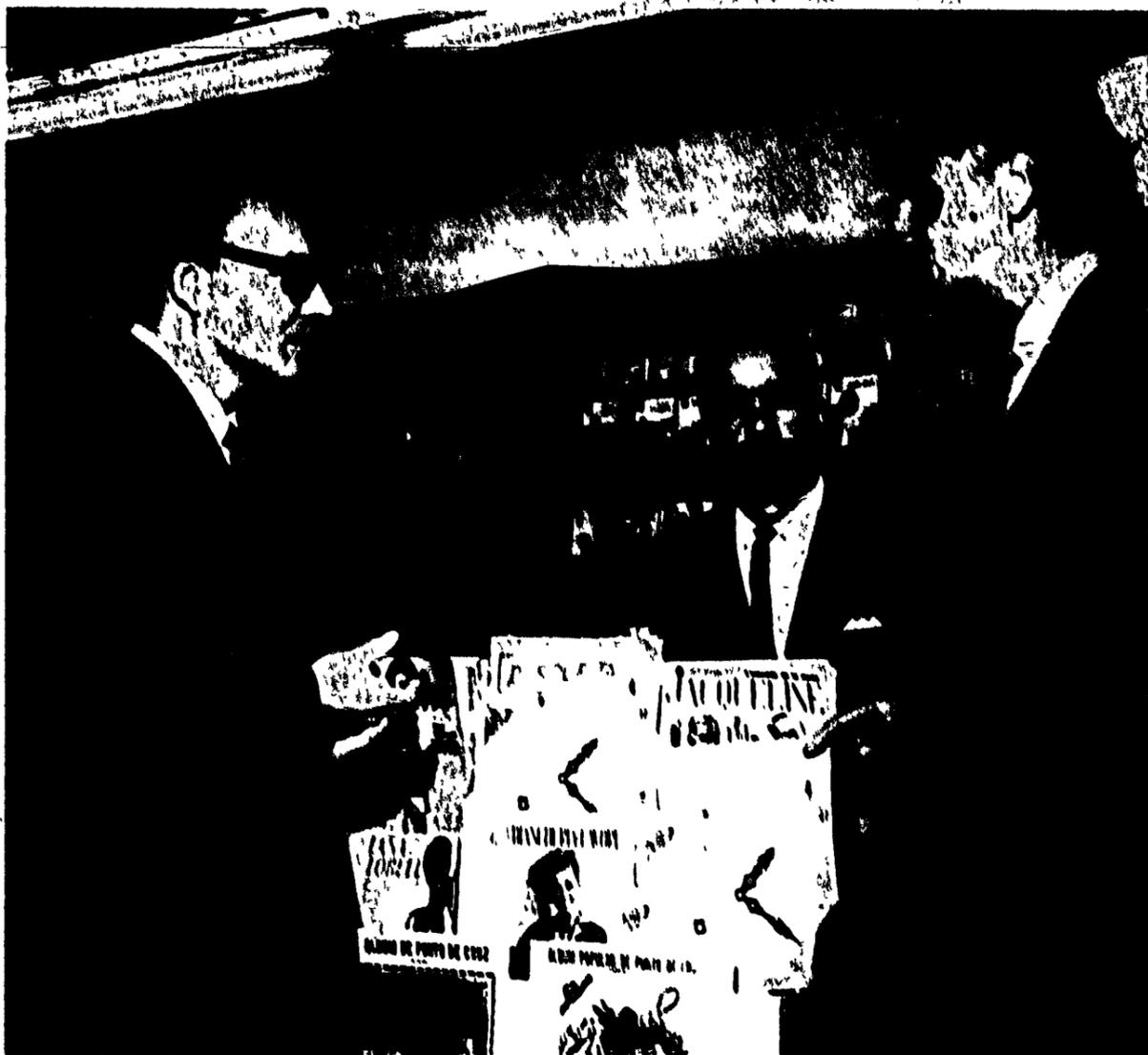
This opened the way for discussion about God, and the man promised to attend the evangelistic services. True to his word, he and his wife came that evening, the first time they had ever entered an evangelical church. At the invitation both publicly accepted Christ. When a class for new converts began, the couple attended, and each bought a Bible.

"This is something I have been seeking for years," the man wrote on the information card that first night. "Now I have found Christ, and he is my Saviour." Initial contact by the printed page helped bring him to Christ.

(Rebleto is pastor of First Mexican Baptist Church, El Paso, Tex.)

TARGET:

Man on the Street



In a commercial book store in Quito, Ecuador, Missionary Stanley D. Stamps discusses with store manager display of *Respuesta*, general interest magazine.

DESIGNED to appeal to the man on the street, *Respuesta* (Answer) was first issued in 1965 by the Baptist Spanish Publishing House.

The quarterly, 24-page magazine in Spanish offers articles on popular subjects, written from an evangelical viewpoint. Scientific topics, everyday problems, humor, illustrated Bible stories, questions and answers on subjects of morality, and—in some way—the plan of salvation make up much of the content.

The publication is the first of its kind in Spanish published by any religious group. Orlando Pérez, who once handled publicity for the Baptist Convention in Cuba, is editor.

"We've never had such a tremen-

dous reception for any of our publications as we have with this one," pointed out Missionary Judson Blair at the Publishing House.

With press runs of up to 50,000 for a single issue, *Respuesta* has been introduced in 15 countries: Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, and the United States (in locations such as New Orleans, La., Miami, Fla., and El Paso, Tex.).

In some places *Respuesta* has been sold house-to-house. Some Baptists have carried copies during evangelistic visitation, and have placed the magazines in beauty parlors, barber

shops, doctors' offices, and other reception rooms. In Chile it was introduced on a weekly Baptist television program, with viewers invited to write in for a free copy.

The magazine has been distributed on newsstands in seven countries. It is also made available through book stores or Baptist outlets. The cost per copy is 10 cents, outside the U.S. and possessions.

In El Salvador, one man who has sold the magazine reported, "The same people have asked for the next issue." Declared a resident of Chimbote, Peru, "I do not want to miss a single issue, because it is so instructive in spiritual and material matters."

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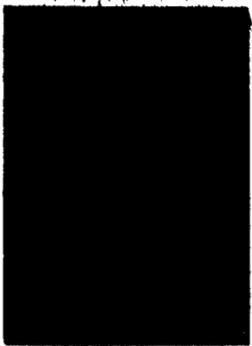
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COVER: In Valencia, Venezuela, a girl looks over Spanish literature on display in window of Baptist Book Store. Photo by W. Robert Hart.



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The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

MEETING MANY NEEDS

HOW STRANGE it would be if Southern Baptist foreign missionaries were to show no more than a casual interest in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Their interest is anything but casual, however. It amounts to a deep concern on their part as they face the realities on their fields. They are constantly aware of open doors to evangelistic opportunity, knowing that these cannot be entered unless more missionaries are sent to share the load.

Day by day they administer existing programs of ministry and witness, hoping and praying that every part can be expanded and made more effective and that new approaches can be initiated. The need for additional buildings, equipment, and supplies, so essential to the continuation and growth of evangelism and church development, constantly confronts them. On almost every mission field there are some needs like these that have been delayed for years, due to the lack of both funds and personnel.

Concern for unmet needs is not a cause for despair on the part of our missionaries, however. They know what has been made possible through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in years past, so their anticipation for the success of the offering this year engenders excitement—excitement with the highest meaning and coupled with compassion for a world desperately in need of God's redemption.

Many and varied are the uses to which the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is applied. Each year a substantial amount of it becomes part of the Foreign Mission Board's budget, supplementing the basic funding provided by the Cooperative Program and enabling the Board to enlarge the base of its primary financial responsibility, missionary support. This is essential as the total number of missionaries grows year by year.

The time has come for this year's Week of Prayer for

Foreign Missions, followed by an offering that, across the years, has been sacrificial and motivated by our Lord's command to proclaim his gospel to the whole world. Studied and prayerful preparations have been made for maximum use of every dollar given.

Annually each mission (the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries on a given foreign field) submits to the Board its request for forthcoming Lottie Moon Offering funds. The most urgent operational and capital needs are usually at the head of the list. With all these requests in hand, the Board considers them and makes adjustments in keeping with the amount of money anticipated from the next offering. Such adjustments usually mean that some urgent and long-delayed projects and the expansion of some programs must wait another year or at least until it is known if the offering has reached or exceeded its goal. Beyond-the-goal funds have in recent years made it possible for many postponed items to be reinstated and provided through allocation.

The wide variety of requests made for Lottie Moon Offering funds is illustrated below by a symbolic list. The number of items presented coincides with the number of countries to which our missionaries are assigned. The 63 items named were selected from actual lists submitted by the missions in anticipation of this year's offering. No amounts are given since our only purpose here is to show the variety of needs.

Leading the list are 18 categories of current operations usually included in the annual budget of any mission. Almost all the other items are classified as capital needs. Along with this compilation of requests we also present an assortment of pictures to illustrate some uses of funds provided by the Lottie Moon Offerings of recent years.

