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Christmas around the World

*Music for Jerusalem*



# a new mood in missions

By Jim Newton  
and Floyd Craig



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HE JEEP station wagon bumped and jogged over the rough and narrow road through a major South America city while the missionary driver gestured as he pointed out trends in mission work and areas of need.

"I'm a new breed of missionary," he said with all the seriousness and sincerity of the moment.

"I don't have the old stereotype characteristics most Southern Baptists think of when they imagine what a missionary is like," he explained.

From that moment on, throughout a month-long reporting trip to four countries in South America, our two-man reporting team from Baptist Press sought to find out: Is there really a new breed of missionary? If so, what are his characteristics?

Call him a "new breed" if you like. Or a different kind, unusual sort, unique type, or even someone who just doesn't fit the mold. But one thing seemed sure after a month of interviewing missionaries and nationals: the new breed exists!

In all probability, the trend exists not only in South America, but throughout the world in the almost 70 countries where Southern Baptists have mission work. But it is only in South America that our interviews backed up the basic conclusion.

Not all the missionaries we interviewed fit the descriptive term. Some did. Others just confirmed that there is a new breed. Never did we ask if a missionary felt he fit the description; and just because a missionary is quoted in this article doesn't necessarily mean he is of the new breed. Nor did we pass judgments saying that one missionary is better than another.

The phrase "new breed" missionary is not just another catchy term that a couple of reporters came up with to get a story. It was first suggested by a missionary and confirmed by dozens of others.

During an interview in Recife, Brazil, Frank K. Means, the Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for South America, agreed that indeed there is a trend among missionaries that could aptly be described by the new breed term.

"I find great hope in the new breed," he said. "There are some spiritual giants

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among them, but not all have found their niche."

He characterized such a missionary as being discontented with traditional approaches not considered adequate in a world program of missionary outreach. "They're looking for new and better ways."

Dr. Means listed a half dozen other characteristics of such a missionary, who (1) is a product of his times and is more materialistically oriented, (2) has a new spirit of optimism, (3) is more intelligently aware of the forces at work in the world today, (4) is greatly concerned for his family and for the education of his children, (5) is questioning the traditional view of isolation and separation from other denominations, and (6) is experiencing an intellectual ferment caused by a conflict between a broader view gained through education in the United States, and by confrontation with a more conservative situation in South America.

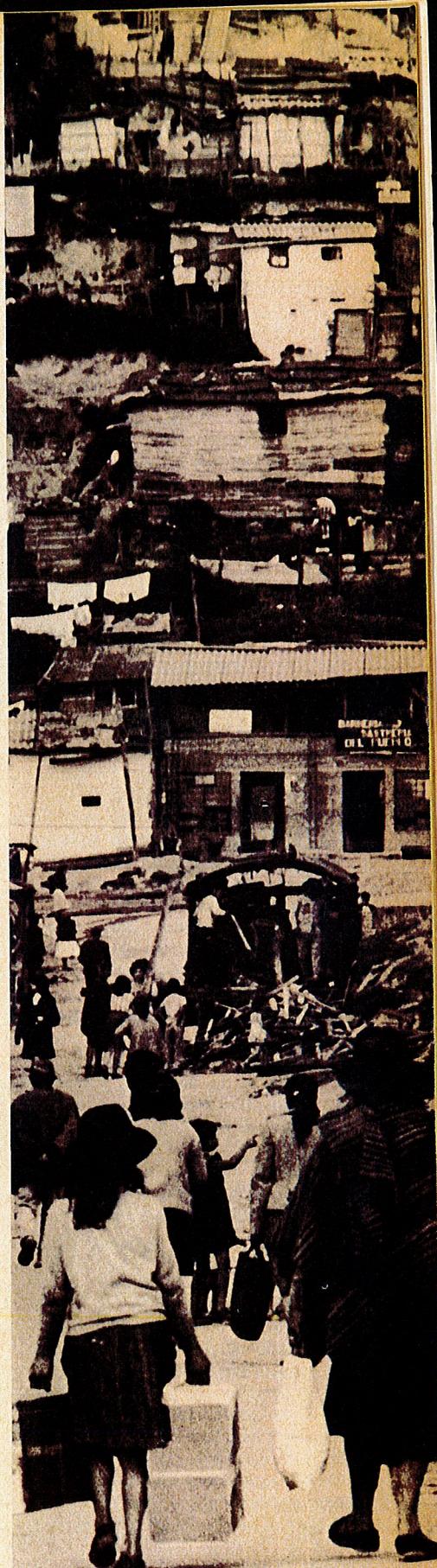
Taking all of the interviews with missionaries together and compiling a composite picture would result in a description of a person who is: open, honest, flexible, progressive, dedicated, concerned, impatient, frustrated, outspoken, rebellious, intelligent, knowledgeable, compassionate, human, and both realistic and idealistic.

He is rebelling against the status quo — against "missions as usual" and imposing Southern Baptist methods upon nationals in another country who sometimes feel that the missionary's techniques are paternalistic, colonialistic, and unsuited to the national cultural situation.

His rebellion is not necessarily with missionaries who might not agree with him, although he does not hesitate to express disagreement with the traditional. Rather he seems to appreciate what has been done in the past, for it has led to a day when even more can be done.

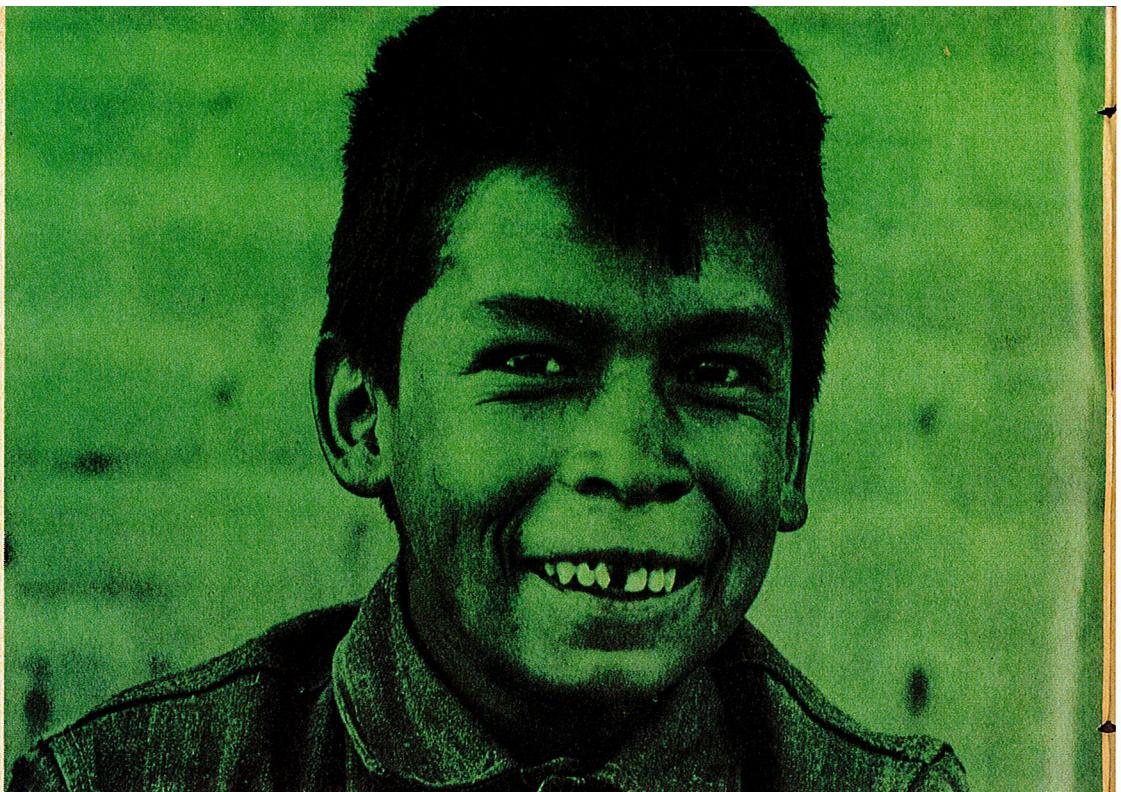
It's not a rebellion against theological content, for the new breed is committed to biblical Christianity and is a product of Southern Baptists, who have molded him, taught him, and sent him to South America to win others to Christ. Rather it is a kind of "sanctified rebellion" against doing things the Southern Baptist way just because it's the way we do things in the United States.

Among all the missionaries interviewed there was general agreement that age has



PHOTOGRAPHED BY FLOYD CRAIG

*Colombian boy flashes a smile.*



nothing to do with the new breed tag. Rather than age, it is a new attitude or concept that is the major influence.

In fact, most first-term missionaries probably would not fit the term (although some do), since most usually are in the process of finding themselves and adjusting to the new culture and language. In some cases it is the younger, first-term missionary who is the least flexible and who is least able to see the need for doing things the Latin American way instead of the Southern Baptist way.

A significant attribute of the trend seems to be a deep commitment of such missionaries to biblical theology. On the basis of this commitment, several missionaries said they were unable to accept geographical limitations on God's call for service.

"We've got to change the concept that you must go to the foreign mission field for life, and that if you ever come home feeling God is leading you to another place of service, you're a failure," said Alex F. Garner, missionary in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Two missionaries in Colombia, Alan P. Neely, of Cali, and Loren C. Turnage, of Bogotá, agreed in different interviews.

"A life commitment is the only thing I know anything about, but it can't have geographical limitations," said Neely. "It is not a lifelong commitment to the Foreign Mission Board or to a country, but to Christ."

Both he and Turnage agreed that the idea of being called to a specific country didn't come from the New Testament.

As in his commitment to biblical concepts, the new brand of missionary is deeply compassionate in his love for people. Indeed, he is more concerned about people than about institutions and programs.

He loves people and seems to develop personal relationships well, seeking always to share his faith with others.

Although he is concerned with personal witnessing and personal salvation, he also is concerned about social needs and issues.

As Neely, professor at the International Baptist Theological Seminary, in Cali, Colombia, described the new breed missionary: "He considers the whole gospel and the needs of the whole man and is not only concerned with winning a man's soul, but in meeting other needs."

"He has a new social consciousness. He's idealistic. He's concerned about poverty, health, the population explosion, etc., and wants to do something about them," said Neely. "But raising a man's social standing is not the basic issue. Becoming a child of Christ is what man needs."

Frustration over the tremendous needs of the people in South America and the inability to do much to meet these spiritual, physical, and social needs is another basic characteristic.

"The greatest frustration is seeing the need so much beyond human ability to meet it," said Miss Edith Vaughn, director of the Baptist Good Will Center in Recife, Brazil.

The needs of the extremely poor in the

slums where Miss Vaughn works are so overwhelming that sometimes she cannot eat or sleep, says her roommate, Miss Martha Hairston. "I talked to so many people today who have nothing to eat that I just can't (eat)," Miss Vaughn once told her roommate.

Turnage, standing on a hillside barrio (slum area) overlooking Bogotá, said that much of the frustration comes from the fact that Baptists just aren't set up to help the poor. "I just couldn't come up here and give these people food," he said. "It would cause a riot. We could go broke giving vitamins, food, clothing, etc., to them and still not make a dent."

"If we tried to teach the Bible and did not give them anything to meet their physical needs, we might win a few converts, and we might not. But when the poverty is so great, you just can't come out and teach the Bible and do nothing else."

Coupled with the frustration over the inability to meet the tremendous needs of the people goes another characteristic of the breed—frustration over the lack of time and too much to do.

William H. (Bill) Ichter, missionary in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, said that during the year he was president of the Executive Committee of the South Brazil Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in South Brazil) he spent 80 percent of his time on Mission meetings and administrative duties.

J. Bryan ("Breezy") Brasington in Lima, Peru, pointed out that he was not only president of the Peru Mission, but

was also responsible for the book store operation, pastor of the English-language First Baptist Church of Lima, and coordinator of the student work program in a city with eleven universities. Since Lima is also a major tourist center, he spends much of his time hosting Baptist visitors from North America.

"We are bound up by meetings," added Neely in Colombia. "We can't do anything because we have to spend too much time keeping the machinery working." Neely is also president of the Colombia Mission.

Many said that missionaries who fit the new breed description favor changes in Mission structure and philosophy.

"The new breed is not willing to fit into the cracks and patterns and to sit back (in Mission meetings) and be quiet," said Ichter as we talked over lunch in Rio de Janeiro.

They object to being told by the Mission what kind of car and house they can have, and if they can paint the bathroom or not, Ichter added. They feel that too many little decisions are made by votes of the Mission.

Agreeing that such missionaries feel changes in Mission structure and procedure are needed, A. Jackson Glaze, Jr., president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, added: "The total Foreign Mission Board structure is a miracle of God's grace. The Board will not spell out the ground rules, saying that each Mission should do this. We're trying to develop a philosophy of missions here in Argentina, but it's slower that way."

Garner, also in Argentina, said that, if

anything, the Foreign Mission Board is too lenient and doesn't give enough guidance.

Later in the interview, Garner commented, "I hope you don't think I'm too negative. I used to think, 'You just don't talk about these things,' but there's a new day now."

An openness and willingness to be honest about "telling it like it is" on the mission field, coupled with a deep desire to correct misconceptions and misunderstandings held by many Southern Baptists in the States, are basic characteristics of the missionaries who fit the new breed description.

"We don't wear pith helmets and jump into a Jeep to drive out into the jungles to witness and pass out tracts," laughed Brasington in Lima, when asked what misconceptions Baptists back in the States have. Although a few missionaries in the interior (and there are only a few) might fit this image, the vast majority of missionaries are in the big, modern cities of South America.

"We really don't sacrifice much here," said Brasington as he sat in the living room of his home, which probably would be as nice as, if not nicer than, the majority of those occupied by the eleven million members of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Herein lies a problem that concerns many of the progressive missionaries. Because the "rich" North Americans (rich by South American standards) support the mission work financially, the nationals often feel it is the missionaries' work and not their own.

"They think of us as *el patron* (the big

boss)," said Neely. Not all of them feel this way, but some do.

The new breed of missionary, however, wants to work himself out of a job and turn it over to a trained and qualified national who will lead the churches to become self-supporting. These missionaries strongly endorse the concept of indigenous work.

"He's suddenly aware that colonialism is a one-way street leading to absolute stagnation," said Neely in describing this characteristic.

"He's concerned that nationals will take a stronger lead," echoed William H. Ferrell of Buenos Aires.

Ferrell added, however, that he was not sure there really is a new breed of missionary or whether there has just been a change in the times and in mission trends.

One of his coworkers in Buenos Aires, William P. Malone, Jr., disagreed, saying that although he did not consider himself to be one of the new breed, he felt they did exist. "Some of them are true pioneer thinkers who are looking for the Argentine way to spread the gospel.

"It's hard to see a revolution if you're in it, but I believe there is a wholesome revolution in progress," said Malone, adding that the new breed is leading that revolution.

They are not in the majority, according to Dr. Means, although it seems that the number of missionaries who might be considered new breed is increasing.

It may well be that the trend of the new breed will have a definite effect on the entire future of the Southern Baptist Convention. Perhaps only God knows what that effect will be.



*Missionary Loren C. Turnage stands looking out over a barrio.*

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# SOME THOUGHTS AT CHRISTMAS

By Ashley T. Wilshire, Jr.

A missionary journeyman serving as a student worker in Thailand, Ashley T. Wilshire, Jr., explains the occasion and thought behind these lines written in Bangkok:

"They are reflections on my first Christmas in this country. I think the different setting caused me to reflect on this time a little differently.

"I am impressed that the day can have meaning even where it is not known, because the Christ was given for all men whether they know it or not.

"I see now more profoundly that our job is to let them know it. It's as simple as that, but yet so complex as to involve everything we do."

Then, Giver, give those who scratch, struggle, trouble, what you have left over. It's more than we deserve anyway.

2.

God, I have a riddle. What is \$9.56 to airmail a bunch of crumbling, peanut butter cookies and a few measly pecans in a brightly colored Mount Vernon tin box?

3.

Got it? Yeah, right. It's a "yes" of a mother's love at Christ's birth time.

4.

Ridiculous. Chai. Christmas. No more Christmas Eve. The clock has passed twelve. But isn't that bellboy in that hotel just the most unchristmas foolishness-looking person one could imagine!

5.

God, here it is the end of one more year and I'm still trying to figure out the best way to feel about Christmas. It's hard, God. I mean, what do we say when there is well, there is this mystery. Some gloss over it, some of "Yours," You know, but they never remember Imagination either, God. Can I imagine in my feeling what to feel when I soak in what the why in the coming of Christ means?

6.

Well, Jesus, it's your day, but I don't know how you're gonna like it.

7.

How about that, God? Arunee just called me to say "Merry Christmas." And yes, God, bless with your rich mercy the clairon claimants who have already the easy, loud answers. They do dearly want it, too.

It was nice to hear from her again but so early — before eight. You know, I was really confused as to why she called at that hour. But the shock of the reason was more than the confusion:

she had to make an eight o'clock English class at her college. That December 25 morning she could not be late to school Just as though Everything had never Happened.

Another gray Monday and the blue and white uniforms study on. if Christ isn't born everywhere then, by George, He is born nowhere

6.

God of love, of all the more touching she touches more. She does. She uses so all now, and I live amazed that across the distance she reaches even to my barriers. She knows the moment which could—would—fill me most with

A Feeling for the day would be a few small gifts to unwrap when I got up in the morning unfeeling. She gives more than books

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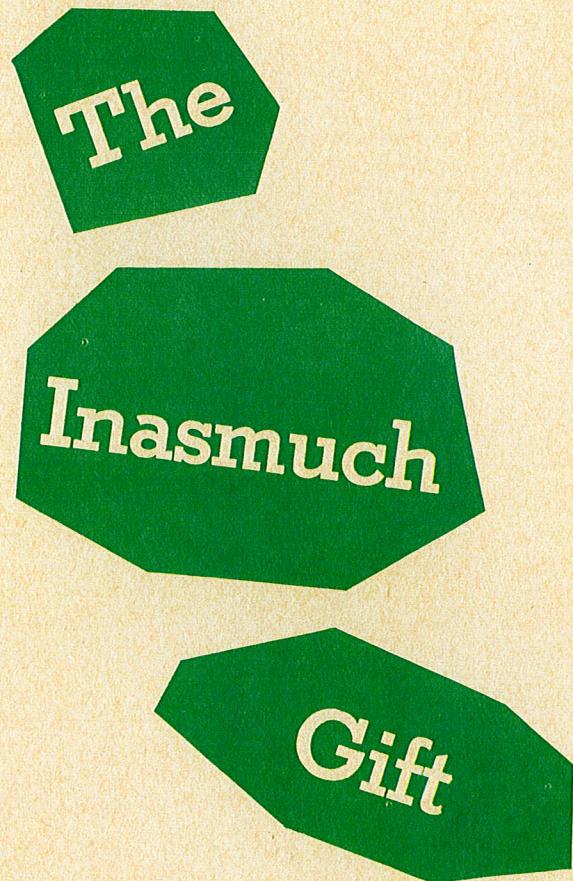
The split reed harmony of a hundred crackling palm fronds whipped by a gusty breeze becomes a Christmas carol of the unsilent holy night in the uncold warming of remember where Christ is born by the seashore and not in a dusty land's town with the brown of a tropic sun's splendor likewise, and no crown

Hey, Dreamer with pen and paper, what are you taking notes on? the Son and the sea and the sun

together this all makes sense when one given the thinking thinks of Christmas day and Easter day and Genesis day together.

9.

Something like Your Gift. Now it is Christmas.



The  
Inasmuch  
Gift

**P**LACING the last package under the tree, Jena pushed the short blond hair back from her forehead and admired the simple beauty of the spicy pine. Her memory drifted back to that first Christmas of her married life.

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She and Tim had attended church on Sunday night as was their custom, but what a different service it had been for them. They had heard an unusual story, a story that was to help mold all their Christmas celebrations.

The narrative told of a family who had an unexpected guest on Christmas day, the Lord himself. Such a visit had revealed to the family how little they had considered the Lord whose birthday they were celebrating.

As Jena made the coffee and sandwiches for a snack that Sunday night, she began talking partly to herself and partly to Tim. "That empty feeling all these years."

"Empty feeling?"

"Yes, Tim, all these years I've loved Christmas, but always there was that sad, lonesome feeling."

All was quiet as Jena placed the sandwiches and coffee on the table.

Sitting down across from Jena, Tim observed the faraway look in her eyes. "Come now. What could take you so far away?"

"Oh, I was just thinking about my first Christmas tree. When I was seven I thought that if only I could have a tree, Christmas would be complete. Dad went along with my idea, and we found a tall cedar in the woods. It reached to the ceiling, and with my homemade decorations it was a beauty to me."

"Since that time I've always had a tree. Finally the time came when I could buy some decorations, and that improved the appearance of the tree."

By that time Tim was taking an interest in his wife's remarks. Propping his elbows on the table and resting his chin in his hands, his green eyes under heavy brows looked expectantly at his wife. "Then what?"

"Well, giving. I persuaded my family

## BY JESSE C. FLETCHER

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to draw names and have a big Christmas. It was a joyous occasion all right. But when I was alone, I again realized that something was missing.

"Tim, it was last year before meeting you that I first heard of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. A group of us girls had planned to buy identical red plaid shirts. Then we had our YWA program on the Lottie Moon Offering and its reach around the world.

"Later that night I told the girls that I didn't want to buy the shirt after all. They were surprised, since I was the one who had instigated the shirt idea. Upon explaining to them that I wanted to put the price of the shirt in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, some agreed to do the same."

"What do you mean about the Lottie Moon Offering reaching around the world?"

"The money from the offering goes to do mission work around the globe. Actually, giving to it makes you a sort of preacher, teacher, and doctor to all sorts of places where you couldn't possibly go yourself."

While Jena cleaned the table, Tim searched in the Bible for something. "Here it is."

"What?"

"The inasmuch Scripture, the one we heard tonight. Listen to it."

Reading from Matthew 25:40, his voice was clear and strong: "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Tim was thinking and trying to grasp the real meaning of the words. "That's it, Jena. Giving to the needs of the world through the Lottie Moon Offering is giving a gift to Jesus himself."

"Surely, that must be the true meaning of Christmas giving. How much do you think we can give?"

"There's twenty dollars in our Christmas fund. We could give Him the biggest gift. Where's that Christmas list?"

Jena opened the desk drawer and

handed the list to Tim who began to read:

"Your mother and dad."

"My mother."

"Gran."

"Aunt Ann."

"Uncle Gilley."

"Bob."

"Cathy."

"Here's the gift ideas and expected cost."

"But, Jena, this is more than twenty dollars."

"I know. We'll just have to think of some other ideas if we give to the Lottie Moon Offering."

"You'll come up with something. You always do," he said confidently.

"I guess so, but what?"

"What would you think of half for the Lottie Moon Offering and the other half for our presents, tree, and other Christmas things?"

The words of the Bible flooded her thoughts again, and she could see their gift going to preach, teach, and heal. Inasmuch as we do it unto the least.

"Tim, it will be our *Inasmuch Gift*." Holding up the Lottie Moon Offering envelope, Jena continued, "Let's put it in the envelope right now."

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In a few years the family had grown in number. Daughters Lyn and Ann were learning about the Inasmuch Gift for Jesus. They loved the Christmas wrappings and insisted that their gift of money for Jesus must be wrapped in holiday paper. Especially, they liked to carry it to God's house and hand it to one of the helpers at the church.

The girls grew to be teen-agers, and a brother, Bill, joined the family. Every year had been much the same. They gave half for Him—the Inasmuch Gift—through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The other half of the Christmas fund had been used for their own celebration.

Then a misfortune had hit the family. Tim had lost his job, and the four months preceding Christmas had been bleak ones.

Finally Jena could stand it no longer.

"Tim, we can't act as if Christmas isn't here."

"I know. The children and the Inasmuch Gift. Four months I've looked for work, and you know how it's been—a big nothing."

"Tim, the savings. We've always said they're for emergencies."

"Emergencies, yes, but what does that have to do with Christmas?" he asked.

"I don't know exactly, but there keeps coming to my mind a sort of dream about Christmas for the children and the Inasmuch Gift."

"As a matter of fact I've been thinking about the same thing." Quietly Jena watched Tim as he walked to the desk and took the savings book from the drawer. Drawing his dark brows together, he studied the total. "How about one hundred dollars? Fifty for the Inasmuch Gift and fifty for us."

In childish adoration Jena threw her arms around Tim. "Oh, could we? You have a way of putting wings to our dreams."

The next day the house glowed with the usual Christmas decorations and melody of carols. The aroma of goodies filled the air, and many secrets were whispered as each began to plan how to spend his part of the Christmas money.

Giving the Inasmuch Gift that Christmas had deep meaning for everyone in the family. Putting the offering in the Lottie Moon Offering envelope had been a family affair, at which time Jena remarked, "Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to give five hundred dollars for his birthday."

"Is that another dream?"

"I guess so, Tim."

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Now, five years later, Jena looked at the Lottie Moon envelope on the table. Although a modest amount had been spent on their own Christmas, the Inasmuch Gift had increased to five hundred dollars.

Somehow it isn't too hard to believe that the new dream will take wings and come true: one thousand dollars for the Inasmuch Gift.

# CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

BY NELL STANLEY

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AS CHRISTMAS approaches, people around the world are planning spiritual and happy observances of this important day. Many requests come to librarians for information on how Christmas is celebrated in other countries of the world.

Although churches will want to emphasize the evangelical truth of the birth of the Son of God in programs and presentations leading up to the observance, many people are interested in how folk, Christians and others, observe this special time.

Missionaries write of customs in their countries. A missionary from Brazil, writing home at Christmas, gives us this picture:

"Here in Brazil there will be no stockings hung by the fireplaces, and if Santa had to slide down chimneys there would be few children receiving any presents. Instead, shoes will be put in the windows for Santa to fill. He will ride by on a great white stallion, since there is no snow or sleigh."

Another missionary friend writes from Guatemala with this information:

"With Christmas less than a month away we are already hearing Christmas music and advertisements on radio and television here in Guatemala. We are sorry to report that, although Santa is not as popular here as in the States, Christmas is equally as commercial here as there, and the emphasis on the birth of Christ is less here than there."

"For all but less than ten percent of the population, Christmas has lost its real significance. However, the percentage of evangelicals is growing, and we hope and pray that the tremendous emphasis our Guatemalan Baptists are putting on the Crusade of the Americas is going to raise this percentage a great deal more."

In Switzerland, as related by one missionary, Christmas is a festive time. "The

Sami Klaus figures are already on the streets to bring children oranges or switches (depending on the records of their behavior). They wear long red cloaks and are always accompanied by a second figure in black who carries the switches.

"The first Advent candle will burn on the wreath in church on Sunday. The sermon will begin to retrace the prophecies that mark God's long road to Bethlehem. The hymns will have a Christmas flavor, which we will pick up around the family table in the evening with its first lighted candle, Scripture reading, and songs of the one who came to earth so long ago. Four such Sundays will precede Christmas itself. Christmas is in the air, and we are reminded of you and want to greet you in the name of Him whose coming has meant so much to all of us."

In Spain, gifts are exchanged on Jan. 5 instead of Dec. 25. One missionary explains in this way: "Here, the three Wise Men come to bring gifts to the children on Jan. 5. That night they put out all the stockings, and the next morning they are full of good things they had ordered."

Enthusiasm is the hallmark of a Costa Rican Christmas. One missionary couple writes, "Costa Rica celebrates Navidad (Christmas) in a big way. They set up booths in all the public parks around the city about the first of December and sell toys and all kinds of merchandise. It's all one big carnival. A circus is coming to town also. Millions of lights are strung up all through the streets."

These excerpts represent descriptions from the mission field of the general, secular observance of Christmas. One is deeply aware that while this is going on, the missionary families and the national Christians are meeting in churches, singing Christmas carols, participating in

Christmas dramas, and, most important, worshiping the Christ of Christmas.

In planning Christmas programs, if one would like to know more about Christmas customs of other lands the local public library could be checked for the following:

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# CHRISTMAS IN THE HOLY LAND

BY DWIGHT L. BAKER  
*Missionary to Israel*

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, which begins in the Holy Land Dec. 24 and continues through Jan. 19, includes not one Christmas, but three.