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| <p>The Mrs. W. J. Cox Memorial Fund for WMU Work on foreign fields WMU publications and literature Pastors and other workers Radio and television evangelism Student work Good will center Audio-visual program Literature and publication work Hospital Seminary and theological institutes Book stores and reading rooms Scholarships Property operation Promotional work for Sunday School and Training Union Conferences, conventions, and retreats Medical clinic Assembly and camp programs Mission office expense Church building aid Church building loan fund</p> | <p>Office equipment Brick-making machine Agriculture equipment and supplies School equipment Electricity generator Church building Building site for missionary residence Building site for church Building site for school Clinic and hospital equipment Literacy program supplies Literature and tracts Hospital expansion Operating room equipment Preaching shelters Church building completion Church building repair Travel costs for nationals Film library Site for radio-television center School faculty housing Publishing house equipment</p> | <p>Church pews and furniture Preparation materials for Crusade of the Americas Home for pastor Truck for hauling Campsite River launch Seminary library books and supplies Radio recording studio Vehicle repair Aircraft Recording equipment Music materials for seminary Television film production Student center property X-ray machine Road paving Fencing for mission property Aircraft repair Steam plant for hospital Business machine Public address system</p> |
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Evangelism programs, Brazil: \$8,000 allocated from 1961 offering. CHARLES L. GILLESPIE

Student center, Bangkok, Thailand: \$52,000 allocated from 1964 offering.

RON H. SCOFIELD, JR.



Publication work, including translators, Hong Kong: \$15,000 allocated from 1958 offering.

GERALD S. HARVEY



Pastors and other church workers, Zambia: \$16,688 allocated from 1963 offering.

GERALD S. HARVEY





Machinery for Baptist Press, Ibadan, Nigeria: \$25,000 allocated from 1946 offering. GERALD S. HARVEY

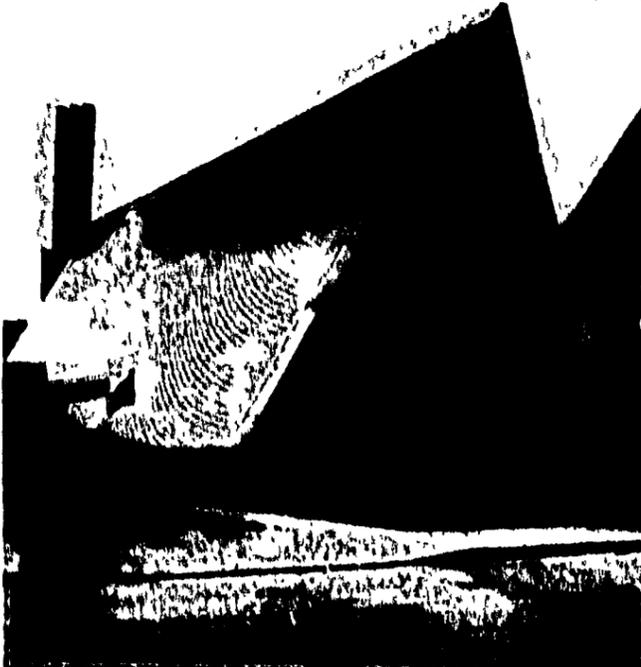
Radio and television production and equipment, Chile: \$19,660 allocated from 1964 offering.

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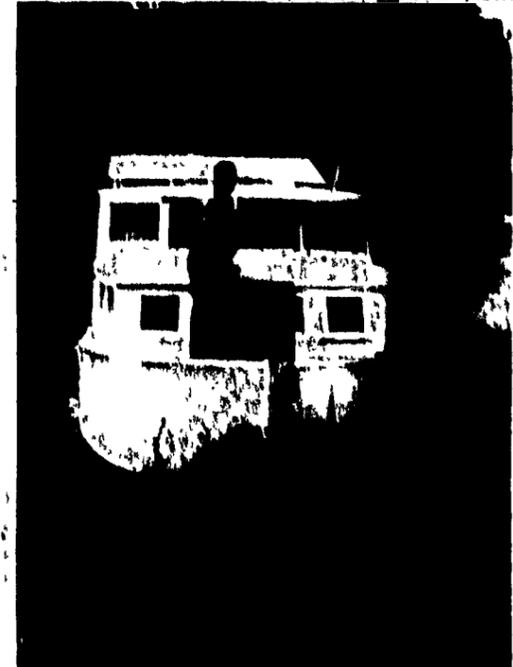
Church Building Loan Fund, Germany: \$30,842 allocated from 1962 offering.

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Mission launch, Lower Amazon (now Equatorial Brazil): \$8,000 allocated from 1947 offering.

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Book store stock and supplies, Tel Aviv, Israel: \$6,000 allocated from 1959 offering.

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Rebuilding of Baptist church, Nagasaki, Japan: \$10,000 allocated from 1946 offering.

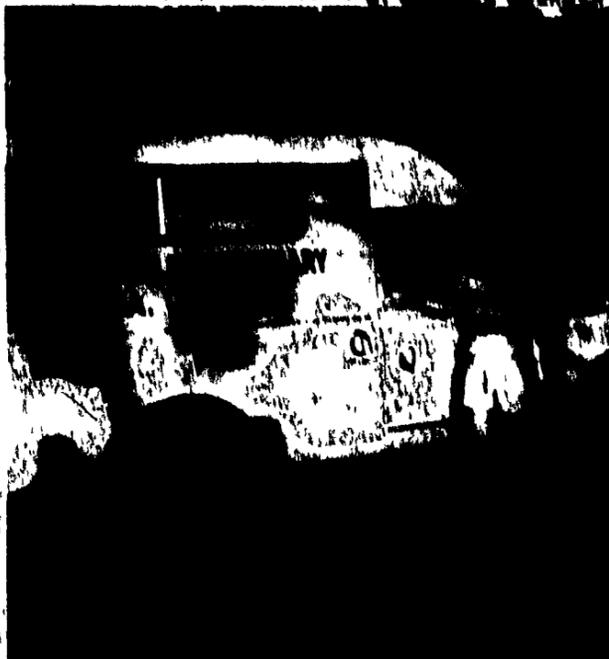
MORRIS J. WRIGHT

Mobile medical unit, Uganda: \$2,400 allocated from 1963 offering.

N. CORNELL CORNER

Building repairs, Southern Baptist College, M'lang, Philippines: \$2,350 allocated from 1955 offering.

LAVELL BEATS



PAKISTAN'S 'Holy Land'

BY JAMES F. MCKINLEY, JR.
Missionary in Feni, East Pakistan



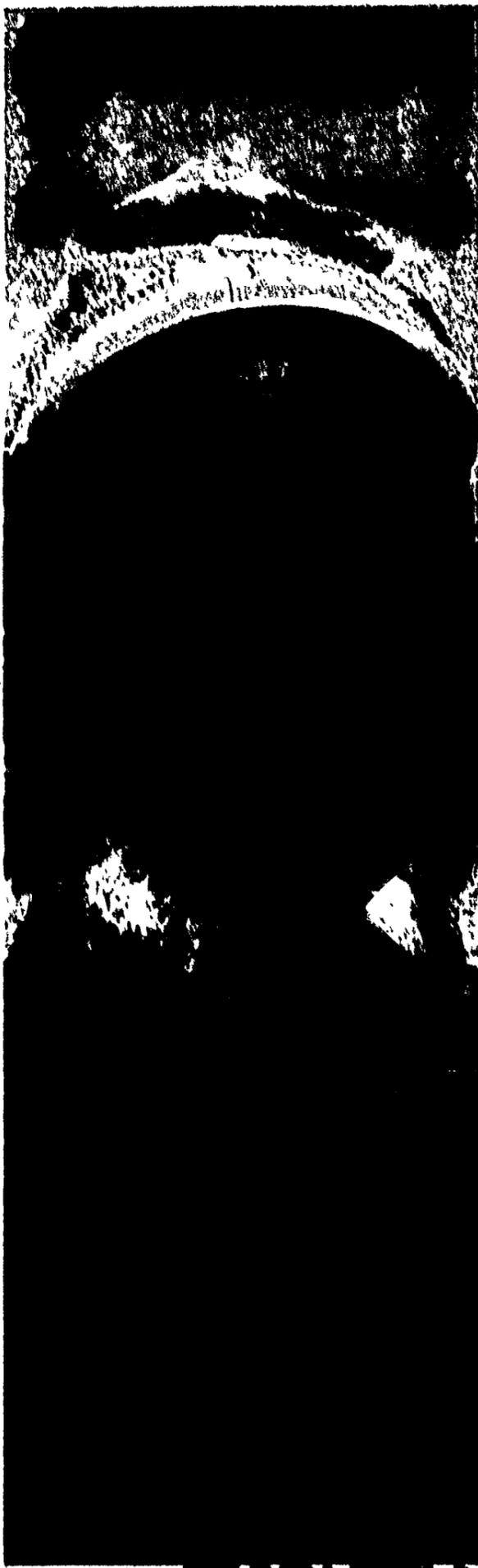
HOLY, holy, holy." The words of praise rang out as the largest group of evangelical Christians in more than 30 years gathered in Feni, East Pakistan, for worship. The largest group, yes, but still it numbered only 25.

Most of them represented other areas of Baptist work in the province, having assembled for the meeting of the council of the East Pakistan Baptist Union in August. Many had chosen to remain for worship with the Feni Baptists—one national Baptist family, two missionary families, and two young men who work with the missionaries—primarily to encourage the Christian work in the Noakhali District.

Gandhi, the late Indian leader, visited this district from November, 1946, until March, 1947, seeking peace between Muslims and Hindus of Noakhali. At that time the district was a source of agitation for the riots then taking place all over India prior to the partitioning of the separate nation of Pakistan. But Gandhi, a Hindu, was not welcomed by Muslim leaders. To them this was a land for Muslims only.

The coming of missionaries to Feni in January, 1965, created anxiety for many Muslims. Noakhali District has long been known as the "holy land" of Islam in Pakistan because of its Islamic orthodoxy. Thus the Muslims felt they needed no one to "instruct them in religion."

During the first eight months, services were held only in the home of the national Christian family and in the home of the missionaries. Finally a building was secured where regular worship services could be conducted. Located on the main street of Feni near a college with 1,300 students, the building, though small, serves many purposes. It goes by the name of Bible Reading Library. Persons entering find the Bible in their language and other books concerning the Chris-



tian faith. Twenty to thirty persons a day enter to become better acquainted with the Christian gospel.

The building also houses the headquarters of our Bible correspondence work. More than 1,200 first lessons were given out during the first five months of enrolment. Recently the first two certificates were presented to students completing one book of the Bible. The certificates were given at a meeting of one of the Bible classes which are held regularly in both the Bengali and English languages.

Perhaps this little building's most important service is that it is leading us to rural areas where residents are showing an interest in the gospel. We want a place where a group of Bible correspondence students can come together with their families and friends for Bible study.

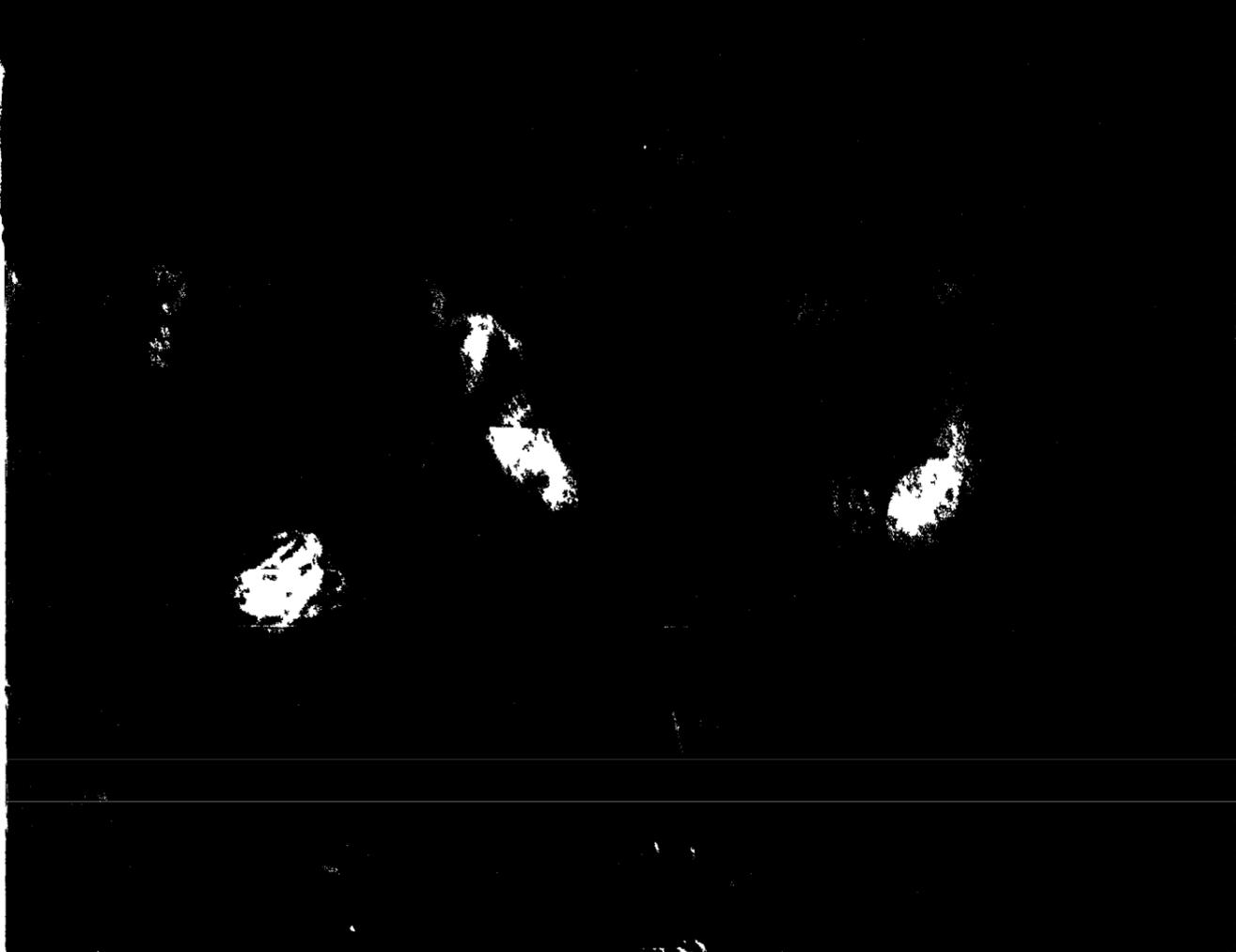
Every village area actually resembles a small town, for 1,663 persons per square mile live in the Feni Sub-Division, a section of Noakhali District. In an area less than 10 miles in each direction from the town of Feni reside a total of 590,000 people, according to the 1961 census.

Except for occasional visits by the missionaries and national Christians from Comilla, 37 miles away, no evangelicals have provided a witness to this district for over 30 years. Yet the area has been open to missionaries since the era of William Carey in 1793.

The remaining 1,792,000 inhabitants of Noakhali District (1961 census) waited for a witness until this past September when a Bible Reading Library was opened in Choumuhani, a trading post near the geographical center of the area. This location will serve in a similar way to Feni as a witnessing center.

Excitement results each time the missionaries visit this part of the "holy land." No one seems to understand

Left: Old farmer near Feni, Pakistan.



Pakistani children on a street in Dacca.

why we want to spend time and money here since the people are already deeply "religious."

Why Noakhali District is known as the "holy land" of Islam in Pakistan becomes evident when you see mosques in every direction, and learn there are many Hajjis (persons who have made the holy pilgrimage to Mecca), and numerous Moulvis (religious leaders), with their long, flowing beards. The mosques, though they may be small and unattractive, still serve as the center of strength in Islam.

Rarely is a Muslim woman seen during the daytime. If one should appear she is sure to be wearing a burqa, a garment covering the entire body, with a veil over the face. While these customs are observed throughout Pakistan, they receive greater emphasis in Noakhali.

Twenty women without veils visited in a missionary home one night recently. Another time, a woman wearing a black veil over her face came one evening and visited with the missionary wife. Returning home, the woman told her husband of the kindness she had encountered.

"When you first came here, I did not like you, because I thought you would convert our people through coercion," this man told the missionary husband later. "Now I don't believe that. I still believe you will try to convert us, but I know you want to do it through persuasion."

A little love and kindness can do much among people who do not really

want you in their part of the world.

Continual ridicule from Muslims confronts the two young men who work with us, but they grow stronger in their faith each day. One of them, while distributing Bible correspondence lessons in a rural area, was attacked by a group of young men. They took all his copies of the Gospels and Bible lessons, and warned him never to return. A bus driver enabled our helper to escape further trouble by taking him into the bus and refusing to let his attackers enter.

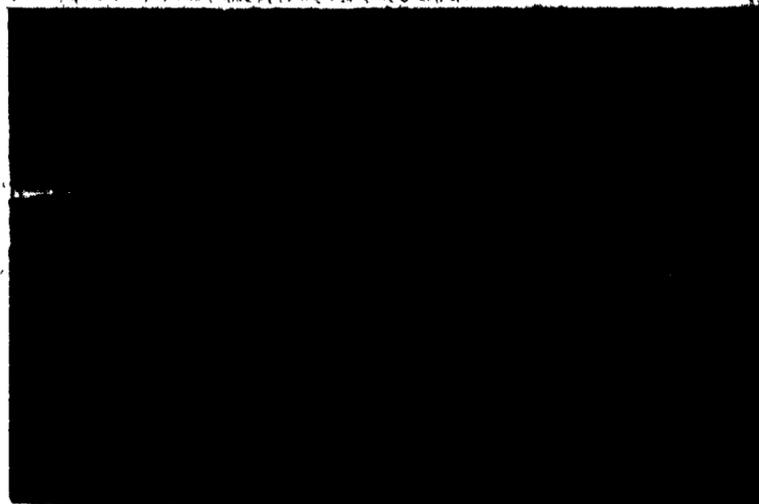
Often we are told there is no place for the Bible in this country. On occasion threats have been made against the missionaries personally, as well as threats to force us to close our work.

Largely because of the ministry of our mobile clinic, which operated only six weeks, we have been able to establish enough good will to provide us a secure place in the "holy land," even though opposition remains strong. The clinic had to be closed last year at the time of the Pakistan-India conflict, and government permission to reopen has not been received. Permission for medical work is still being sought.

Even eight months after the clinic closed, in one day 44 patients came seeking treatment from the missionary doctors.

In spite of opposition, steady increase is noted in interest in the Bible classes, in the number of Bible correspondence lessons being completed, and in the number visiting the library.

One point is clear: Upon coming to



A freight cart in Pakistan.

know the missionaries personally, the Pakistanis find that most of their prejudice vanishes, even though they still do not agree with our preaching Christ in their land.

Why shouldn't they have reservations? For more than 30 years no evangelical missionary has lived among them. The nationals have a right to wonder who these foreigners are who suddenly have taken such an interest in their area.

Consider if you will how much the people of this region must be impressed by Southern Baptists' concern for them, shown by sending only two missionary families. For the 55 million persons in all of East Pakistan there are but 23 Southern Baptist missionaries under appointment. Our desire is that God will use us to help make this place truly a "holy land."

Dacca market vendors display goods.



editorials

Prepare Them for Life Overseas

THIS is the day of the ubiquitous American. He is everywhere, and quite numerous in more than a few countries. Except in those countries behind the Iron and Bamboo Curtains, the U.S. citizen can be found almost anywhere on the planet.