Protestants and Roman and Greek Catholics celebrate the traditional Christmas, Dec. 25, following the Gregorian calendar. The Greek Orthodox observe Jan. 7, according to the Julian calendar. The Armenians keep Jan. 19, which is Epiphany on the Julian calendar, as their Christmas.

Christmas probably originated in an Eastern branch of the church among Christians known as "adoptionists," who believed that Christ's baptism was the point at which Christ became divine, or, as they said, was "adopted" as the Son of God. Thus Christmas to these early Christians was the celebration of Christ's divine appearance that they felt took place at the time of his baptism. They placed less emphasis on his physical birth than on his baptism, which they called "epiphany," meaning, "to appear."

Among the Arabs in Israel, Christmas is a time for visitation. Groups of men (women generally remain at home to keep open house) with arms linked, go from house to house to wish "*kul am wa antum b'kheir* (may the entire year bring goodness to all).

Bittersweet Turkish coffee and Arab delicacies are offered during each visit. By evening, following a day of home visits averaging about a half hour each, the uninitiated can find himself in considerable discomfort—if not totally incapacitated.

In Israel, all Protestant churches schedule festive services to which they invite their Jewish and Muslim neighbors. The largest Baptist celebration takes place at the Baptist Center located at Petah Tiqva. Small unit choirs have practiced in Jerusalem and other locations and then have come together for rehearsal as one large choir to present portions of Handel's *Messiah* in a way calculated to make these ancient hills echo with Christmas joy. [For an account of the *Messiah* presentation in 1967, see next page.]

In a traditional manner, Nazareth Baptists invite local and foreign guests to candlelight service at midnight on

Christmas Eve. It is always well attended by those unable to manage a trip to attend services at Bethlehem.

At the Roman Catholic cathedral of the Annunciation in Nazareth, thousands attempt to get in to participate in the high mass conducted there. Admission is by reservation only, with tickets furnished by the Government Tourist Corporation.

In the schools and villages children hear the Christmas story, sing carols, and pantomime their way through the Nativity story. Whatever is lacking in finely honed performances is more than made up by the simple authenticity recaptured by sincere people who seem to say, "We know Him. He is our near kinsman."

Unless a visitor has booked a place months in advance in Jerusalem or Bethlehem for either the Western or Eastern Christmas, he could find himself literally out in the cold. Because of the 15,000 to 18,000 pilgrims who converge on those cities of sacred memory each year, there is no room in the inns.

Driving from Jerusalem on Christmas Eve, at the Shepherd's Field near Bethlehem may be heard the soft, uneven sounds, scattered by the raw winds, of "O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie," sung by carolers organized by the Jerusalem YMCA.

In the brightly lighted square of Bethlehem, opening onto a broad court of the Church of the Nativity (possibly Christianity's oldest church still in use), one is greeted by popping flashbulbs, the low rumble of busses loaded with celebrants, and bands playing carols under bobbing colored lights. If the visitor can overcome the imploring pleas of shopkeepers and resist entering their establishments overflowing with olive wood camels, crusader scarves, carved Dead Sea stone, and mother-of-pearl crèches, he may yet manage to salvage the Christmas spirit.

From the Church of the Nativity peal the most familiar bells in the world. From these bells, seen on picture post cards, from the slides of every tourist, over television, and heard on all major networks, Bethlehem's most famous sound announces the beginning of the ceremonies associated with the Christ Event.

Getting into the church itself is not the least of the problems. One pilgrim describes it as "always a question of the camel going through the eye of the needle, everyone bending and squeezing through the small stone opening to pop out, suddenly free, in the hollow dimness of the building itself."

Sharply at eleven o'clock the procession begins, as high church fathers from the East move slowly toward the church. There are pilgrims from all lands: from Korea and from Canada, from Argentina and from Afghanistan, from Formosa and from France, from Ethiopia and from England.

There are shepherds and princes, wise men, priests, and ambassadors, the humble and the rich, the dark and the white skinned. All rub elbows in Bethlehem in a babel of tongues, but in one spirit.

The color is fantastic, with consuls in smart official attire, black robed nuns, fellahin in Arab dress, Indians in saris, Spaniards in mantillas, and Bethlehem women in the brightly colored traditional dress.

After an hour of chanting and antiphonal responses, the Patriarch of Jerusalem moves toward the steps leading down into the grotto and to the manger itself. The crowd ebbs and flows in his wake.

He reads again the Christmas story, and the people listen with their eyes as well as with their ears. The tiny cave has already been packed for hours with those waiting to be near the sacred spot, when at midnight the patriarch kneels and kisses the golden star inlaid in a slab of pure white Italian marble at what is thought to be the site of Christ's birth.

Then for hours, men, women, and children kneel in awesome wonder and place their lips to the sacred star.

The heat from a thousand candles, incense pots, and human bodies is suffocating, but the expression on every face radiates praise and adoration.

Whatever the time when the visitor finally falls exhausted into bed, he does not care. He was there and he experienced peace — not unlike that "peace on earth, good will toward men" assured on that first Christmas to all who follow the star.

# Music for Jerusalem

FOOTSTEPS and voices echoed in the silent streets of Jerusalem's Old City as choir members entered the gates in the ancient walls and stumbled through the darkness between closely shuttered shops.

Turning a deserted corner into the court in front of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, they were within a few feet of their destination, the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. This cathedral-like place is built over the foundation of a Crusader church.

Here the Protestant Community Choir of Israel was to present Handel's oratorio, *Messiah*.

There was no sign of life in the narrow streets of the unhappy city. It seemed unlikely an audience would appear. But when "Marty" Murphey (Mrs. Milton Murphey, a missionary to Israel) lifted her baton, listeners occupied all the seats, and others, chilled by the cold flagstone floors, stood around and beyond the pillars and arches and filled the church.

In this troubled city, so recently and so long divided and inaccessible, East to West and West to East, at this 1967 Christmas season had come people hungry for the music and message of this timeless creation from the pen of an inspired composer.

The words of the first recitative brought a startled awareness to the choir as they heard, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, speak comfortably to Jerusalem, that her welfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned."

The whole oratorio, with its interweaving of passages from the Old and New Testaments to give the story of re-

demption, reached new heights because it was being sung within the great walls of Jerusalem. This city, so beloved and so despised of by the prophets of old, stood once more in need of words of both comfort and warning.

Cold blasts of wind from someplace in the dark, high arches around them chilled the choir members in the back rows, but did not cool their enthusiasm and delight as they sang, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." They knew they stood within six accessible miles of the City of David, Bethlehem, where the prophecy had seen fulfillment.

Reverent and attentive, the audience followed carefully the printed words of the text, words written in the three languages, English, Arabic, and Hebrew.

Some were seen studiously following the music score, too, as the redemption story unfolded in the words of Luke, chapter 2, followed by those of Zechariah 9:10, sung by Mrs. Murphey: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold the king cometh unto thee . . . and he shall speak peace."

Esther, a young Israeli girl who has a vibrant testimony and eagerness to share her faith in this "righteous Saviour," sang the beautiful "He shall feed his flock." She is a student at the music conservatory in Tel Aviv, and some of her friends had come with her and made up part of the musically intelligent audience.

The second, or "Easter," portion of the oratorio was heightened in its impact because a few feet away stood the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, traditional

location of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ.

"That was true spiritual nourishment," remarked one visitor, "and I certainly never expected to hear 'Behold the Lamb of God' sung so near to Calvary."

At least one Israeli attended just in order to hear "I know that my Redeemer liveth." This great affirmation of faith was sung by "Marty" with such beauty and assurance, with the ring of personal experience so real, that some choir members were more deeply stirred than at any other part of the performance.

No "Hosannas" had resounded as choir members made their way to the church through the narrow streets of the inner city. But when the "Hallelujah" chorus burst forth, closing the program, some 300 people rose to their feet to show honor to this, the traditional Hebrew word of praise to God.

This singing in the Old City of Jerusalem was neither the first, the only, nor even the best presentation by the choir. But for those who sang, it was a unique experience in projecting in God-given words the message of reconciliation in a place where bitterness, uncertainty, and hate are deeply entrenched.

The road to this destination had not been easy. The choir had its beginnings in the congregation meeting at the Baptist Center near Petah Tiqva. Christmas programs were an annual event to which friends of Baptists in the area looked forward. These choir programs were presented in Baptist churches in other parts of the country as well.

When it was decided to attempt the



Protestant Community Choir performs *Messiah* in Israel.

BY MARGARET (Mrs. Robert L.) LINDSEY  
Missionary to Israel

*Messiah*, others from various Christian groups were invited to participate, and choirs were formed in the larger centers.

The Christmas season of 1967-68 was the second year for presentation of the *Messiah* under Mrs. Murphey's direction. Those who heard it this time inevitably responded, "much improvement," or, "better than last year." Certainly this was so, even though more difficult sections of the music were attempted.

At the organ was an excellent accompanist, Mrs. Kay Hoyle, who, with her husband, had been working with a Lutheran relief organization in the eastern part of recently united Jerusalem.

The improvement had not come about of itself, however. There were long, tedious hours of rehearsal in different parts of the country, with the director having to travel to each center one evening a week.

Then the entire choir came together at frequent intervals at one or the other of the centers near Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, or Nazareth. This meant hours of tiresome travel, some singers sitting in the back of Volkswagen trucks in the cold, with blankets piled about to keep warm, and carrying sandwiches when the trip was too long for eating at home.

But if difficulties were not forgotten, neither were the particular joys of close association with people from many countries and varieties of Christianity. The 75-voice choir represented at least ten nationalities besides the Israelis—both Jewish and Arab—who took part. There were students, teachers, a headmistress, nurses, pastors, business people, office workers, housewives, farmers—a mixed

group from many walks of life and ranging in age from 16 to 60.

A highlight of the combined practices was a short devotional message given each time by choir members. Sometimes they mentioned the struggle to give the time, effort, and energy to the choir, for most were busy people with demanding schedules, mothers with small children, or students with exam schedules sometimes conflicting with rehearsal. Yet there was always the joyous conclusion that it was "worth it," that it was a richly rewarding experience.

The first performance was given at the Baptist Center, Petah Tiqva, where a school, farm, and summer camp grounds are located. Rain poured down noisily on the roof of the combination dining room and chapel in the camp area, where friends were gathering.

Standing in the large kitchen, the choir listened while the choir committee chairman directed attention to the significance of the "Beholds" in the text of the *Messiah*. Then followed sentence prayers reflecting the deep dedication on the part of many of the singers.

One woman's prayer expressed thankfulness for the experience of salvation which had come to her, some years before, through hearing the *Messiah* in another land. She prayed that others might be touched that night by the same great truths. Several expressed longing that the singing might be a true experience of worship for every choir member.

In spite of the rainstorm, the house was full for that first candlelight presentation of the 1967 Christmas season.

Following this, the choir sang in

Jerusalem East, Jerusalem West, Nazareth, Jaffa, and Beersheba. No two performances were alike; some were better, some worse; occasionally a fine impression was made on an audience just when the choir itself felt discouragement.

At the close of one of the Jerusalem presentations, a Hebrew University student sat looking at the program in her hand. She had recently experienced a deep personal loss and bereavement. The music and words had moved her deeply and brought unexpected comfort and hope. Again she read the words printed on the front of the program:

"At the joy of the coming of the Messiah, the prophet Isaiah suggests that the very hills shall break forth into singing. It is this deep joy which has united this group of singers from various walks of life and parts of the country. The Protestant Community Choir has found great inspiration in preparing Handel's oratorio, *Messiah*, which expresses a confident faith in the God who steps into history and deigns to dwell among men. As a choir we wish you much joy this Christmas season, the abiding joy of peace with God and peace with our fellowmen."

*But whom shall I thank?* the student asked herself as she folded the program and prepared to leave the hall. *I must say thank you to somebody.*

Then she remembered recognizing one of the choir members. *Oh, she reflected, I'll call and thank her tomorrow morning.*

She walked out slowly, echoes of the majestic "Hallelujah" still filling her with exaltation.

# editorials

## *In Lieu of Sameness*

**T**HREE IS something highly cherishable in the fact that every human being is unique. At least it is fairly well established that no person has an exact duplicate. His identity in the broad sense, however, is established by the preponderance of similarities he shares with his species. He and all the rest of us are much more alike than we are different.

But wouldn't life be dull, if not unbearable, were we all so much alike that no variations could be detected? Even less endurable is the suggestion that all our thoughts, ideas, and opinions be identical. If life on this planet were like that, the sky, the flowers, the sunsets, and all the rest of our environment would need only one color—that is, if dark gray may be considered a color.

Not long ago this editor heard someone quote a speaker as having said, "People who think alike have little or nothing to say to each other." The conclusion seems to be a reliable one. Such a condition, however, cannot exist among persons who are alert and conscientiously engaged with the opportunities and problems of growth and development, whatever the area of life. This is true also with regard to Southern Baptists and their involvement in mission and missions.

A healthy and lively exchange of ideas and points of view is going on among the people who are deeply concerned with the cause of foreign missions. The ferment involves many of us who remain stateside, as well as those serving as missionaries overseas. This seems to mean that we are striving for maximum effectiveness in every effort to bring to the attention of people everywhere the redemption Christ offers them.

In this atmosphere of exploration and free expression, much is being written about the possible need for changes in missionary methods and approaches. Within each Mission (the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries on a given field) there usually exists a broad spectrum of viewpoints. Little is to be gained and much to be lost in any effort to force such a rich variety of views into silence or conformity. In each case a lively exchange of ideas is desirable, provided it does not curtail the productivity of current efforts. Many progressive adaptations, as well as completely new approaches, can be the rich fruitage of an open-stance confrontation by every person with both the wisdom and experimentation suggested by those of differing points of view. In such a climate the Holy Spirit is more likely to distil the best results for new effectiveness in mission.

To the achievement of such a climate and for the communication of its results, we wish to rededicate this publication. In the months ahead we hope to present ideas and suggestions from a variety of viewpoints on missions and related subjects.

Our sources and contributors will not be limited just to those within Southern Baptist ranks. Some of the views expressed will no doubt disturb a number of our readers. Some of them will not at all represent the position or point of view held by the Foreign Mission Board. Yet, if they are regarded prayerfully and in the spirit of Christian sharing, any one of us can refine his own points of view and perhaps see them afresh for the purpose of revising them or reconfirming them.

## *That Seekers May Find*

AS IS TRUE of each year's December issue, this one carries the annual index. We do this believing that such a reference listing meets a need. A number of our readers accumulate all twelve issues for a calendar year, either for storage or to have them bound in an annual volume. In such manner the accumulated information is kept for future use.

In order to use the index most effectively, the reader should know its basic features. By becoming acquainted with the identifying symbols, as presented at the beginning, he can readily identify any item listed. A letter code is used to indicate whether the article is a feature story, an epistle, a picture, or a news item.

The two sections listing the contents by author and by country follow a standard alphabetical order. The topical section, however, is arranged according to the programs that are administered by the Foreign Mission Board. Almost every item that appears in *THE COMMISSION* is related to one or more of the six programs, thus some articles are listed more than once.

We have no estimate of the number of persons for whom the index is a useful feature. For those who need it, we hope the arrangement we have adopted will make all items easy to locate.

## *For the Movers*

THE CURRENT mobility of the U.S. population is constantly reflected in our office of subscription fulfillment. Each month the number of American families that move reaches almost astronomical figures. Among these are numerous subscribers to *THE COMMISSION*.

Moving one's household can be tiring, exasperating, and even confusing. The details to be handled are so numerous that one can easily overlook notifying the subscription offices of the publications he receives. And why should subscribers to *THE COMMISSION* be exceptions? They are not.

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weeks after the move is completed, it is almost certain that at least one issue of the magazine will never reach you.

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# LABOR OF LOVE



By Baker J. Cauthen

AS CHRISTMAS approaches, our minds turn toward the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. For many people, much Christmas joy finds expression in this season of intercession and opportunity for bringing a love gift for worldwide ministry in the name of Christ.

Southern Baptists are grateful to Woman's Missionary Union for the labor of love which has made possible this remarkable expression of missionary concern and compassion.

We do well to remember our history. It is easy to recall early days when churches were weak and struggling. A realization of our Lord's expectations for worldwide labor had not gripped the hearts of most Christians.

God impressed praying women to begin lifting their intercession to the Lord for the cause of missions. Their prayers were accompanied by their gifts, although of necessity those gifts were small. Many women had no income of their own but had to bring their offerings out of meager savings from household expenses and the sale of milk, butter, and eggs.

The Bible says, "Despise not the day of small things." From those small beginnings there began to expand an understanding of our Lord's expectations and of the heart-cry of a world in need. As those missionary-hearted people walked down the pathway of their convictions they became increasingly sure they were walking in the will of God.

God raised up valiant pastors, called missionaries to lay their lives upon the altar, and stirred the hearts of God-honoring laymen. The concept of the worldwide task of a New Testament church began to fill the minds of students of the Word of God. Reports from mis-

sionaries written from their fields of labor bore witness to the effectiveness of the message of life throughout the world.

The appeal of Miss Lottie Moon from China was a trumpet call to Baptist women to undertake greater things. Their concern, intercession, and gifts bore fruit in the offering that now bears the name of this honored missionary.

From its small beginnings, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has grown to be a great outpouring of love and concern. The financial reinforcement it brings is of such meaning that nearly one half of all we do in the foreign mission task is made possible by this offering.

More than \$9 million of the forthcoming offering will provide for salaries of missionaries, and funds for ministries of preaching, teaching, and healing on mission fields. The remainder of the offering will provide resources for missionary residences, schools, hospitals, seminaries, and other necessary buildings. These funds supplement the funds provided through the Cooperative Program and make possible a wider ministry for a world in need.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is far more than money. It is involvement in the cause of worldwide mission labor. It is the fruitage of study, intercessory prayer, joyful giving, and life commitment.

Woman's Missionary Union annually devotes many hours to laying plans for the cultivation of the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The guidance of God is sought in planning for materials and suggestions to help people realize the full meaning of this missionary outreach.

The whole church is caught up in the spirit of missionary concern, prayer, and giving. Pastors preach missionary mes-

sages and lead the congregation in intercession through their pastoral prayers. Laymen, through the Brotherhood organization, encourage men and boys to give themselves fully to this great missionary opportunity.

Sunday School teachers and officers bring the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions to a high climax on the Foreign Mission Day in Sunday School. Training Union forces add their prayers and concern. Often the associational Training Union "M" Night service gives strong encouragement for missionary participation.

The music organizations in the churches give beauty and meaning as choirs of all ages sing the glory of Jesus. Students and teachers in colleges and seminaries join in with their prayers and gifts, and many surrender their lives. Editors give encouragement through papers and magazines.

The funds laid upon the altar come to the Foreign Mission Board, where they flow out to 69 countries, along with resources provided through the Cooperative Program, to minister to a world that needs Christ.

From around the world come words of gratitude and joy as missionaries who are giving their lives in service for our Master feel the encouragement of these prayers and gifts. Ministries in the name of our Master are extended, with the result that songs of praise arise to God as people feel the touch of the Master's love upon their lives.

It is a labor of love. It is prayer, study, giving, dedication, and involvement in ministering to the cry of a lost world. Because of this labor of love flowing out of the hearts of people who love Jesus Christ, we thank God and take courage.

# Two Months in Rhodesia

By Wana Ann Fort

THE ARRIVAL of summer missionaries in Rhodesia this past June was preceded by a great deal of planning.

In three southern states, college students on many campuses planned and worked to collect the money necessary to support the Baptist Student Union summer missionary project.

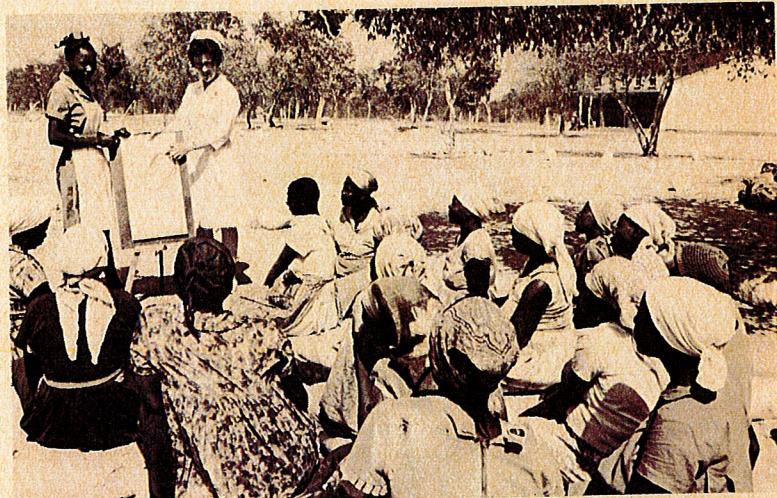
Students completed application forms. Committees met to interview, to pray, to choose those who would go. At last the word reached Rhodesia—four summer missionaries for Sanyati Baptist Hospital would arrive.

On a busy mission station, missionaries met to pray and plan. "Apartments must be ready, job descriptions outlined," they pointed out. "It costs to send these young people here. We must plan carefully in order to utilize their training and talents to the utmost during these two months. . . .

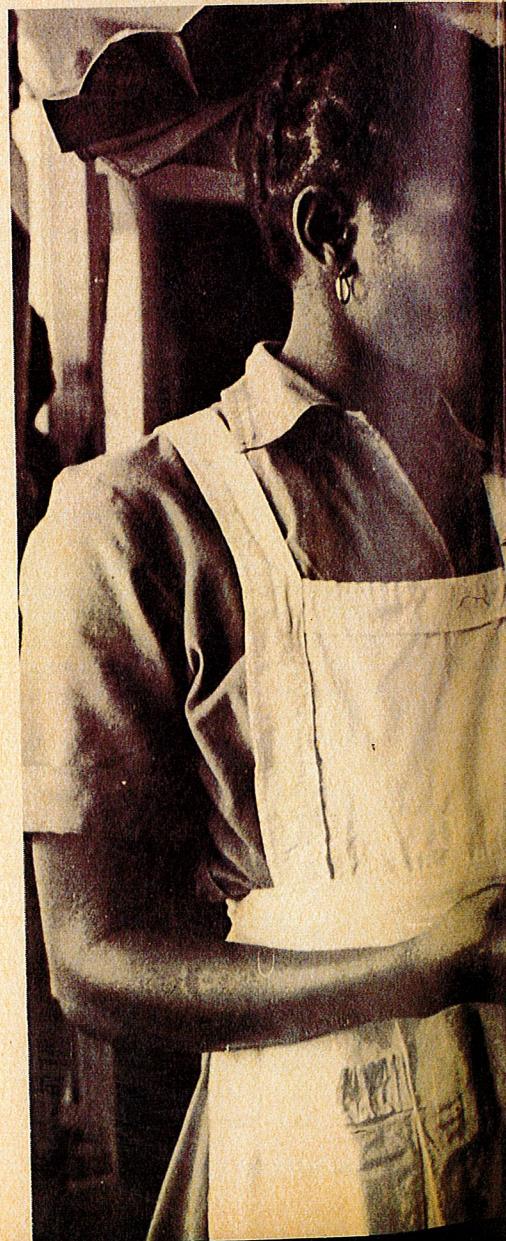
"As they leave, we pray that many back home will be blessed from their experiences."

To Carolyn Roberson, R.N. from Texas, this trip was an answer to a prayer she began at age 12 as a Girls' Auxiliary member interested in stories of witchcraft and Tarzan. This interest grew into a concern that God would use her to

The author, Mrs. M. Giles Fort, Jr., a medical doctor, is a missionary serving at Sanyati Baptist Hospital in Rhodesia.



Summer Missionary Carolyn Roberson lectures expectant mothers.



help meet the spiritual needs of Africans. Now she would be given the opportunity for which she had prayed.

Betty (Elizabeth) Roebuck, South Carolina pharmacy major, became interested during her college career when God used a former summer missionary to inspire in her the desire to go. When she applied she thought she would help in the hospital lab, but soon learned that Sanyati hospital needed her pharmacy training to organize a new drug stock room.

Van W. Williams III had been interested in missions since he was 13. When Mississippi BSU planned to send a medical student to Sanyati, he wanted to go until he learned that the place was for a single student. He and Sarah had been married the summer before.

However, when Sarah was able to pay her own way, it was arranged that both could make the trip. They agreed that it was definitely God's leadership and provi-

sion, because "things worked out in such a marvelous way we knew that only God could be in control!"

The four arrived at Sanyati. They were welcomed, and they went to work.

"I hear that the summer workers are like a shot of vitamins to a tired staff!" someone has written. Their youthful vigor, contagious enthusiasm, and spiritual concern were all a part of the "vitamin shot."

Their professional contributions were significant. Carolyn immediately assumed a position of responsibility in her work with the hospital staff and in the well baby clinic.

Betty began to organize the drug room. "Is it all right if I take a 'before' picture?" she asked hesitantly when she first entered the room.

Van kept busy with ward rounds, in the clinics, helping in obstetrics and surgery, and with many other tasks.

Sarah directed the hospital choir,

played the piano for chapel services, and did a large amount of typing and mimeographing for the hospital and some of the missionaries.

The students' other contributions were equally significant. There were evening devotions with the staff in the dorms.

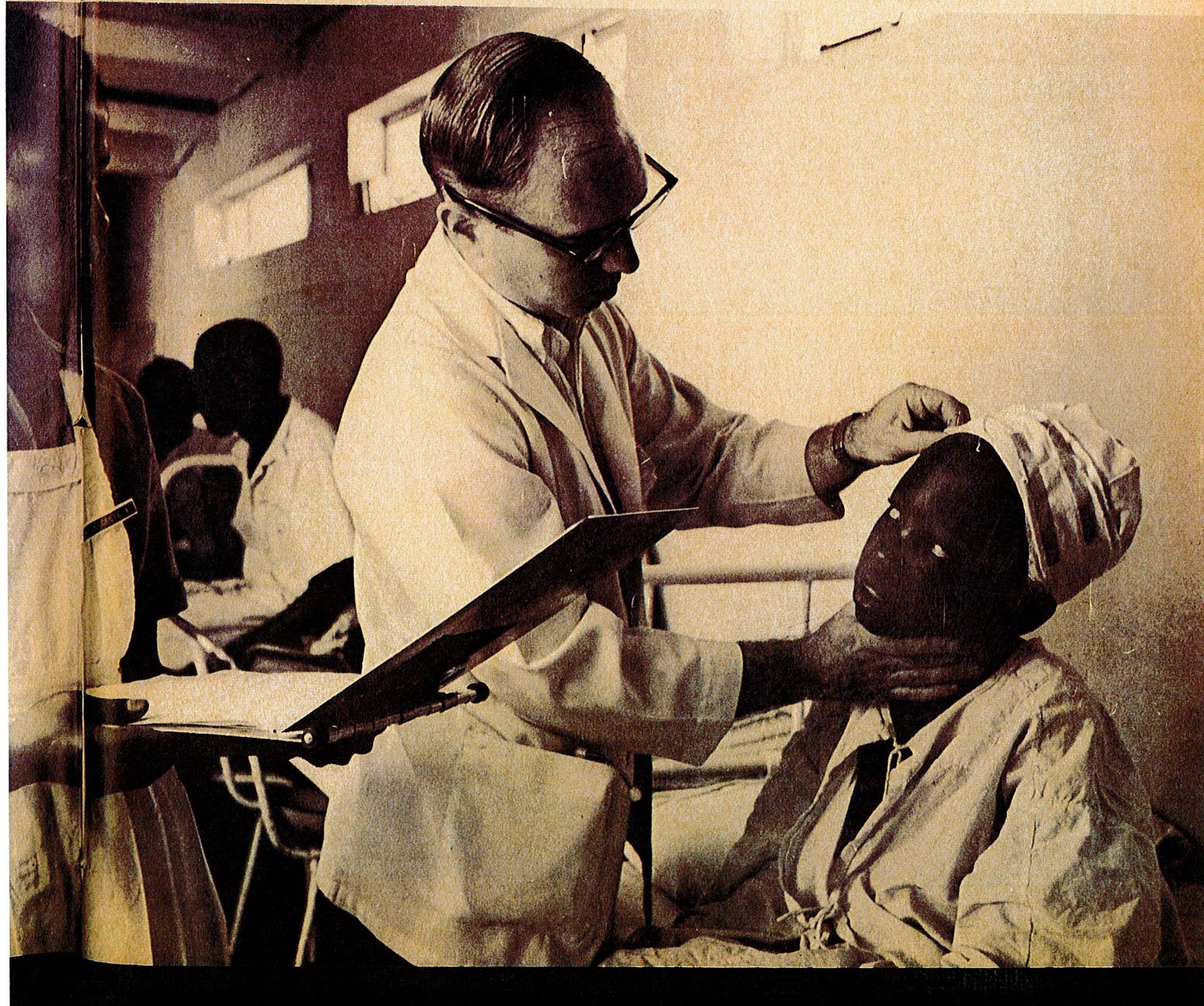
"I found my greatest blessing in the weeknight devotion periods with eight of the hospital aids," declared Betty, and the others echoed her. "The time we spent together provided many opportunities as we shared our cultures, sang, prayed, and had serious Bible study," she continued.