As a tourist he stays but a few days in each locality, looks at the sights, spends some of his money for things symbolic of the culture he so briefly touches, and moves on toward the completion of his tour.

But we are concerned here with the American overseas on an assignment that may keep him in one city or country for months, even years. He may be a member of the fighting forces in South Vietnam, a representative of an American business firm, or part of the diplomatic corps. In some of the most remote areas of the world he is serving on technical assistance teams, teaching school, or ministering and witnessing as a Christian missionary. Never before have so many Americans been on overseas assignments other than military.

In addition to our foreign missionaries, Southern Baptists make up a sizeable portion of our country's overseas population. Some of them are located in countries where we have missionaries but many are not. In some instances they find themselves living and working where there is no Christian witness except their own for many miles in every direction.

We wonder how well these people have been prepared for meeting the spiritual needs surrounding them. Here is another dimension for all churches to consider in planning their programs of missionary education.

But first, what is to be done about those who have already gone from the memberships of our churches and are now located in foreign cultures? The opportunity for preparing them ahead of time is gone. But it isn't too late to get in touch with them and encourage them to live and witness for Christ under all circumstances.

Far too many Southern Baptists have gone overseas, even to their own denomination's mission fields, with little or no information about the missionaries, their locations, or their work. In most cases their home churches could have supplied such information or could have directed them to it. There is no way to estimate how much God has used dedicated American laymen and their families through English-speaking and other types of work on our mission fields. No doubt there could have been many more so involved and blessed if their home churches had definite plans for preparing men and women for such involvement.

Perhaps more urgent is the need for readying those who go out from our churches to countries where our missionaries either have not gone or can't go.

It still isn't too late for churches to encourage and inform their members and ex-members overseas to help them realize maximum usefulness for our Lord's kingdom

wherever they are. It is conceivable that God would use some of these opportunities for opening doors to new mission fields.

Surely every church can have a program of missionary education that includes preparation and orientation for the person who will be going abroad, either as a tourist or on any one of many possible assignments. There is a need for something specifically designed for the young man nearing military draft age. His needs are not completely different from those of a person going to a non-military assignment but his involvement and adjustment in the setting of an overseas military operation can be, and usually are, more complex and discouraging.

Every person who is going to take up residence in a foreign culture needs to know something of the religious and moral climate of the country where he is to be a foreigner. His church can help him at this point and at the same time instill in him a desire to be used of the Lord wherever he goes.

The Foreign Mission Board is eager to supply information about all Southern Baptist mission fields and missionaries. Requests for the *Directory of Missionary Personnel* and for pamphlets and maps of the mission fields should be sent to the Department of Missionary Education and Promotion, Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230.

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Have you noticed that your address label on this issue indicates when your subscription expires? If January or February is indicated, why not send in your renewal now? We would be most grateful, for there is considerable expense in sending expiration notices. It is even more costly if a subscriber delays renewal until we have cancelled his address plate. The same procedure and costs are involved as for a new subscription.

Come and See

BY BAKER J. CAUTHEN



AS WE COME to the close of 1966 our hearts say with the psalmist, "Come and see what God has done" (Psalm 66:5 RSV).

For the past 18 years Southern Baptists have been hearing the constant call to advance in world missions. The call grew out of our deep convictions at the close of World War II as we saw a devastated world and recognized our Christian responsibility. We could regard our blessings only as a trusteeship intended to equip us for extending into the world a witness of our Lord's redeeming grace.

At the time the call to advance was issued, Southern Baptists had 625 missionaries and were giving assistance to Baptist work in 25 countries. Total gifts from Southern Baptists at that time amounted to \$4,734,288. The goal of 1,750 missionaries under appointment would obviously call for vastly expanded resources, while at the same time greatly enlarged sums would be needed for development of Baptist work at the home base.

Only the leadership of God can account for what has come about in these 18 years. The number of missionaries has increased to 2,200. As 1966 ends the Foreign Mission Board will have added 200 during the year. A budget for 1967 amounting to \$28 million has been adopted. Missionaries are now assigned to 63 countries, and entry into additional lands has already been planned.

This steady advance has been accomplished in the midst of disturbed situations. Communist domination in China resulted in driving out missionaries from our largest field, but this tragedy resulted in entry into many other nearby countries so that today the largest Orient work in our history is in operation.

Missionaries have worked under disturbed conditions in many lands. Crises have occurred and many others have threatened, but God's servants have been characterized by calm and sta-

bility. In all of our missionary history there has never been a finer demonstration of dedication to the purposes of God than by those missionaries who have gone calmly about their service in the midst of danger.

Heroism does not consist simply in remaining at a post of duty amid physical peril. It is also seen in the quiet persistence of Christian witness and service when results are slow. The history of missions everywhere tells the same story. Ground must be prepared; seeds must be planted; growth in the early stages is slow. In time God's servants are able to nurture the young work, growth is accelerated, and presently the small beginning becomes a great movement.

The price of victory is faith enough to make the beginning and stay with it when work is slow in development. We praise God for enabling missionaries to lay hold of tasks until he gives the victory.

During these years broader visions of witness in a troubled world have been born. Evangelism on a larger-than-ever scale is now an accepted fact on mission fields. People have heard the gospel in major efforts. Thousands have professed faith in the Lord Jesus, and others have had an initial encounter with him. These efforts have proved their value, and many national Christian leaders have become insistent that larger efforts be made to strengthen their hands. A growing spirit of boldness on the part of emerging Christian groups throughout the world has been one of the notable achievements during this period of advance.

Churches, schools, hospitals, publishing houses, radio and television ministries, Christian service centers, agricultural missions, literacy programs, student centers, and many other types of work have grown up and blessed people of all walks of life. Recently at the dedication of a large student center in Bangkok, Thailand, hundreds of university students at-

tended and heard of Jesus Christ. Baptisms have greatly increased on mission fields. Whereas now there are 50,000 baptisms annually, soon that number will be doubled through the power of God's Holy Spirit.

If we would see what God has done we must look into the hearts of Southern Baptists. We recognize there a deepening of missionary conviction upon the part of people and churches. The witness of many Baptists who have travelled overseas to share in meetings of the Baptist World Alliance, or for other reasons, along with those in military service, has tended to deepen the conviction that the world's needs can be met only in Jesus Christ. College young people have gone abroad in summer mission service, and now their numbers have been strengthened by missionary journeymen, bringing the dedication of youth to mission tasks.

The work of the mission field has become incorporated into the thinking, concern, and praying of Southern Baptists as never before. Missionaries have gone out from many churches, and now the people of those churches are holding up the servants of God in intercessory prayer.

Gifts through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering reflect the deep concern of Southern Baptists that missions advance must continue. The call to lift our eyes to a new horizon of 5,000 missionaries has brought an encouraging response. We can interpret this only as God working in the hearts of his people.

We close 1966 praising God for his blessings and grace, and confident that Southern Baptists will continue responding to his call by laying their lives upon the altar and their gifts at our Master's disposal so that the message of life can be shared with people in every part of the world. We turn our eyes to the future, giving God the glory, determined to serve in the power of his spirit to the end of the way.

Believers in Guyana Observe Christmas

"Love transcending, love unending!" sang the choir at Central Baptist Church as Christmas week began. Minutes before, during Training Union, young people had testified how this love of Christ had changed their lives and given them new joy and hope. They are but a few of those in Guyana who have been transformed by Christ.

Indian refugees from the Lusignan Baptist Mission are among others. We took a group on a Christmas outing by canoe into a large coconut grove. Under the large branches that shielded us from the sun, the women prepared the food—rice with coconut milk boiled in a pot over a coconut-shell fire. Their faces radiant, these believers—who once had been Hindu—told of their new lives.

On Christmas Eve, after a journey by ferry, we joined a group from Canal No. 1, Good Hope Mission, for caroling. Enroute we saw the common red Hindu prayer flags waving from tall bamboo poles. "Sacred" cows were tied in front yards.

By the time the moon had appeared behind the coconut trees and we had started to sing, Christians in large numbers had come to join us in our tractor-drawn wagon. Most were adult leaders and children from the mission. All the older members had chosen Christ over the objections of Muslim and Hindu parents. Some of the converts were ex-Communist leaders; they testified that Christ was worth all the persecution by party members and the ostracism by relatives and friends.

The lay leader of the church held a lantern on his head so we could see the song sheets as we bumped along the narrow, rough roads.

When it began to rain—Christmas arrives during the rainy season—our group sought cover under a nearby house on stilts. There we continued singing while waiting for the rain to stop. We caught the residents by surprise as they lay in their hammocks celebrating Christmas with bottles of rum. They celebrated, but did not know the one whose "love transcending, love unending" had transformed their Christian neighbors.

Mary (Mrs. Charles P.) Love
Georgetown, Guyana

PISTLES

Mr. Suzuki Makes a Choice

Mr. Suzuki, for 30 years an English teacher in a junior high school, lived in my neighborhood, and his daughter attended the Bible class I taught. Even after she accepted Christ, he, in his strong-willed way, wanted to direct his own life.

So I was amazed when he appeared at my door one day and said in perfect English, "I have decided to follow Jesus. Please lead me."

"No one told me to do this," he went on. "I decided it myself. If you ask me why, I had to believe. I had had great trouble. Some in my family believe in the teachings of Buddha. Some have other ideas. But as for me, I will follow Jesus."

He wanted to attend church and be baptized, but shortly after making his profession of faith he was hospitalized for tuberculosis.

When I visited him in the hospital on Christmas he was feeling better. I invited him to the Christmas candle service that night. (For Christians in Japan the candle service at church is

the highlight of the Christmas season. The influence of these services touches even non-Christians. One year, for instance, a Buddhist girl in my neighborhood bought a Bible and asked me to help her learn to read the Christmas story in English for her club's candle service.)

"Your daughter will be playing the organ," I told him. Mr. Suzuki was eager to go, despite his frail condition. With his doctor's consent, he did attend. That night he sat among the young people, a candle in his hand and a smile on his wan, old face. When his daughter saw him she could hardly play the organ for the tears rolling down her cheeks.

It was his last Christmas service, but not his last Christian witness. Five months later he was baptized in the hospital—a most unusual event in Japan. That night he went home to his Lord.

At the Christian funeral many of his relatives, friends, and former students heard from his family that Mr. Suzuki's clear testimony had been: "I have decided to follow Jesus."

Evelyn Owen, Urawa, Japan

Richard Celebrates Christmas

The usual celebration of Christmas in Ghana is like that of many in America—parties, drinking, dancing, spending money, shooting firecrackers.

Some dress in silly costumes, like on Halloween, and walk the streets begging. Yet there are faithful Christians all over the country who pause to remember that our Saviour was born and that he lives to guide and love us all.

We entertained many African friends in our home during the holidays. The highlight came when we brought to our home Richard, a fine Christian Ghanaian who is paralyzed. He now tries to make a humble living

by gardening, rather than by teaching school—his profession. He sat in our biggest chair, ate cake, drank fruit punch, and opened his gift from the Christmas tree. He listened—tears streaming from his eyes—while Donna and Susan, our two older daughters, sang carols.

Richard was barefoot. He wore the only piece of cloth he owns draped around his broken body. He was black. Yet we saw none of this. We saw only a noble, trusting child of God. Though he has little in this world, he bowed his head sitting in his garden on Christmas morning and prayed, "Thank you for all you have done for me, Lord Jesus."

William E. Arnold
Kumasi, Ghana

Koreans Give That Others May Hear

In Taejon the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions found Girls Auxillary and Young Woman's Auxillary groups meeting with Woman's Missionary Union for prayer and study [last December]. Offerings were gathered at Sunday evening service. The money, along with gifts from the other churches in Korea, was sent to the Foreign Mission Board in the U.S.

These Korean Christians joined with you in concern for the lost all over the world. I'd like to tell about some, who, by their gifts, are your fellow-laborers.

One elderly widow lives with her son and family several miles from the church. Still she is regular in attendance, even in cold weather, though she must walk. She is concerned for her son and family since they are not Christians. The family is poor, and I have given them clothing. I have sensed this woman's warm love for the missionaries in her land. Her desire is that missionaries can go to other lands also.

Another widow sews for a living. One young girl makes flowers to sell. Another young woman works in a Christian book store and another in a drugstore. Some of the seminary students, members of the YWA, gave their offerings. I know that one of these girls in particular comes from a poor home in Seoul and hardly has suitable clothing for herself. The GA girls are students; many are the only Christians in their families.

All of these know what it has meant to them personally for the gospel to be preached in their land. Now they in turn want to do their part so that others may hear.

Oma Lee (Mrs. Theodore H.) Dowell
Taejon, Korea

The Meaning of Christmas

"Christmas," said the African pastor, "means that man is no longer alone. For Christ, our Saviour, the Son of God, came down from heaven to be with men. To be with us—in our ignorance, our folly, our sufferings, our despair, our poverty of mind, spirit, and body—for this he came."

After a short, reflective pause, he went on. "When I was a little boy I once saw an old and leprous beggar as he stood on the corner of a city street. He was a fearful and repugnant sight, with his fingerless hands, his white-scarred face, and his almost blind eyes. Because of this, no one would either come to him or give to him.

"Presently, because my heart was touched and my pocket was empty, I went and stood beside him. I was determined that he should know there was one soul who felt for him and understood his loneliness."

Eric H. Clark, Kisumu, Kenya

Taking the Place of 'Kings'

In Spain only the rich have Christmas trees, because decorations—as well as all other items classified as luxuries—are expensive. At midnight on Christmas Eve many people attend mass. On Christmas families enjoy a particularly good meal, usually lamb.

Christmas presents are not exchanged, however, until Jan. 7—the "Day of the Kings." This refers to the kings who took gifts to the Christ Child. In the morning children arise to find that the kings have left gifts under the Christmas tree. If the children had placed their clean shoes under the tree, these will be found full of candy and fruit.

Carmina, the young girl who helped me with housework, told us that she used to cry and ask her mother why the kings never left her any gifts. Her mother would reply that the kings would not come to their home because the family was too poor.

We decided to extend our Christmas giving to her and her six brothers and sisters and also to be "kings" for

others. We bought several large boxes of fruit. Since Jesse (my husband) had a throat infection, an American friend, of Jewish faith, went with me to deliver the fruit.

"Direct us to the poorest people in Valladolid," we asked Carmina. That request took us to the gypsy camp. There we explained to a woman washing clothes in a ditch that we wanted to give her a Christmas box of fruit. She led us to her one-room shack, furnished only with a bed and a table. Eight children, nearly naked, and the woman's husband, whose legs had been amputated, sat around a fire built on the dirt floor.

Upon returning to the station wagon we were surrounded by perhaps 50 children with dirty faces and ragged clothes. They begged, pulled, slapped, and screamed, each scrambling to get as much fruit as possible. We tried to be sure each child received at least one piece of fruit before we had to drive away from the growing mob.

Carmina then guided us to another section of town. Here, too, we found poverty, but poverty with pride. Carmina brought several women to the car with boxes which we filled with fruit. Each time we saw emotional gratitude by the one taking the gift. Reflections on that day have been most profitable.

Beverly (Mrs. Jesse D.) Bryan
Valladolid, Spain

The customs and the people may be different, but the message of Christmas is the same to all everywhere: A Saviour has come who can save to the uttermost.—Marion T. Lineberger, Sr., Neuquen, Argentina

WINFRED L. MEDCALF

Helping in Christmas program in Bangkok, Thailand, are Kaye Willis, Robin Willis, Pam Medcalf, Carol Willis, and Lisa Goatcher, children of missionaries. They performed in the Baptist Hospital chapel and again for U.S. servicemen stationed nearby.



YOUR MISSION FIELDS



Series presenting capsule views of mission fields.

MAINLAND CHINA

Fifteen years ago the last Southern Baptist missionary to mainland China left that country due to the Communist take-over. The present political situation makes it impossible to station missionaries there. Mainland China is included in this series, however, because it was Southern Baptists' first mission field and, until withdrawal became necessary, the largest field.

Population: 735,000,000, the world's most populous country.

Size: 3,691,523 square miles (a little larger than the entire United States, including all U.S. territories and possessions).

Government: Communist, called Peo-

ple's Republic of China. Capital: Peking.

Religions: Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism.

Language: Chinese (in various dialects).

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS

Date of entry: 1846 (first country entered). Baptists John Lewis Shuck and Henrietta Hall Shuck had arrived there in 1836 under the Triennial Convention.

Related to work: Last figures available since Communists banned missionaries—392 churches, 410 mission points, 123,000 members. No current figures are available. By 1949 Southern Baptists had ex-

tensive work in four sections of China proper and in Manchuria. At that time this work included more than one third of Southern Baptist missionaries and more than one third of all the churches and church membership related to Southern Baptist overseas missions.

Missionary personnel: A total of more than 600 Southern Baptist missionaries served in mainland China from 1846 until 1951. Missionaries who formerly were assigned to China have served, or are still serving, in Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Hawaii.

MALAWI

Population: 3,800,000 (almost all African).

Size: 46,066 square miles (about the size of Pennsylvania).

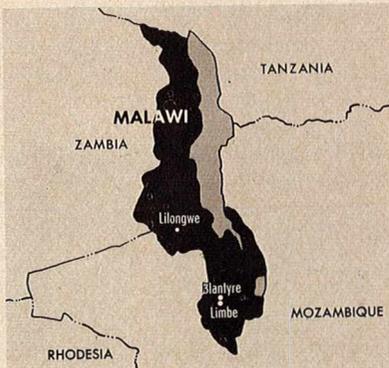
Government: Became independent nation July 6, 1964, changing name from Nyasaland. Capital: Zomba.

Religions: Tribal religions, Christianity, Islam.

Languages: Bantu linguistic family, with Nyanja the chief vernacular language; Tumbuka and English also used.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS

Date of entry: 1959 (44th country entered).



Service centers:

Malawi Baptist Press, Lilongwe.
Bible School, Lilongwe.

Related to work: 13 churches and 15 mission points; 1,221 members.

Present missionary personnel: 12.

At Blantyre

Howard B., Jr. (Bud) and Arleen Bickers and 5 children
Roy G., Jr., and Patsy Davidson and 3 children
William and Blanche Wester and 3 children

At Lilongwe

LeRoy and Jean Albright and 3 children
Gene and Beverly Kingsley and 3 children
Terry and Wilma Thorpe and 4 children

Field statistics as of Jan. 1, 1966. Missionary personnel information as of Nov. 3, 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.

KOREA

Population: 27,300,000 (South Korea).

Size: 38,004 square miles (about the size of Indiana).

Government: Republic formed in 1948. Capital: Seoul.

Religions: Shamanism (a type of animism), Confucianism, Buddhism, Christianity.

Language: Korean.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS

Date of entry: 1950 (29th country entered). Southern Baptists undertook mission efforts at the invitation of Korean Baptists. The Baptist background lies in the work of an independent missionary from Canada.