"All of us matured as Christians and grew in international fellowship."

Sarah's greatest inspiration came from the enthusiastic singing of the people. She was an active member of the Woman's Missionary Union and worked with that group in preparing special music for the WMU Convention.

"Recognizing that these women are as

*Van Williams, at Sanyati Baptist Hospital in Rhodesia for the summer, examines patient.*



interested in missions as I am brought me a special feeling of closeness with them," she reported.

All four went into the villages on Sunday to worship, visit in homes, preach, and teach.

"We take our luxuries in America for granted," commented Van. "Even though those we met have little, I have never seen friendlier or happier people. Out of their small possessions they are always willing to share with others."

The students served in many ways. They helped cook for special dinners, entertained guests in their apartments, baby-sat, taught an MK (missionary's kid) while the mother was away, and sewed. The Africans expressed love for

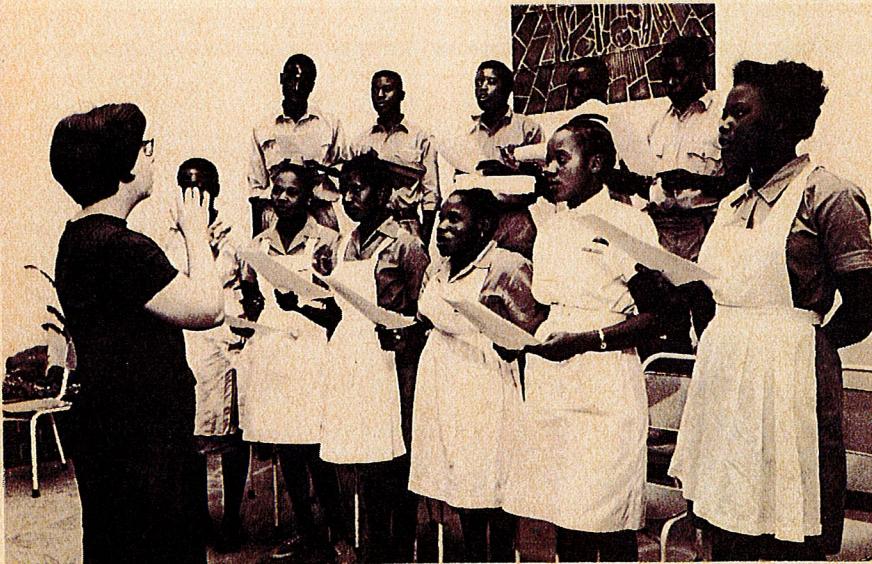
them and thanked God for their coming.

What of the future? "As I return to my university," concluded Betty, "I shall be more aware of international students, since I now know what it is like to be a stranger in a foreign land. I hope to welcome and befriend them as I was received in Rhodesia."

"I have seen that life on the mission field is very much like life in the U.S.," observed Carolyn, "with the same temptations, joys, difficulties, discouragements, and the same supreme goal—to lead others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ."

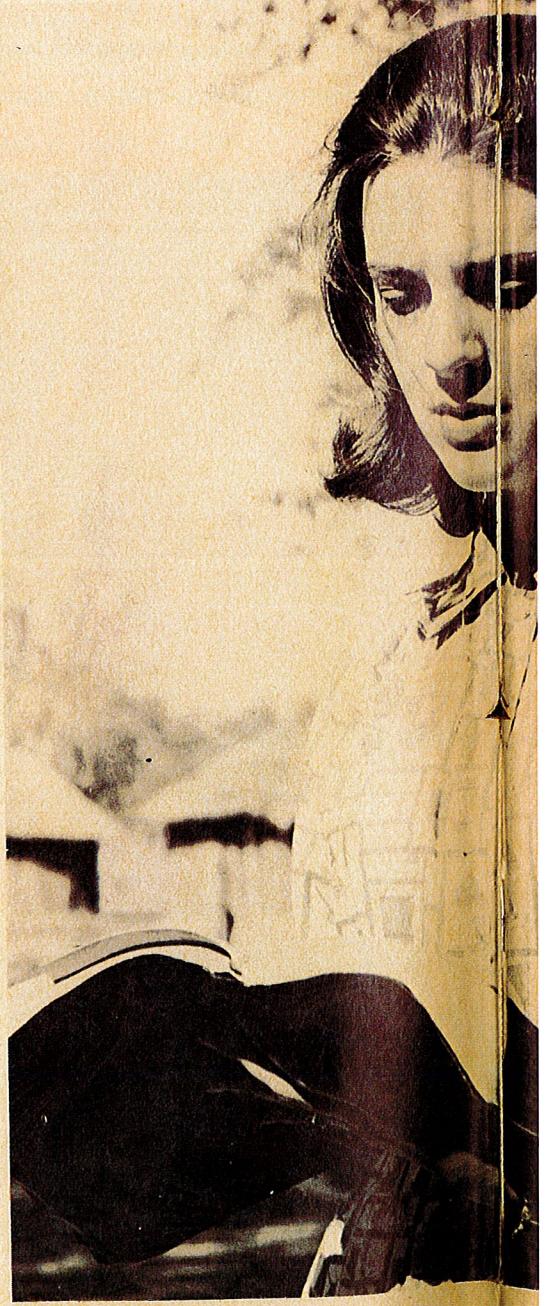
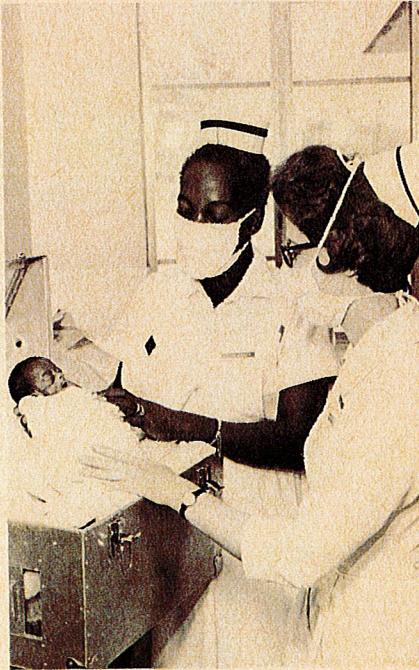
Commented Van: "I was made aware of the tremendous opportunity to spread the gospel during the chapel services in

*Mrs. Wagner directs the hospital choir.*



*At Katsuo preaching station, Miss Roebuck*

*Betty Roebuck in reorganized drug room. Miss Roberson and national at incubator.*



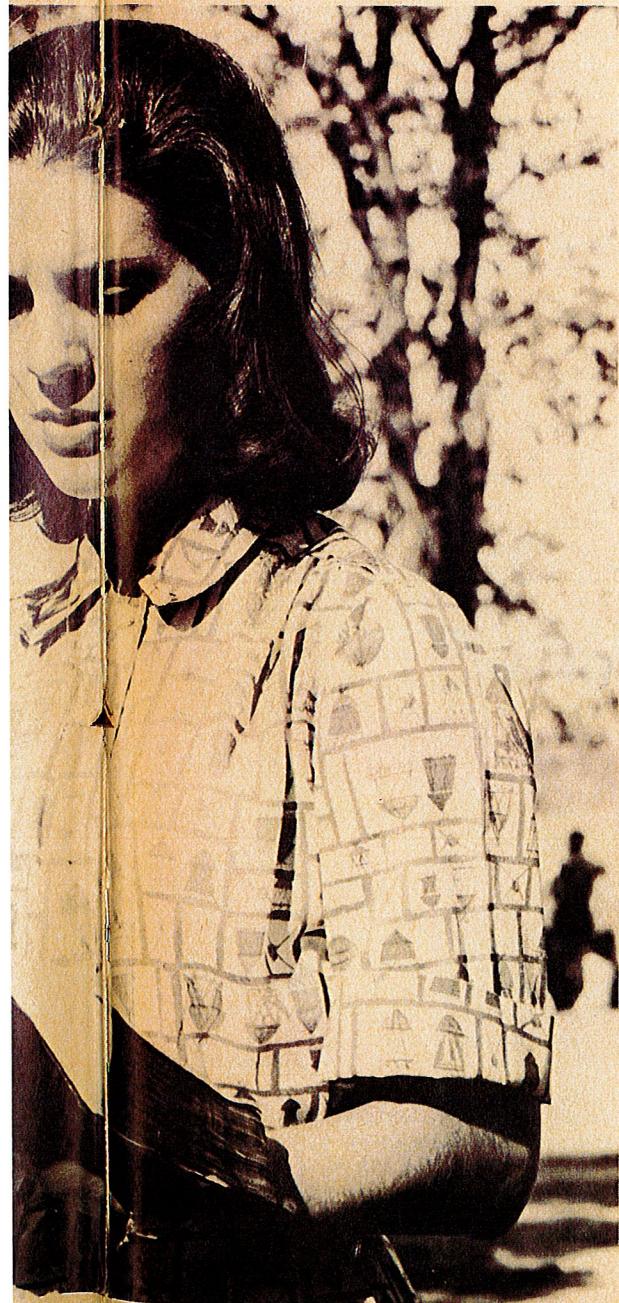
the hospital, when many heard the gospel who would not have attended a preaching service under different circumstances.

"I was impressed with the laymen who worked in the hospital, and were eager to preach and witness. After having worked here and seen missions in this country, my view of missions and my call to missions have been more solidified."

The medical staff and others at Sanyati agreed, "We want them back, if that is God's will!"

When the WMU presented Sarah Williams with a gift of material for a WMU uniform, they explained, "This is so you will have one ready to wear as soon as you return."

Miss Roebuck teaches a Sunday School class.



## 'People Are the Purpose'

*Each summer a carefully selected group of Baptist college students go to foreign mission fields to serve for eight to ten weeks. This summer missionary program is sponsored jointly by state Baptist Student Union groups and the Foreign Mission Board. Last summer, 75 students scattered to 23 countries. Among them were those told about on these pages.*

Two sisters, Judith and Joyce Harrop, served as summer missionaries this year, but in different fields.

Judith, 20, a student at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, worked in a Baptist camp at Petah Tiqva, Israel. Joyce, 19, a student at California Baptist College, Riverside, went to the African nation of Malawi. (Their father is a professor at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.)

The work in Israel put Judith, with 12 other summer missionaries, in a "miniature Middle East." Jewish and Arabic children had come to the Baptist camp to learn to speak English. Their interest in Jesus Christ was almost nonexistent.

Besides English classes, the camp had chapel services and swimming lessons. Teaching swimming was part of Judith's job.

"The thing that really stands out in my mind is the kids themselves," said Judith. "At first they were reserved and withdrawn. Then when they got to know us, their curiosity increased, and they began seriously to ask questions about God."

Children of missionaries were glad to see the summer workers. "They go so long without getting to talk to a large group of American Christian young people that they often get discouraged," commented Judith. "Perhaps our greatest ministry was to their morale."

In Malawi, Joyce faced the frustration of having to express meanings through an interpreter.

"It is so hard to try to convey your

compassion, concern, and love for people through a third person," she observed.

She and another female summer student missionary traveled through the Malawi countryside to conduct Bible schools, young people's services, and women's classes.

"My biggest surprise," related Joyce, "was realizing the African's view of America. They view America as the 'dark continent,' and often would pray for America and its people in their public prayers."

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"The people I saw impressed me more than anything else," reported Mike Wilson, a student at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., after a summer in Kenya, in East Africa.

He worked eight weeks with Baptist pastors in the area of Nyeri, Kenya. Speaking and preaching in settings varying from schools to open markets, Wilson drove more than 6,000 miles during his stay.

The task of navigating a "land cruiser" over Kenya's rough dirt roads and operating movie projectors run by a gas-powered generator proved worthwhile, stated the student. Attendance at the nightly programs ranged from 500 to 3,000.

"Africans are open and responsive people," declared Wilson. "They went out of their way to be friendly."

He lived only 20 miles from Mt. Kenya, "but I never saw it," said Wilson. In the summer the mountain is visible for 150 miles, but Wilson was there in winter when fog envelops the peak. He hopes to see it someday.

"Being in Africa led me to appreciate America more," he observed. "It also helped me to understand people better. I feel I have found my goal." He wants to return to Africa as a missionary journeyman.

"Africa is a fascinating place," he concluded, "but the people are the purpose of going there."

## Vietnam View

One impression of Vietnam is that it offers one of the greatest opportunities for our Lord. Prospects are everywhere.

While I was seeing about reopening the program at the Baptist Center in Nhatrang, one man came in and said he had been waiting since the Tet offensive for us to reopen. Of course, his motive is to learn English. I told him that I was a Christian missionary and would be teaching English and Bible. He left his name and address and wants to enrol.

One evening four soldiers drove up to the house, since one needed to consult Missionary Walter A. Routh, Jr. I talked to the other three about their relation to Christ.

"This is the first time I have ever thought about it," said one. "I just want to live long enough to go home." I explained how Christ could give them life, hope, and peace here. They took my New Testament and agreed to return.

That evening I stood in front of the movie theater, and within three minutes a crowd of 30 to 40 Vietnamese had gathered. I would point to my shirt or belt, they would tell me the Vietnamese word, and I would say the English word. If only I knew the language well enough to tell them about Christ!

My second impression concerns missionaries. We need more. I will be the only Baptist missionary in Nhatrang, a city of 100,000, and I can't even speak Vietnamese. My supervisor, Walter Routh, is in Bengnol, a village of 45,000, where he is the only Baptist witness.

We are not living under the dangers CBS and NBC would have you think. We are well protected and safe, and there is no need to put us missionaries on a pedestal above any follower of Christ.