Service centers:

Korea Baptist Theological Seminary, Taejon.

Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital, Pusan.

Baptist Joint Publication Department, Seoul.

Related to work: 160 churches and 55 mission points; 6,524 members. A convention grew out of earlier independent Baptist work. Korean Baptist Convention was renamed in 1949.

Present missionary personnel: 52.

At Pusan

Irene Branum

T. E., Jr. (Gene) and Doris Douthit and 5 children

Guy and Lois Henderson and 3 children

Rebekah Lambert

Charles and Ellen Tabor and 2 children

Ruby Wheat

Charles and Bonnie Wiggs and 3 children

Mary Ellen Wine*

Robert and Paula Wright and 5 children

At Seoul

Oscar K., Jr., and Marie Bozeman and 4 children (and 1 child no longer on field)

Bob and Tillie Burgin and 2 children

J. G., Jr., and June Goodwin and 2 children

Jim and Judy Greene and 2 children

Betty Jane Hunt

Don and Nita Jones and 2 children

Parkes and Martha Ellen Marler and 3 children

Anthony, Jr. (Tony) and Micki Stella and 3 children

Lucy Wagner

At Taegu

Roy and Sarah Snell and 6 children

At Taejon

Frank and Margaret Baker and 2 children**

Ronnie and Genevieve Bradley and 4 children

Ted and Oma Lee Dowell and 5 children

Albert W., Jr., and Nettie Gamage and 2 children

Harold and Audrey Gateley and 4 children

Ernestine Oertli*

Daniel and Frances Ray and 4 children

Cloyes and Mary Jo Starnes and 1 child

Mary Winfield*

At Wonju

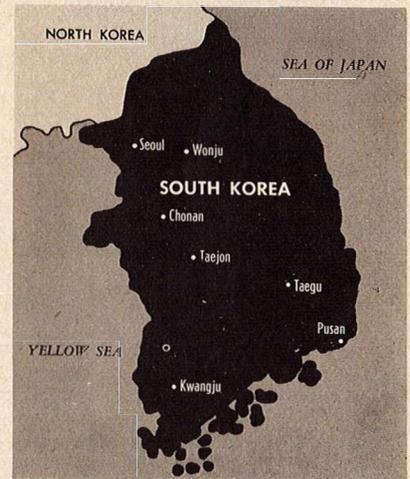
David and Carole Howle and 4 children

Not yet on field

Don and Ginger McMinn and 1 child

*Missionary Journeyman

**Missionary Associates



HAWAII

Population: 731,000.

Size: 6,451 square miles.

Government: Became 50th state in 1959. Capital: Honolulu.

Religions: Mainly Christian; there are many Buddhists.

Language: English.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONS

Date of entry: 1940 (16th field entered). Southern Baptist missionaries were relocated in Hawaii when the early stages of World War II began to force mission-

aries out of China and Japan. Having gained statehood, Hawaii is no longer considered a foreign mission field. Missionaries have remained there on loan to the Hawaii Baptist Convention to assist during the transition period.

Present missionary personnel: 11.

At Ewa Beach

Mrs. John (Virginia) Lake (2 children no longer on field)

At Hilo

Josephine Harris

At Honolulu

Malcolm and Edyth Stuart (2 children no longer on field)

Hubert and Peggy Tatum (2 children no longer on field)

Chester and Florence Young and 3 children

At Pukalani

Bertie Lee Kendrick

At Waianae

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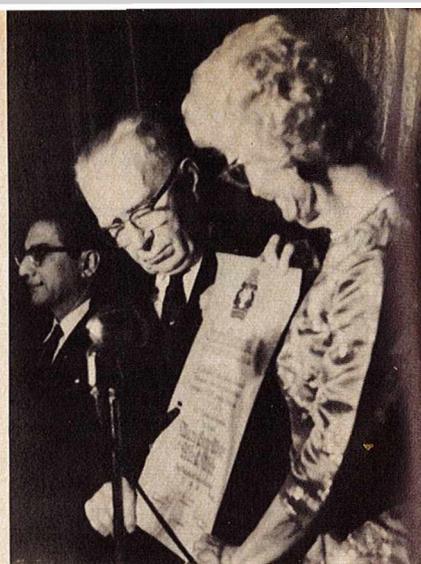
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Stephen Lawton Watson

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S. L. WATSON, for 36 years an educator, editor, Bible scholar, and pastor in Brazil, died Oct. 6 in Columbia, S.C. A resident of the Columbia area since retirement in 1950, he was a native of Marion Co., S.C. He held the B.A. degree from Furman University, Greenville, S.C., and the Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Appointed in 1914, Watson was stationed in Rio de Janeiro for most of his missionary career. During his first term he taught in the Baptist college and theological seminary in Rio (now separate institutions). After other service he later returned to the Rio seminary faculty for a few years, and also served briefly as director of another seminary in Recife and a college in Belo Horizonte.

In 1920 he began 14 years as director of the Baptist Publishing House in Rio. Later he became its book editor, as well as editor of the Brazilian Baptist newspaper, and editor and translator for the Bible Press. As senior editor of the Bible Press for seven years prior to retirement, he did much of the basic work for a revision of the entire Bible in Portuguese.

One of the founders of a church building loan fund that has made possible much church construction in Brazil, Watson was its secretary-treasurer for 17 years. He was also instrumental in the establishment of an annuity board for Brazilian pastors. He was secretary-treasurer of the South Brazil Baptist Mission for a total of 11 years, and was pastor of two Brazilian churches. He wrote books in Portuguese and served on the boards of numerous Brazilian Baptist institutions.

After leaving Brazil, he was chaplain at the South Carolina Sanatorium, State Park, for several years. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

- & Mrs. Jack L. Gentry, Sr. (*Taiwan*), Oct. 6.
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 LEWIS, Cristen Sue, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Wilbur C. Lewis (*Paraguay*), Sept. 24.
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 WATTS, Rebecca Susan, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. John D. W. Watts (*Switzerland*), Oct. 8.

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 EMANUEL, Beverly Anne, infant daughter of Rev. & Mrs. B. P. Emanuel (*Philippines*), Oct. 29, Houston, Tex.
 FLOYD, W. C., father of Rev. John D. Floyd (*Philippines*), Nov. 2, Waco, Tex.

- HAM, Daniel W., father of Carolyn (Mrs. Marion A.) Mobley (*Japan*), Oct. 18, Jackson, Ga.
 PLUNKETT, John H., father of Jeanne (Mrs. Charles A.) Beckett (*Pakistan*), Oct. 10, Roanoke, Va.

Cole Named 'Man of Year'

Selected by the ex-student's association of Howard Payne College to be honored at homecoming in November as "Man of the Year" was E. Lamar Cole, a Baptist representative to Mexico. He is a physician. Cole attended the Baptist school in Brownwood, Tex., 1935-39.

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FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

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Hong Kong Baptist College Dedicates New Building

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The new seven-story building of Hong Kong Baptist College, situated next to Hong Kong Baptist Hospital in the Kowloon Tong foothills, was formally dedicated Oct. 21.

Participants included Sir David Trench, governor of the colony, Baker J. Cauthen, Foreign Mission Board executive secretary, and Winston Crawley, FMB secretary for the Orient. Lam Chi Fung, president since the college began, also spoke. David S. C. Lam, vice-president of the college's board of governors, expressed gratitude to Southern Baptists for their support of the school.

"The college is the fulfillment of the dream of Baptists of South China years ago, who even purchased land near Canton for the purpose," reflected President Lam. "No one then foresaw the political developments which have taken place in the last 15 years. However, Hong Kong is the most strategic location in Asia today for the development of a Christian college for Chinese youth."

The college began only 10 years ago when a few concerned persons recognized that the lack of adequate higher education facilities for Chinese students had reached a dangerous point. The first board of directors, composed of Westerners and Chinese, made preliminary preparations. The college opened with 152 students in borrowed quarters at Pui Ching Middle School, another Baptist institution, in September, 1956, and continued there until moving to its new campus last May. Current enrolment is 1,600.

The academic program has developed to include three schools of study: arts, science, and business. The present student body comes from Hong Kong, Macao, Singapore, Malaysia, Borneo, Thailand, Indonesia, South Vietnam, Taiwan, and the Philippines.

Many of the faculty members have received training in colleges and universities in the United States and Europe. Numerous graduates of the college return to assume staff posi-



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David S. C. Lam greets Sir David Trench, Hong Kong governor, at Baptist College dedication. Beyond them are Baker J. Cauthen and Winston Crawley.



Visitors examine college's new building as part of dedication activities.

tions. Southern Baptist missionaries and missionary journeymen fill various teaching posts. Missionary Maurice J. Anderson has been vice-president and dean of studies since the school opened.

The new building contains a library, cafeteria, dormitory space, classrooms, science and engineering laboratories, and faculty and student lounges. A special facility is a language laboratory equipped with 28 tape recorders

in private booths and a master control recorder that allows four tapes to be played at once.

Future plans include addition of an auditorium that can seat 1,500.

"In a unique way," commented Anderson, "Asian and Western Christians have worked together, combining money and talents, and God has presided over the growth and development of this challenging adventure in Hong Kong."

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No. 63: Morocco

Morocco became the 63rd field to which Southern Baptist missionary personnel are assigned when the Foreign Mission Board in October employed Merrell and Arlene Callaway as missionary associates. They are to work among Arabic-speaking people.

The Callaways have served in Morocco under another mission agency for nearly a decade. They are now in the U.S., where he is studying Arabic and she is taking a midwifery internship. They expect to return to their field next June.

They probably will live in a town not far from Mellilla, a Spanish enclave on the Moroccan coast. The Joseph Newtons, missionaries related to the Spanish Mission, began serving in Mellilla last May, and "are the first people ever to be sent out by a Baptist missionary organization to work among the Muslims of North Africa," said John D. Hughey, FMB secretary for Europe and the Middle East.

Paper Tells of Baptists

The *Rome Daily American*, an English-language newspaper, presented a four-column story, with photo, on Baptists in general and the George B. Taylor (Baptist) Orphanage in Rome, Italy, in its Oct. 13 issue. The staff writer expressed surprise to learn there are more than 4,000 Baptists in Italy and five Baptist churches in Rome.

Mrs. W. Dewey Moore, missionary who directs the orphanage, said the article gave the best coverage the orphanage has ever received in the press. The article quoted her and Missionary W. C. Ruchti, Jr.

Three Fourths of Mission Force 45 or Younger

The comparatively young age of a majority of Southern Baptist missionary personnel makes the years immediately ahead crucial ones for missionary advance, the Foreign Mission Board was told in October.

Of the present career missionaries and missionary associates, "56 percent are 40 years of age or younger," reported Jesse C. Fletcher, secretary for missionary personnel. "Even more significant is the fact that 78 percent are 45 or younger. Only 7 percent are 60 or beyond. This means that the majority of our missionary force has a potential of from 20 to 30 years of missionary service remaining.



Nurses Graduate

Special Project Nurse Ava Nell McWhorter, director of the school of nursing at Baptist Hospital in Gaza, pins one of the 10 recent graduates. The young men and women included four from Gaza, four from Lebanon, and two from Egypt. Each completed three years of training at the hospital and passed government tests.

Plans in India Progress

Ralph C. Bethea, missionary to India, is completing negotiations for land in Bangalore, Mysore state, reported Winston Crawley, Foreign Mission Board secretary for the Orient. Bethea has found state health officials eager to smooth the way for establishment of a Baptist hospital, Crawley said.

Crawley, currently making his headquarters in Hong Kong, spent two days with the Bethea family in mid-October. The Bethesas and their six sons arrived in India in August. They recently transferred to India after having served in Indonesia and Tanzania.

They have been aided by the M. A. Hendersons, Southern Baptists from Knoxville, Tenn., who have been working with a new agricultural university in Bangalore.

"During this period, barring increased early terminations, the ripest opportunity for advance that has ever existed or will ever exist again is at hand," declared Fletcher. "If we fail to buy up the opportunity to expand our missionary force significantly now, our successors will only be able to wish that we had. They will not be able to buy it up for us."

The figures indicate that 20 to 30 years from now the retirement rate will escalate sharply, he explained. This calls for an advanced rate of appointments now to insure the largest possible mission force for the future.

Africans Responsive

Most of the people of Africa show a responsiveness to the gospel, H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, told the Foreign Mission Board in October. His report to the Board centered on his impressions following a six-month residence in Africa.

"Save in a few areas in which Islam has created hostility, the African people are friendly, interested, and ready to respond when the Christian faith is properly presented," said Goerner. "Almost without exception, missionaries are welcome, respected, and often honored.

"Almost everywhere it is easy to gather a crowd," he continued. "In instance after instance, missionaries have more invitations to visit villages and begin work in new communities" than they can possibly accept.

"From all quarters comes the cry for reinforcements. 'Send us more missionaries' is the constant cry," he related. "Every mission is calling for more evangelists and field workers. Several mission organizations have mapped out five- and ten-year programs of expansion, which await only the needed recruits."

Guyana Church Formed

New Amsterdam Baptist Church, the fourth church organized since Southern Baptist mission work began in Guyana (then British Guiana) four years ago, was formed Sept. 25 following a baptismal service in the Berbice River.

Missionary Charles P. Love baptized Whitney J. Vyfhuis, a school principal. Then Vyfhuis baptized 16 other new Christians, including his wife. The group returned to the Vyfhuis home, where they meet for Bible study and worship, and organized the church. Vyfhuis was called as pastor.

Representatives of the other three Baptist churches composed the constituting council for the church in New Amsterdam, Guyana's second largest city (15,000 population).

That same day, members of Campbellsville Baptist Mission in Georgetown, formed earlier in September, marched from a school building where they had been meeting to a small, new concrete building of their own.

The nucleus of the mission began in July with an evangelistic meeting held in the school building. After a Vacation Bible School, the mission was organized with Love as pastor.

'Impact Revival' Held In Guyana

A Baptist "Impact Revival" in Guyana in October resulted in a total of 783 professions of faith in Christ. A two-week meeting was held in Georgetown, the capital, followed by meetings in interior villages. It was the first major evangelistic effort by Baptists in Guyana since Southern Baptist mission work was begun there late in 1962.

John Bisagno, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., was evangelist. Music director was Wallace Cobb, of First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N.M.

Nightly meetings drew standing-room-only crowds to a tent set up in a park in the center of Georgetown Oct. 1-16. Some persons came as much as two and a half hours early to get a seat. They also heard a class on "The Christian and Love, Courtship, and Marriage," taught by Julian C. Bridges, a Southern Baptist representative to Mexico. His main task was to speak in high schools, college, and university of Guyana.

A trumpet trio made up of Bisagno, Missionary Harvey J. Kneisel, Jr., campaign director, and a Guyanese musician and artist highlighted the

meetings. One woman who professed faith in Christ said it was the trumpet that caught her attention the first Saturday morning of the revival as she shopped in the public market. Drawing nearer the music, she heard an invitation to the service. "Jesus is just whom I've been looking for all my life," she declared.

A "crash program of publicity" helped make thousands of Guyanese aware of the Baptist effort. An attendance committee sent more than 2,000 personal invitations to government officials and business and professional people.

Radio interviews with members of the revival team were broadcast nation-wide, providing one of Guyanese Baptists' "greatest evangelistic outreaches," said Mrs. Kneisel. One interviewer, engrossed in what Bisagno was saying about a new life in Christ, continued her questioning during spot announcements.

"The new converts represent every strata of the Guyanese population, racially as well as socially," pointed out Kneisel. "I believe Guyanese Baptists are in what can be the greatest breakthrough for the gospel which the nation has ever known."

Kenyan Women Gather for Leadership Study

For a three-day conference about the work of women in the church and the home, Kikuyu women came to the Baptist high school in Nyeri, Kenya, some from as far away as 100 miles. Each church and preaching point in the area had been invited to send two or three women who were, or who might become, leaders.

"The women came with mixed emotions, I saw as I welcomed them," said Missionary Laura Lee (Mrs. R. Jay E.) Stewart. "Some had babies on their backs, questions in their minds, and uncertainty in their hearts about this new experience. They wanted to attend the conference, the first of its kind in the area, but many were apprehensive because they had never before left their villages."

But as they gathered for worship, all fears seemed to leave, continued Mrs. Stewart. During the next three days they studied Baptist beliefs, Sunday School teaching and responsibility, the organization of Baptist women's work, stewardship, and the women of the Bible. They watched a demon-

stration on nutrition and baby care.

The day after the conference ended the group attended a meeting of the Nyeri Baptist Association. Among the 40 who made professions of faith in Christ that morning were eight women from the conference. They said they had not really known Christ before.

Before going home, the women set a date for reassembly to report what they have done in their villages. Some returned to areas where there is no organized Baptist work for women.

German Area Crusade Slated

Impressed by results of the Baptist evangelistic crusade in Brazil, German Baptists are preparing to hold a simultaneous crusade in the highly industrialized Rhine-Ruhr area.

It will be the first such area evangelism undertaken in Germany, according to the home mission secretary for the Rhine-Ruhr area. He added that it is hoped the effort, set for March, 1968, will involve 60 to 80 places simultaneously.

Clinic in Yemen Moved

The Baptist clinic in Yemen has moved from Taiz to Jibla, where it will be conducted in trailers until the new 50-bed hospital is constructed. During the clinic's operation in temporary quarters in Taiz, 12,000 different patients were registered during its first 18 months, John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, told the Foreign Mission Board in October.

"We don't want the Russians and Chinese to come here, for they are atheists," a resident of Jibla told James M. Young, Jr., missionary doctor. "We are glad you are coming, for you believe in God."

Professions Total 821

Professions of faith in Christ totaled 821 during a week-long Baptist simultaneous evangelistic campaign in the Valley area of western Colombia. On Sept. 4, final day of the effort, the 13 churches and eight missions taking part had 2,497 in Sunday School. Baptist pastors and missionaries in Colombia were the evangelists.

Personnel in Peru Unharmed

Cabled word from Lima, Peru, reported that no Southern Baptist missionaries were casualties in the earthquake that struck Peru's central coast area Oct. 17. Early reports on the earthquake's effect indicated more than 80 dead, at least 1,000 injured, and thousands homeless.

Board Meets

The Missionary Education and Promotion Committee of the Foreign Mission Board listens to Eugene L. Hill, department secretary, at a luncheon session during the annual meeting of the Board at Richmond, Va., in October. Among other actions, the Board voted a \$28,022,300 budget for 1967.



NEWS

Facilities Dedicated For Malawi School

New facilities for the Baptist Bible School, the training center for lay leaders of village churches in Malawi, were dedicated at Lilongwe in October. Robert E. Naylor, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., was dedicatory speaker. Leading in prayer was Kendall Berry, of Blytheville, Ark. The two men and their wives were on a visit to Africa.

"Praise God for the Baptists of America who are concerned enough about us to build this building," Stephen Galatiya, one of the first students, declared at the dedication.