A third impression is that the social needs are great. South Vietnam is a land of farming, not industry. People are restless and want to advance as a nation.

**T. Wade Akins, Missionary Journeyman  
Nhatrang, Vietnam**



## EPISTLES

From Today's Apostles  
Around the World

### Carnation on a Casket

"I place this white carnation on the casket at the request of a friend who wishes to recognize Andrés for the part he had in his becoming a Christian," said the pastor.



Then he led in prayer before the little, white wooden casket was lowered into the shallow grave. The crowd watched in tearful solemnity as the workman covered it with the desert sand and stone.

The saddened father and mother, with moistened eyes, turned to leave.

Andrés (Andrew) was only nine years old. He had a Christian home and attended the Baptist church. He had made a profession of faith in Christ but had not been baptized.

Scarcely a year ago he had entered the hospital for an emergency operation. The surgeon found several malignant tumors of advanced proportions. It was a miracle that he lived at all, but he recuperated to attend school again.

While he was in the hospital, near him lay Pedro (Peter), a prisoner, and Andrés made friends with him. The pastor visited Andrés, and laymen came to express their concern. All were introduced to Pedro.

As one of the laymen talked with him one night, Pedro made his commitment to Christ. Released from the hospital, Pedro returned to prison, where the pastor and a layman continued to visit him.

"Pedro used to be the meanest prisoner in the penitentiary," remarked the prison director recently, "but now he is the most well behaved."

Pedro studies his Bible each day and has influenced other prisoners. Now more

of them are requesting a visit from the pastor, for that is the only method by which anyone is allowed entrance.

"It is amazing," said the director not long ago, "how these prisoners have changed since Pastor Klink has been visiting them. He comes and counsels with them for hours, and he receives no pay. The priest is the paid chaplain, but he comes only for mass and does not remain to counsel them as we have requested. What is the difference?"

As we stood by the open grave of Andrés and saw the little casket with the white carnation on it being lowered to its resting place, we thought, ". . . and a little child shall lead them."

Pedro had experienced new life because Andrés was losing his. Because of Andrés many others will follow Christ.

**Marion T. Lineberger, Sr.**  
Neuquen, Argentina

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### Visits at Dusk

In Vietnam, a good time to visit is just after the evening meal. At dusk there is a congenial atmosphere, as the children play and the father and mother relax with their cups of hot tea after the filling meal of rice and green vegetables.

The children rush around as our Volkswagen bus pulls to a stop at sunset. They follow us to the house, where it seems so natural to sit with our Vietnamese friends after a hot, busy day, and to discuss the truths found in Scripture and experienced in Christ.

One night Mr. Rang asked if the black-skinned Americans lived far from the white-skinned ones. It had been his experience that the black-skinned Americans in Vietnam were friendlier to him.

Mr. Tang had been in a serious accident and was out of work for two weeks. His experience led to discussion of Christian responsibility toward those in need.

The Nghi family has a new baby boy, and we visited them to share their joy. Their two-room house is small for a family with six children. The floor is dirt, and the three beds, a few dishes, and a radio are the extent of their furnishings, but the careful carpentry work of the father shows a silent pride in his family and respect for himself.

**Walter A. Routh, Jr.**  
Khu Camranh, Vietnam



In Salisbury, Rhodesia, members of the MKGA—the Girl's Auxiliary made up of MK's (missionary's children)—work on a quilt for an African pastor's child. Shown quilting are Kay Jones, Janet Harvey, and Beth Shaw. The 16 members of the MKGA of Rhodesia live throughout the country. They meet during annual Mission meeting and at two or three other times during the year.

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## Choir Goes Caroling

When caroling was first suggested to the choir of *Igreja Batista da Floresta*, at Pôrto Alegre, the members were willing to go along with me as their new choir director, although none had tried caroling. Now when we begin preparing Christmas music, everyone wants to know when we will have our *serenata*.



Last December, when we went caroling for our third year, the choir sang first in front of the Baptist Book Store. Some members of the Assembly of God church, located near the store, heard the group and immediately invited us to the recording studio at their church to record some hymns for their Sunday radio program. The choir obliged.

Next stop was a popular *praça* (park), where many people sat in conversation, and others were shopping nearby. A sizable crowd gathered to hear the Christmas hymns and applauded when we had finished. Helmuth Matschulat, pastor of the church, handed out tracts while we sang.

We then visited the home of one of the church's oldest members, an 80-year-old woman who is blind. After singing, some wished her "Merry Christmas" in Portuguese, others in German, others in Letonian, and some could have spoken it in English, although she would not have understood. How thrilling to see many people with different language backgrounds united in singing of the Lord's birth.

**Gene O. Wilson**  
Pôrto Alegre,  
Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

## Beginnings in Botswana

Well into language study, we are pleased with our teachers. Both are professing Christians and teach in the local African school.

Already we have observed some evident needs in Botswana:

**Educational:** Hundreds of African children are not in school because there is no room for them in the few schools that exist.

**Medical:** Though there is a hospital in Francistown, it is understaffed, and there is a shortage of doctors throughout the country. At present there is not a dentist in the entire country, which has more than 500,000 population.

**Agricultural:** Much of the country is desert; there is a considerable portion of the land which could be developed, but has not been. There is a good supply of river water in the northern part of the country.

**Evangelistic:** There is much form of



## INTERNATIONAL RECIPES

### Piccata

(From Italian Switzerland)

10 thin slices of veal (cut as for veal scallopini)  
2 eggs  
2 tablespoons milk or water  
1/2 cup grated Swiss cheese  
lemon juice  
salt and pepper  
1 tablespoon flour

Beat the veal slices and sprinkle with lemon juice; turn in flour; season. Mix the eggs with milk; season and turn floured slices in this mixture. Turn slices next in grated cheese. Fry slowly in oil or butter until golden brown.

Arrange piccata around edges of large platter of buttered noodles. Add sautéed mushrooms if you like.

—**Mrs. John D. Hughey**, former missionary to Switzerland

(Readers are invited to share recipes for specialty dishes from any overseas country where Southern Baptist missionaries serve.)

## Gospel Shared on Telecast

At a recent three-day institute in Mérida, Yucatán, all of those who work with churches, except one person, attended from that association. Several laymen came also. Nine years ago this association had only one church, but now there are 12 churches and many missions. Two missions were due to be organized into churches this year.

Not long ago, a young pastor, Miguel Angel Diáz, through persistent prayer and determined efforts was able to have a television interview that lasted for more than 40 minutes.

It was my privilege to participate in this interview. We were able to present Christ clearly and positively as the only hope of lost men. This time cost us nothing, and we received an invitation to present another such program.

Long we have prayed for open doors to present the gospel of Christ openly to the masses. However, my heart is sad because, now that these doors are so wide open, lack of funds limits us in entering and literally covering Mexico with the knowledge of Jesus Christ through radio, television, the press, and by personal testimony with enough literature.

If funds were available now, we could make a tremendous impact on the lost people of this nation.

**Ervin E. Haste**, Mexico, D.F., Mexico

## No Such Place

**Karen**, our youngest child, is sometimes teased by her older brother and sister about not remembering America. Her sister Leann told Karen to imagine going to town and seeing only Americans, not seeing bicycles and pedicabs, and being able to understand what people were saying.

Karen thought for a minute and replied, "Oh, Leann, there isn't such a place."

One of our greatest thrills on furlough will be to introduce Karen to America.—**Dorris** (Mrs. F. Lee, Jr.) **Robinson**, Taichung, Taiwan

# MISSIONARY

# FAMILY ALBUM

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### TRANSFERS

HUGHES, Rev. & Mrs. R. Brown, *N. Brazil* to *Trinidad*, Oct. 9.  
 McMURRAY, Mary Jo (Mrs. J. D.) *Uruguay* to *Bap. Spanish Pub. House*, Oct. 9.  
 SMITH, Rev. Shelby A., *Ecuador* to *Trinidad*, Oct. 9.

### RETIREMENTS

SANDERS, Eva M. (*Nigeria*), Nov. 1.

### RESIGNATIONS

CLINCKScales, Rev. & Mrs. Thomas N., *S. Brazil*, July 31 (3525 Main Rd., Tiverton, R.I. 02878).  
 FLEWELLEN, Rev. & Mrs. Sidney R., *Nigeria*, Oct. 1 (5503 Mildred Ave., Alexandria, La. 71301).

### ASSIGNMENTS TERMINATED

MAHER, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert (assoc.), *Philippines*, Sept. 30 (228 Nottingham, San Antonio, Tex. 78209).  
 POU, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph C. (assoc.), *Liberia*, Oct. 1 (Rt. 4, Saluda, S.C. 29138).

### BIRTHS and ADOPTIONS

ANDERSON, Suzanne René, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Justice C. Anderson (*Argentina*), Oct. 25.  
 BECKETT, Rachel Claire, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. (Dr.) Charles A. Beckett (*Pakistan*), Oct. 12.  
 FLEET, Patricia Colleen, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Ray T. Fleet (*N. Brazil*), Oct. 2.  
 GRIGGS, Phillip Joseph, son of Rev. & Mrs. John P. Griggs (*Rhodesia*), Oct. 21.  
 HAMPTON, Ronald Scott, son of Rev. & Mrs. James E. Hampton (*Tanzania*), Oct. 2.  
 MORRIS, Marilyn Ruth, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Russell A. Morris (*Singapore*), Oct. 17.  
 NORWOOD, Doris Gale, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles G. Norwood (appointed for the *Philippines*), July 19.  
 PATTON, Jesse Benjamin, son of Rev. & Mrs. Glenn Patton (*Lebanon*), Sept. 28.

### DEATHS

BAKER, Mattie A. (emeritus, *Brazil*), Oct. 24, Nichols, S.C.  
 COATS, Graham C., Sr., father of Marie (Mrs. Cecil F.) Roberson (*Nigeria*), Oct. 30, Meridian, Miss.  
 LESUEUR, Allie (Mrs. D. H.) (emeritus, *Mexico*), Oct. 14, San Benito, Tex.  
 MOORE, Dr. W. Dewey (emeritus, *Italy*), father of Marylu Moore (*Italy*), Nov. 5, Thalwil, Switzerland.  
 POWELL, Mrs. E. B., Sr., mother of Grace (Mrs. H. Jerold, Jr.) Palmer (*Nigeria*), Oct. 31, Newport News, Va.  
 SLAUGHTER, Willie, father of Josie (Mrs. Thomas E. Ratcliff (*Dominican Rep.*)), Oct. 7, Karnack, Tex.  
 TYNER, Grover F., Sr., father of Dr. Grover F. Tyner, Jr. (*Philippines*), Oct. 17.  
 VERNER, Walter Edward, father of Rev. W. Eugene

Verner (*Ghana*), Oct. 13, Farwell, Tex.  
 WILLIAMSON, Mike D., father of Ruby (Mrs. Robert D.) Williams (*Nigeria*), Oct. 8, Columbia, Miss.

### MARRIAGES

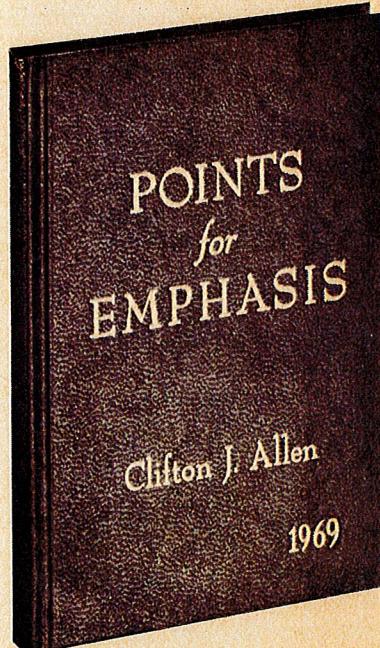
LAWHON, Anna Charlene, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Charles H. Lawhon, Sr. (*Philippines*), to Donald LaVern Carmer II, Aug. 17.

### Religious Education Study Held

An all-day study of religious education by Baptists of Costa Rica was held recently in San José, Costa Rica.

Attending the study, called the National Religious Education Congress, were 51 Sunday School teachers, 18 pastors, missionaries, and other church members. Eleven churches were represented.

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THE COMMISSION

## Former Missionary Dies

Dr. Sanford Emmett Ayers, a former Southern Baptist missionary to China, died Oct. 25 in Houston, Tex., following surgery. He was 68.

A medical doctor, he was appointed a missionary in 1921. In China he was principal of Pingtu Christian Institute, acting superintendent of Hwanghsien Baptist Hospital, and superintendent of Chengchow Baptist Hospital. He also served the Foreign Mission Board as medical adviser for China for two years.

Born in Anniston, Ala., of missionary parents, Ayers was educated in China, France, and the United States. He taught and practiced medicine in the U.S. before going as a missionary.

He and Mrs. Ayers resigned from missionary service in 1955. They have been living in Winter Garden, Fla. Ayers is survived by his wife, a son, and a daughter.

## Rhea To Plan for Music

Claude H. Rhea, Jr., Foreign Mission Board consultant in church music and mass communications, has been named coordinator of music features for the 12th Baptist World Congress in Tokyo, Japan, in 1970.

His appointment was announced by Mrs. R. L. Mathis, chairman of the Congress program committee. She said Rhea will seek the widest possible representation of international music, giving particular attention to groups from Asian countries and to music that has been developed by Oriental Christians.

An attendance of 10,000 from some 70 to 80 countries is expected at the Congress set for July 12-18, 1970. Registration forms will be ready for distribution on request after Jan. 1, 1969.

## O'Brien Vocal Album Released

A long-playing album of singing by William R. O'Brien, missionary to Indonesia, has just been released by Word Records. Entitled "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," the album is now available through Baptist Book Stores.

O'Brien works among students in Jogjakarta, location of Indonesia's largest university. He has experimented with Javanese ballet as a form of Christian art. Two ballets based on Scripture have been presented in the Baptist student center in Jogjakarta.

## McElrath Hymn Places Second

William N. McElrath, missionary to Indonesia, was awarded second place in the 1968 Southern Baptist Hymn Writing Competition for his hymn, "O Son of Man, Who Walked Man's Way."