The new building contains offices for missionaries and African co-laborers, and classrooms for Bible school sessions and for women's cooking and sewing classes. It also houses a library and serves as a book depot for book stalls. (Through these book stalls in the past two years Baptists sold more Bibles and Testaments than any other religious group in Malawi.)

Also in the structure are a publication center for Bible school materials, tracts, hymn books, and evangelistic items, a recording room for preparing sound tracks in Chinyanja for movies and filmstrips, and a dark-room to produce publicity materials. Lilongwe Baptist Church holds services in one of the classrooms.

"Malawi is largely rural, and people are found only in small centers," explained Missionary LeRoy Albright. "To reach the numerous villages, Baptists use lay pastors."

After work is begun in a village, the group selects leaders for training at the Bible school. Study sessions last only four to six weeks so the men will not be away from their work at



PHOTOS BY GERALD S. HARVEY

Crowd awaits cutting of ribbon to open new Bible school building in Malawi.

home for long at a time. Each trainee is to attend one of the three sessions held each year.

Short periods of special-interest study are also held. During the past year there were weeks of emphasis on music, evangelism, and stewardship. One of the first sessions planned in the new building was a Sunday School and literature conference. All meetings are in Chinyanja, the language of Malawi.

The educational level in Malawi is still low, and mission groups that have

been in the country longer than Baptists sponsor schools, Albright related. Baptist churches, therefore, are located in villages without schools. Since congregations are too small to support a pastor and too numerous to be Mission-supported, laymen must be the leaders. In addition, villagers hesitate to follow someone from outside their community.

"The Bible school," said Albright, "is geared to the needs of these men," some barely able to read, others ready for a little more advanced study.

Departing Americans Assist French

Laon Baptist Church in La Fère, France, serving American servicemen and their families, no longer exists. But it has left a legacy to French Baptists. After hearing the news that American forces must leave, members of the church, which was about two years old, decided to finish with the greatest service possible. The church:

—continued its plan to contract for refinishing its building, no longer for American use but for the local French Baptist Church, and left \$1,000 for this cost;

—gave the French Baptist Federation \$1,000 to help offset the financial difficulty facing the Federation with the loss of the English-speaking churches near U.S. military bases;

—donated usable equipment from the parsonage to the French Baptist Children's Home at Pierrefonds, and paid the tax assessment on the items;

—left incidental items for possible use in furnishing an apartment in

Tours for Southern Baptist missionaries during language study;

—gave some church office equipment to the English-language mission in Luxembourg, contributed a total of \$1,000 for use by the Oregon-Washington Baptist Convention, and sent \$2,000 to the Foreign Mission Board.

In addition, the church held an evangelistic meeting in June that resulted in eight conversions.



Missionary LeRoy Albright and Pastor D. G. Makhaya operate two small presses in the Bible school building.

Typhoon Damages Property

A typhoon ripped the roofs from English-language Kanto Plains Baptist Church, on the outskirts of Tokyo, Japan, and from three Southern Baptist missionary residences (one in Yokohama) in late September. Damage to the church was estimated at \$8,000.

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By Sister Mary Corde Lorang
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Fulfilling a desire that grew out of her intensive study of Mayan Indian civilization, the Maryknoll missionary author of this book spent a year teaching in Guatemala and visiting the Mayan ruins in that country and southern Mexico. "Guatemala was for me the end of the rainbow," she says.

She mixes many scientific details into the story of her "exploration," but her clear style of writing usually succeeds in carrying even the lay reader along with her. Through the ruins of their buildings and artifacts she sees the people who used them and conjectures about their lives. Sometimes she sees a likeness between Indian traditions and biblical events.

It is interesting to view Catholic-oriented countries such as Guatemala and Mexico from a Catholic viewpoint. The author recognizes some of the beliefs of the present-day people as pagan; yet she recounts as truth the legend of the Virgin of Guadalupe. She sees the Holy Week parade of Catholic images as Christian drama depicting the life and crucifixion of Christ, apparently unaware of the lack of any resurrection drama to complete the picture.

The book—including many photographs, an index, a bibliography, and a map of Mayan America—is good background reading for Southern Baptists' study of Spanish America coming up in 1968.

Other Sandals

By Sally Watson
Holt, Rinehart, & Winston, 223 pages, \$3.50

This is a story about two children of modern Israel, a girl whose family lives in a kibbutz and a boy whose family has a home in the city of Haifa. Both are getting out of hand, the girl from general high spirits and the boy because of a crippled leg. Their families decide that they should swap sandals (live in each other's shoes) for a summer.

As they confront new people and situations, they gain a wider and less

selfish view of the world; and readers get a picture of Israel's kibbutzim and also of its city life and mixture of Arabs and Jews from different parts of the world.

The story, a sequel to *Build a Land* in which some of the same characters appeared, has two subplots, one following the girl in the city and the other the boy in the kibbutz. Tension between Arabs and Jews finds a place in the story through one of the subplots. The various personalities come through clearly. Older Juniors and younger Intermediates should enjoy the adventures and gain a great deal of knowledge of modern Israel while they do. Arabic and Hebrew glossaries are included at the back of the book.

Vietnam Yesterday and Today

By Ellen Hammer
Holt, Rinehart, & Winston, 282 pages, \$3.95

After liberation from China in the early fifteenth century, one of Vietnam's poets wrote, "We have sometimes been weak and sometimes powerful, but at no time have we suffered from lack of heroes." These people, whose civilization goes back into ancient times, have had a problem for centuries in keeping peace.

This book is not only a good background or source book for any mission study of the country, it helps the reader understand what is happening in Vietnam today.

A geographical description of the land and cultural description of the people is followed by a brief history leading into a discussion of modern Vietnam. Political, economic, and social institutions each have a chapter. The eighth and final chapter deals with the nation's place in the world today, ending with a look at probabilities for the future.

At the end is a glossary that includes pronunciations and identification of Vietnamese words, a bibliography, and an index.

I Laughed, I Cried, I Loved

By Dorothy Fuldheim
World Publishing Co., 205 pages, \$5.95

A daily-news analyst tells her experiences in reporting from various parts of the world. They include interviews with Mussolini, Hitler, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, the Shah of Iran, Lady Astor, Magsaysay of the Philippines, and many others. Some of her best stories, however, are not about the newsworthy people, but about the ordinary people she happened to meet and talk with—a mailman's wife whom she invited to dinner after meeting her on a bus, the European wife of a South American businessman, a Polish waiter.

"I have learned," she says, "that everyone's life is an adventure." She seems

sincerely interested in every life she meets, whether or not it makes news. This is her personal story and plays up her own philosophy or ideas. It is not a book for those who expect to read only their own views, for she is an individualist.

David Livingstone

By Ruth I. Johnson
Moody Press, 63 pages, 50 cents

One of the Moody Arrows series of missionary booklets for Juniors and Intermediates, this biography of Livingstone begins with his boyhood in Scotland. It is told in expository rather than dramatic style, following him to Africa, telling of his trip from coast to coast, covering a furlough in England and his subsequent explorations and work to stop the slave trade, and ending with his death and burial in Westminster Abbey. This retelling of the Livingstone story was first published in London four years ago.

The Road to Panama

By Seldon Rodman
Hawthorn, 224 pages, \$6.95

Did you know you could drive by car all the way from your home in the continental United States to the Panama Canal?

This book tells you how to do it—and on your way, see the most for your money. The author, an authority on Latin America who is also a lecturer and art critic, calls "the road to Panama" the most rewarding, but least known, of trips an American can take by car without going overseas. His travelogue includes more than places to stop. He tells something of the history of the countries (seven in all), stories about his own experiences in various places, and his interviews with people here and there.

His companion on the trip over the Pan-American Highway was artist Bill Negron, who illustrated the book. The tour progresses through Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras (also British Honduras), Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama. An index and a map are included.

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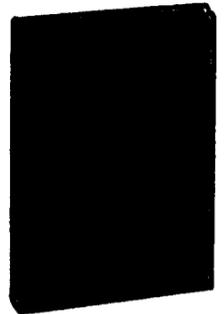
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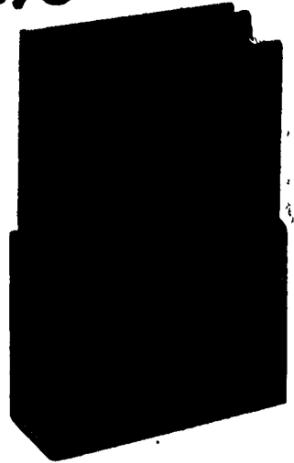
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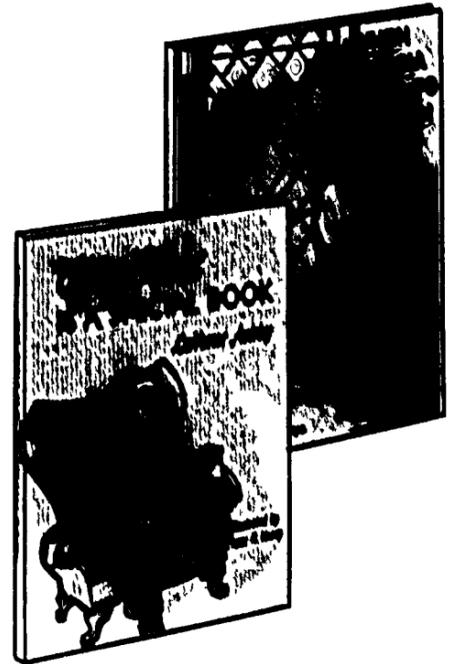
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