First place winner was G. Temp Sparkman, minister of education at a Louisville, Ky., church. There were 600 entries in the biennial contest.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS QUIZ

The Overseas Division was one of three divisions created in this year's restructuring of the Foreign Mission Board's administrative organization at home offices in Richmond, Va. This division includes the division director, the secretary of each of the six geographical areas into which the Board divides its mission fields, and the three Board consultants.

To better acquaint readers with these men, their portraits are presented here. Many readers will recognize some of them because of having heard them speak in their churches, at a convention, at a missions conference, or at some other gathering.

How many can you identify? Below are listed name, current title, most recent work before coming to the Board's headquarters staff, and the year each joined the staff in Richmond. Match the letter under each photo with the proper number on the list. Answers on page 32.

- 1. Winston Crawley, director, Overseas Division. (Former secretary for the Orient area; former missionary to China and the Philippines; joined Richmond staff in 1954.)
- 2. Frank K. Means, secretary for South America area. (Former secretary for Latin America area; former seminary missions professor; 1947.)
- 3. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa area. (Former seminary missions professor; 1957.)
- 4. John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East area. (Former missionary in Spain and Switzerland; 1964.)
- 5. Charles W. Bryan, secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean. (Former missionary to Costa Rica and Peru, and field representative, Central Field, Latin America area; 1968.)
- 6. R. Keith Parks, secretary for Southeast Asia area. (Former missionary to Indonesia; 1968.)
- 7. James D. Belote, secretary for East Asia area. (Former missionary to Hawaii, China, and Hong Kong; 1968.)
- 8. Franklin T. Fowler, Medical Consultant. (Former missionary to Paraguay and Mexico; 1961.)
- 9. Joseph B. Underwood, Consultant in Evangelism and Church Development. (Former missionary to Brazil; former state convention secretary of evangelism; 1961.)
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Apology Offered for Past (n).....	11-30	Everyone Helps, by Alma H. Rohm (e).....	4-30	Mission Study Looks South (br).....	5-32
Book Translated into Japanese (n).....	11-32	Nigerian Killed in Accident (n).....	4-31	A New Day for Missions, by James D. Crane (e).....	6-9
Japan Favors Asian Fields (n).....	12-31	Retired Couples To Assist (n).....	5-25	Foreign Missions Quiz.....	10-25
<b>JORDAN</b>		Former Missionaries' Child Dies (n).....	5-25	The Church in the Street, by Johnni Johnson (e).....	11-10
MK in Concert, by Jeannine Willmon (e).....	1-4	Midwestern Names Professors (n).....	5-25	Enthusiasm Seen (n).....	11-32
Postwar City, by Frances Anderson Fuller (e).....	3-18	In Memoriam: Loy Connell Smith (n).....	5-22	A New Mood in Missions, by Jim Newton and Floyd Craig (e).....	12-II
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# LETTERS

Cover Girl

My wife and I always enjoy receiving THE COMMISSION, but we were especially pleased to receive the October issue when we saw the cover picture of an attractive young lady, Alyce Jones. We had the privilege of having her in our home when she served as a summer missionary on the Eastern Shore of Maryland last year.

We found her to be a charming and intelligent girl. If she is representative of the calibre of young people being used in the Missionary Journeyman Program, then we have no doubt that the program will be successful for years to come.

Richard L. Markley, Pastor  
Greensboro, Maryland

I recently read the October issue of your magazine. I was very much impressed with the missionary journeyman part. Since I hope to be one in a few years, I read this article with great enthusiasm. I also read last year's **THE COMMISSION** on the missionary journeymen.

Jan Howell

## West Columbia, South Carolina

We received the October THE COMMISSION yesterday. It is wonderful! I am publications chairman under the WMU Mission Study Plan. . . . I will try to secure subscriptions for THE COMMISSION.

OMMISSION.  
Mrs. Luther V. High, Jr.  
Exmore, Virginia

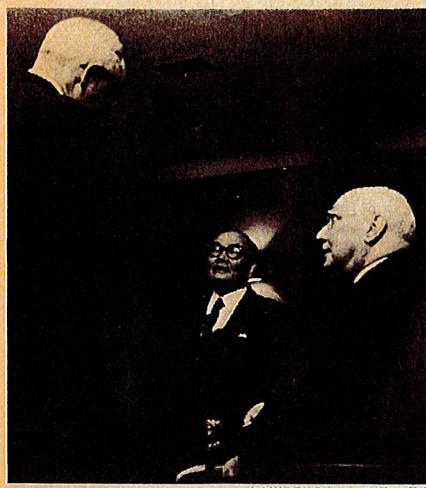
## Encouragement at Home

The Voice of America broadcast is our lifeline to the rest of the world in Nigeria. The news of the shooting of Martin Luther King quickly spread throughout Nigeria, followed by a special day of programs in memoriam on VOA. It took awhile for us to accept the awful truth.

When the Nigerians asked how such a thing could happen in a Christian country, we could only offer the lame excuse that a small minority can spread hate and violence. Our explanation became even less convincing when Kennedy was assassinated a few weeks later. How our hearts were torn for our beloved America.

At home on furlough we've been thrilled to see the many integrated churches in California. Hardly a week passes that our state paper doesn't show pictures of inter-racial cooperation. If the many foreign students who are studying in the U.S. got included in such Christian fellowship, what ambassadors of good will they could be.

Mrs. Ray Lindholm  
(Missionary on furlough from Nigeria)  
San Luis Obispo, California



LAWRENCE R. SNEEDEN

### Visitor from Hong Kong

Dr. Lam Chi Fung (center), prominent Hong Kong Baptist layman and president of Hong Kong Baptist College, talks to Baker J. Cauthen (left), Foreign Mission Board executive secretary, and L. Howard Jenkins, a longtime friend and FMB president emeritus and financial adviser, during a visit to Board offices, Richmond, Va. Lam had come to the U.S. for eye surgery and reunion with family members and friends. His primary concern now is growth of facilities at the college, largest Christian college in Hong Kong. In 12 years it has grown from 143 students to about 2,300; it seeks enlargement to accommodate up to 3,000.

### Bombed Church Baptizes

The Baptist church in Irbid, Jordan, which has survived two severe bombings within a recent four-month period, baptized five young men into its fellowship in late September.

One of the men testified to the church before his baptism that he did not hear the gospel message until a missionary came to his village and preached. From that time on he was not satisfied until he had accepted Christ.

Three of the five young men were to leave three days later to study in a Baptist academy in the United States, "most likely never to return to troubled Jordan," said Missionary Paul S. C. Smith.

"After reviewing the list of church members who had gone to the States, the pastor said it seems the church is baptizing people to send to America. He added that perhaps they can be missionaries there where there is also need."

The Jordan Baptist Mission has voted to give the church money to build a bomb shelter.

## World Growth Rate: 180,000 Daily

The world grew at a rate of 180,000 people a day last year, according to the new *United Nations Demographic Yearbook*. The 65 million increase brought world population to 3,420,000,000 by mid-1967.

If the present rate of 1.9 percent population growth continues, the total will double by the year 2,006, the report added.

Among other facts revealed:

—In the period from mid-1966 to mid-1967, 19 percent of all people lived in cities of 100,000 or over. (More than half of the population of North America lives in cities of at least 100,000 people.)

—Three quarters of mankind live in developing regions, and more than half of the total in Asia.

—Tokyo has remained the most populated city of the world with 8,907,000 inhabitants in 1966, followed by New

York with 7,969,000 for the same year. Next came Shanghai and Moscow.

—The population of Mainland China was estimated at 720 million and was increasing by 1.4 percent annually.

—The annual rate of population increase between 1963 and 1967 was 2.5 percent in Africa; 2 percent in Asia; 0.8 percent in Europe; 2.9 percent in Latin America; 1.3 percent in North America; and 1.2 percent in the Soviet Union. The highest figure was 3.5 percent, reported from Central America.

## U.A.R. Now Field

The first missionaries assigned to the United Arab Republic (Egypt) by Southern Baptists, the W. O. Herns, are to move there within the next few weeks. The Egyptian government has granted them a residence permit and a work permit for Hern as a "Bible teacher and specialist in Baptist affairs."

The Foreign Mission Board in November transferred the Herns from Jordan to the U.A.R., effective Jan. 1.

"In 1955 the Foreign Mission Board assumed financial responsibility for work being done in Egypt by Rev. Seddik Girgis, an Egyptian who studied at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Ft. Worth, Tex.)," John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, told the Board.

"Annual appropriations for current expenses have continued through the years, and several appropriations have been made for buildings," Hughey added. The 1969 FMB budget includes \$17,500 for Baptist work in the U.A.R.

"Eight Baptist churches and mission stations have been established in Egypt, with a total of about 200 members," Hughey continued. "Six other pastors are associated with Mr. Girgis. Missionaries from other Arab countries have served as mission treasurers for Egypt and have made periodic visits to counsel with the pastors, conduct conferences, and preach. Mr. Hern has held this responsibility since the summer of 1967 and for several years previously."

The U.A.R., with about 30 million people, has the largest population of all the Arab countries, Hughey noted. "It is a Muslim country, but Christianity is known there and respected by many people."

It becomes the 69th country or political entity to which Southern Baptist missionary personnel are assigned.

## Emperor of Ethiopia Grants Interview

An interview with Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia was granted to H. Cornell Goerner, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Africa, and members of the Baptist Mission of Ethiopia in mid-October.

With Goerner for the meeting with the Emperor in the palace of former Emperor Menelik II in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, were Missionaries William E. Lewis, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. John R. Cheyne, and Dr. and Mrs. Samuel R. J. Cannata, Jr.

Goerner expressed appreciation to the Emperor for the permission granted the Foreign Mission Board to begin a mission program in Ethiopia. Goerner explained some of the features of the community development program being started in the Menz district, about 100 miles north of Addis Ababa.

He pointed out that the program would

include community health centers, vocational training at homecraft centers, literacy education, agricultural projects, and Bible teaching.

The Emperor expressed appreciation for what Southern Baptists have done in the district and gratitude for what is planned. He assured support of the government and predicted that the people of Menz district would be responsive.

## Gaza Class Largest

The largest class ever to finish the first year of study at the hospital's nursing school received their caps in a ceremony at Baptist Hospital in Gaza recently.

The class—nine men and ten women—is also distinctive in that, with one exception, a young man from Nazareth, the students are Palestinians from Gaza, reported Mrs. Merrill D. Moore, Jr., missionary in Gaza.

Formerly the nursing classes were made up of Egyptian and Lebanese young people along with some from Gaza. The Middle East war in 1967 changed that. Gaza came under Israeli control, and students from Egypt and Lebanon could no longer come to Gaza. Likewise, young people graduating from secondary school in Gaza can no longer attain higher education in Cairo.

Thus "there are many more applicants for the various training programs of the hospital, particularly nursing, than can be accepted," reported Mrs. Moore.

## Author Credits Lindsey

In a book on Jesus published by an Orthodox Jewish professor of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the author expresses indebtedness to the work of Robert L. Lindsey, veteran Southern Baptist missionary in Israel.

Lindsey, during years of research on a translation of the New Testament into Hebrew, came to the conviction that the sources of the Greek Gospels include a long story about Jesus written in Hebrew, perhaps by Matthew, as early Christian tradition indicates.

The Orthodox writer, Professor David Flusser, an expert on the Dead Sea Scrolls and Christian origins, in his book insists that Lindsey's theory of a Hebrew origin for the basic Gospel materials is correct.

The writer also credits Lindsey with having provided him with the first "really useful" clue to the interdependence of the Gospels. Lindsey holds that Mark's Gospel is an abridged paraphrase of the work of an author who knew the writings of Luke and the early letters of Paul.

"Lindsey's discoveries," says Flusser, "open roads to a far more positive portrayal of the figure of Jesus than most students and theologians hold today."

## Convention Organized

A national convention was organized by Baptists of the Dominican Republic at a meeting in Santo Domingo in October. Related to the new convention are four organized churches and three missions in two of the country's largest cities, Santo Domingo and Santiago.

Dr. Augustin Cornelio, lay preacher and medical doctor (who works in two Baptist medical clinics in Santo Domingo) was elected convention president.

The group also held a conference in preparation for the Crusade of the Americas next year.

## Group Creates New Office

The English-language European Baptist Convention has voted to have a general secretary, and asked William J. Guess, Southern Baptist missionary associate living in Frankfurt, Germany, to take the position.

The Convention also voted to try to provide more money to Baptist projects in various European countries. The Convention has affiliated churches in West Germany, Spain, Italy, Belgium, France, and England; most members are U.S. armed forces personnel and families.

## Crusade Preparation

The first international congress of Baptist leaders in the southern South America region of the Crusade of the Americas organization was attended in Mendoza, Argentina, by more than 600 pastors, deacons, other church officers, seminary students, and missionaries in October.

In addition to the leaders, 1,000 Baptists attended, for a total of about 1,800 in evening sessions. They came from Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, and from across Argentina (the countries of the region), and from Brazil and the U.S.

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Taking part in a rally at a city park in mid-October were more than 2,000 members of Sunday Schools in 80 Baptist churches in greater Buenos Aires, Argentina. They also formed a 15-block-long parade.

Held with permission and assistance from the city, the activities were to dramatize the participants' faith in Christ, to promote simultaneous evangelistic meetings in Buenos Aires in late October, and to publicize the Crusade of the Americas.

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Honduran Baptists' first laymen's retreat drew 90 adults and eight children to Camp Bagope, on Lake Yojoa. They came to better prepare themselves for participation in the Crusade of the Americas.

A crowded program included studies on witnessing, Baptist doctrine, and stewardship of life.

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## NEWS

### Japan Favors Asian Fields

Eleven new churches were recognized by the Japan Baptist Convention at its 22nd annual meeting. Some of them had been missions as long as ten years.

Reports indicated that the 268 churches and missions related to the Convention now have a membership of slightly more than 20,000.

The Convention, which has a missionary couple under appointment to Brazil, heard a member of its foreign evangelism committee say, "To repent of our war activities we must go to the countries of southeast Asia." And the Convention did look with favor on sending missionaries to some of these countries.

More than 300 persons attended the sessions. At least one of them, Pastor Mugino, of Kagoshima, has been present at every meeting of the Convention.

### Famine Relief Funds Voted

An additional appropriation of \$10,000 was voted by the Foreign Mission Board in November for famine relief in Nigeria and in the eastern secessionist region that calls itself "Biafra." Also, the Baptist World Alliance has made \$5,000 available for this need through the Foreign Mission Board.

The Board in September appropriated \$20,000 for relief of human suffering in Nigeria and in its eastern region. At that time, H. Cornell Goerner, FMB secretary for Africa, stated that the Board, in distributing relief funds, will continue its position of strict neutrality on political issues in the Nigerian civil war and noninvolvement in civil strife.

In answer to inquiries about how to make gifts for relief in that area, Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen said money can be sent through the Foreign Mission Board.

### Relief Workers Shot to Death

Four relief workers, including a British missionary couple, were shot and killed in the aftermath of military action in Okigwi, in the secessionist eastern region of Nigeria, in early October. Two other relief workers were wounded, the Religious News Service report added.

The couple, Tarka Savory and his wife Marjorie, were members of the Church Missionary Society of Britain.

### Two Ambushed in New Guinea

Two missionaries of the Regions Beyond Missions Union were killed by New Guinea nationals in late September, a spokesman for the missions group reported in Melbourne, Australia.

According to sketchy details available, Phil Masters, 50, of Iowa, and Stanley Dale, 52, of Tasmania, were ambushed in a remote area of West Irian. They were exploring to find a suitable site for setting up an airstrip near Koruppan Mission.

## IN MEMORIAM

### William Dewey Moore

Born Statesville, North Carolina, July 14, 1898

Died Thalwil, Switzerland, November 5, 1968



**A** PIONEER Southern Baptist missionary to Italy, W. Dewey Moore died Nov. 5 at the age of 70 in Thalwil, Switzerland. He and Mrs. Moore had retired Aug. 1 after 31 years of missionary service and were visiting a daughter, Mrs. Saverio Guarna, prior to returning to the States.

Another daughter, Miss Maryln Moore, is a missionary in Rome, Italy. Other survivors, besides Mrs. Moore, include another daughter, Mrs. George Freeland, of Alexandria, Ky., and a son, William Dewey Moore, Jr., of Rome.

A North Carolinian, Moore received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest (N.C.) College, now located in Winston-Salem, N.C., and the Master of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Before going overseas he was pastor of Anacostia Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., for six years.

During the 1967 meeting of the Italian Baptist Union, Dr. and Mrs. Moore were honored for their "dedication and sacrifice." Treasurer of the Italian Baptist Mission for many years, Moore had devoted full time since 1966 as pastor of Centocelle Baptist Church, in suburban Rome. Begun under his leadership in 1954, the church sponsors a community service program, with kindergarten and afternoon and weekend activities. It shares facilities with the Italian Baptist children's home and old people's home, which Mrs. Moore directed.

In addition to duties as Mission treasurer, Moore did relief work in Italy after World War II, and taught in the Armstrong Memorial Training School, Rome, for several years after its opening in 1950.

### Mattie Alida Baker

Born Nichols, South Carolina, February 7, 1891

Died Nichols, South Carolina, October 24, 1968



**A** N EMERITUS missionary, Miss Mattie A. Baker, who served in South Brazil 36 years before her retirement in 1959, died Oct. 24 in Nichols, S.C., where she made her home. She was 77.

Miss Baker, a native of Nichols, was a graduate of Coker College, Hartsville, S.C., Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now merged with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.), and George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn. She taught school in South Carolina and Virginia before going to Brazil.

Appointed in 1923, she taught English in Brazilian Baptist College, São Paulo, and organized the college's Young Woman's Auxiliary. She also assisted the work of Baptist churches and of the Woman's Missionary Union in São Paulo.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Osceola Baker and Mrs. A. W. Ayres, and a brother, O. E. Baker, all of Nichols. A sister-in-law, Mrs. C. A. Baker, Greenville, S.C., is also an emeritus missionary who served with her late husband in South Brazil.

### Allie Roberts LeSueur

Born San Saba, Texas, December 6, 1876

Died San Benito, Texas, October 14, 1968



**M**RS. Allie Roberts LeSueur, emeritus missionary to Mexico, died Oct. 14 in San Benito, Tex., where she made her home. She was 91. Her death followed a long illness.

Before retirement in 1935, she and her late husband, David H. LeSueur, were missionaries to Mexico for 32 years. He died in 1957.

Mrs. LeSueur, a native of San Saba, Tex., graduated from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex. She taught school before she and her husband were appointed missionaries in 1903. She also taught in Mexico. She supervised dormitories in schools in Torreón and Chihuahua for 23 years.

Mrs. LeSueur is survived by five daughters: Mrs. E. L. Vance, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mrs. Wilbur McCaig, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Mrs. S. R. McClung, Jr., San Benito; Mrs. Glen B. Amyx, Dallas, Tex.; and Mrs. Robert B. Ballenger, Sebastian, Tex. (A son, David H., Jr., died in 1942.) There are 18 surviving grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

# NEWS

## Orientation To Move

The 1969-70 orientation sessions for new missionaries conducted by the Foreign Mission Board will be held at Callaway Gardens, in Georgia, according to negotiations completed Oct. 31, reported Jesse C. Fletcher, FMB mission support division director.

The Board voted in October to move from Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly, operated by the Sunday School Board, pending final negotiations. Fletcher said the decision was made after careful study of bids from Ridgecrest, Callaway Gardens, and several other potential hosts.

A number of factors were involved, explained Fletcher. "The new site features individual cottages for the missionary families rather than the dormitory-type rooms they now have at Ridgecrest. An equally important consideration was a large financial saving" to the FMB.

Climate was another factor, since families moving from a warm climate in the U.S. and bound for a tropical area must now buy clothing just for use in the North Carolina mountains.

The executive secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board and the Sunday School Board discussed the matter before the FMB took action. "We were assured that our move does not create a problem for the Sunday School Board," said Fletcher.

Callaway Gardens, owned and operated by a nonprofit foundation, is located near Warm Springs, Ga.

## Saigon Rocket Hits

All persons in the house escaped injury when a 122 mm. rocket hit the home of Missionary Robert C. Davis, Jr., and his family in Saigon, Vietnam, Oct. 31, reported James F. Humphries, missionary associate.

The Soviet-built rocket exploded in the laundry room about 25 feet from the table where the family and Missionary Journeyman Diane Hall were finishing their evening meal. The Davises' heavy teaching schedule that day had delayed the meal until 9:00 P.M.

Shrapnel flew in all directions, but there were no injuries, except minor ones to the family cat, wrote Humphries. "Damage to the main part of the house was light."

Rockets had landed near the Davis home twice previously, but this was the first direct hit on the home of a missionary in the Saigon area.

The blast occurred only minutes before the children would have been getting in their final minutes of play before bedtime, noted Humphries. He added that with the passing of each incident, Saigon missionaries more and more are learning the meaning behind the Scripture verse, "Lo, I am with you alway."



BOB HARPER

## Continental Congress

Rubens Lopes, Brazilian Baptist leader who first suggested the hemisphere-wide Crusade of the Americas, addresses the Continental Congress on Evangelism in Washington, D.C., in October. Attending the four-day congress were 1,297 representatives of nine bodies of Baptists in the U.S. and Canada; a rally on Friday night drew 2,500 persons. H. Earl Peacock, Southern Baptist missionary to South Brazil, reported that enthusiasm for the Crusade in 1969 is running high south of the U.S. border and challenged Baptists in the northern continent to match it.

## Korea Seminary Gains Support

The Korea Baptist Convention has shown its growing concern for the financial support of the Korea Baptist Theological Seminary, at Taejon, by naming a Seminary Day, on which special offerings are taken in the churches.

The Korea Woman's Missionary Union and the youth organization of the Taejon Baptist Association have set up scholarships to help needy students.

These are just some of the significant events concerning the seminary in recent months, reported Missionary H. Cloyes Starnes, in charge of the school's public relations.

The seminary now has an enrolment of 90. This year's entering class of 24 students is the largest in recent years. Part of the rapid growth in enrolment is due to the transfer of 32 students from a seminary in Inchon, formerly operated by a group of Baptist churches that

separated from the Korea Baptist Convention in 1958. The conventions united early this year and agreed to operate only the Taejon seminary.

In addition to regular courses, the seminary offers, during the long winter vacation in January and February, a special course for pastors who are older or who have not been able to attend full-time.

Since the establishment this year of an educational foundation, in compliance with Korea's private school law, the seminary has been assured of continued recognition by the government.

## Africans Pledge Stewardship

Conferences on stewardship were held by Southern Baptist missionaries and pastors of nine associations of churches in Kenya and Tanzania recently.

Joseph B. Underwood, Foreign Mission Board consultant in evangelism and church development, assisted conference leaders by presenting doctrinal studies and sharing plans that have been used in other countries to implement the practice of stewardship.

Pastors and laymen alike pledged themselves to teach and encourage stewardship in their churches. They dedicated themselves to tithing as one aspect of the stewardship of life.

Baptists of East Africa designated 1968 as a year for stewardship promotion in a twofold effort to conserve results of last year's evangelistic emphasis and to prepare for evangelistic campaigns in 1970.

## ANSWERS

See Foreign Missions Quiz, page 21.  
1. G, 2. D, 3. F, 4. A, 5. I, 6. B, 7. C, 8.  
H, 9. J, 10. E.

DO TOO MANY Christians stay together inside the security of their own church building and expect non-Christians to be attracted magnetically to them? Many of the young people in Mu Yi Church, a Chinese Baptist Church in Taipei, Taiwan, think so.

They feel that Christians should go where non-Christians are congregated and tell them about the Saviour. This earnest desire to spread the gospel has been carried out in two ways:

Each week a group goes to the outskirts of the city to conduct an open-air evangelistic meeting and distribute tracts about the Bible message. (Establishing an evangelistic team was one project of the church's Training Union.) Second,

The author (his name is Loa Bun Gi in Taiwanese) is one of the Chinese young people who took part in the Christmas Eve project. Mrs. Charles M. Conner, secretary in the Taiwan Mission office, assisted him with this article.

usually on Christmas Eve, the young people carol all night, particularly in areas where there are few other Christians.

Last year the idea occurred to some of the members that Christmas is the best time to declare the good news of a Lord who can give peace and joy to mankind.

Using their slogan, "God Loves All the People of the World," some members thought the season might be the most effective time for Christians to appeal to the hearts of non-believers, because some may be curious about the special music that is heard only at this time of year. Perhaps, it was reasoned, non-Christians would be more ready to listen to what was told them about the Babe who is worshiped and honored at Christmas time.

Someone suggested combining the Christmas Eve caroling with a presentation of the Bible story and religious films.

Plans were made, and much praying followed.

While most of the Mu Yi Church went ahead with its usual Christmas Eve program at the church, a group of about 20 young people prepared to go to a designated unchurched area and hold their own outdoor service.

The weather was damp and cold. Rain was predicted. The little band of disciples prayed for God's leadership, knowing that few would stand in the rain to listen to something about which they were unfamiliar. But they still felt God wanted them to tell about His Son, and so decided to rent a tent if needed.

While the girls shopped for candy and gifts for the children, the boys made preparations for the service. But then, as though a test of faith had been met by their determination to go ahead with plans despite the weather, at the last minute the rain stopped.

Three of the group moved through the area beating a drum to attract attention as time for the service approached. One member carried a sign publicizing the meeting, and the rest of the messengers followed to hand out appropriate tracts.

About 500 persons attended the service. Scripture was read. Carols and hymns were sung. Three motion pictures were shown depicting the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

One young man dressed as Santa Claus gave out gifts of balloons, Christmas cards, and candy. The service continued until daylight while listeners came and went all night.

The young people were tired but happy that they had shared the news of Jesus' coming to earth. The question in my mind is, "Who received the greater blessing, the giver or the receiver of the glorious truth?"

Never will another Christmas be quite as meaningful or significant for these young people as this first attempt of trying to repeat the news of Christmas much as the angels did so long ago.

By Lai Wen Yi

## CHRISTMAS EVE ON THE STREET



Left: Young people sing at Christmas Eve open-air service in Taipei, Taiwan. At right in photo is young man dressed as Santa to distribute gifts to children.

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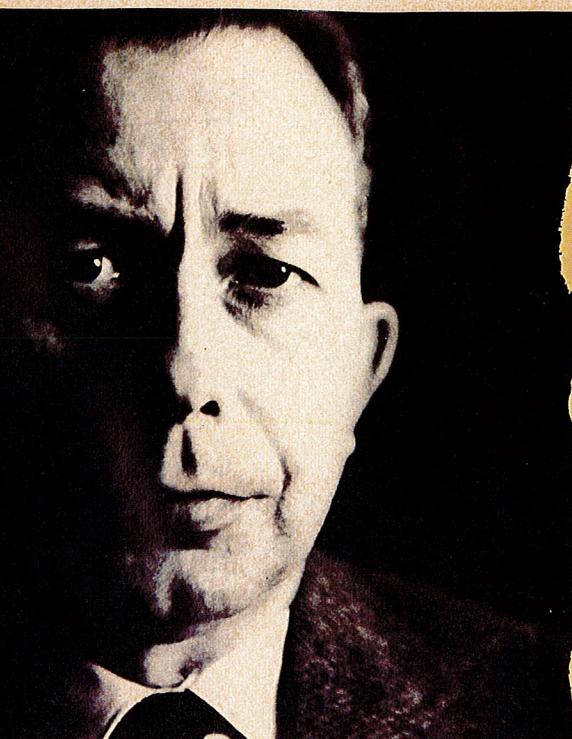
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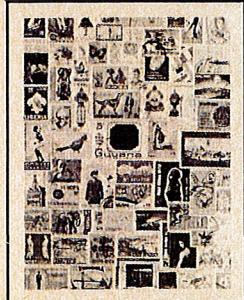
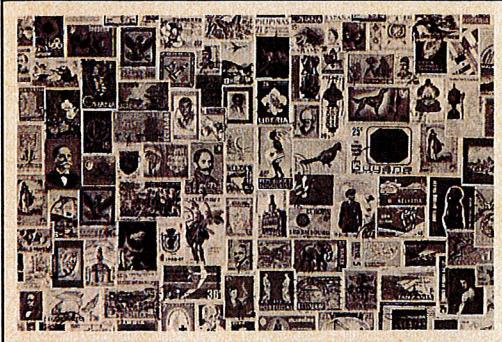
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