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# MEDICAL MISSIONS CAPSULED

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**M**EDICAL missions has been at the heart of Southern Baptist foreign mission efforts since the Convention's beginning, for a physician, J. Sexton James, and his wife were appointed in 1846 to serve in China. (His tragic death in the harbor of Hong Kong prevented his ever arriving on his chosen field.) Since this early beginning, many have followed him in this ministry of healing. There are now more than 150 medical missionaries serving around the world.

Why have Southern Baptists been willing through the years to invest so much in terms of personnel, money, and energy in this ministry?

A quick glance at the world today will overwhelm anyone with man's multiple needs: social, educational, economic, and spiritual. Let us concentrate first on physical needs.

In this day of heart transplants and miracle drugs, there still are ten million cases of leprosy, numerous outbreaks of cholera panicking whole nations, and untold millions of cases of tuberculosis, trachoma, schistosomiasis, and malaria.

John Bryant in his book, *Health and the Developing World*, tells us that in many countries up to 60 percent of all deaths occur in

children under five years of age. Diarrhea, influenza, pneumonia, malaria, tetanus, and measles are the leading causes.

To see children swollen with kwashiorkor, or a baby in the agony of tetanus convulsion, or young men with great potential who have developed leprosy, or to see a mother who has traveled many miles to bring her baby on her back to a hospital only to be told that the baby had died several hours earlier—this reveals man and his physical needs firsthand. The tragedy is that we have the vaccines, modern surgery, modern medicine, rehydration fluids, and nutritional knowledge to meet these needs, and yet the needs persist.

Read through one of the Gospels and notice how many times our Lord stopped in his busy ministry

to heal the sick. In fact, if we could erase all references to Christ's healing ministry, we would have a most incomplete Gospel and a very imperfect picture of our Master. The New Testament records 26 cases of our Lord's healing of specific individuals or groups. Seven additional cases of individual healing are attributed to the apostles, showing how closely they followed the Master's footsteps.

Thinking of Christ only as a great physician and disregarding all else in his ministry would view him in a distorted way and picture his gospel as incomplete and cruel. Truly, Christ confronts a total person, as an anatomical unit, with a physiological function in an eternal

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Gaza Baptist Hospital: Merrill D. Moore, Jr., missionary doctor, in surgery.

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context. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

Physical health, yes. Relief of suffering, yes—for only in this way can true love and concern be expressed to the suffering of this world. Leaving man here, however, is a mockery of all that is eternal, for Christ saw man in his total dimension. The uniqueness of medical missions is not that we love more than non-Christians—for many of them have great capacity for love. The uniqueness of medical missions is that it sees man in his complete, eternal dimensions and through his imperfect health points him to full and eternal life through Jesus Christ.

"As my Father hath sent me, even so I send you" (John 20:21).

The objective of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern

Christian love and as a means of witness in order that they might be brought to God through Jesus Christ."

We, his disciples, are to go and preach his gospel. We must not say to the suffering and ill, "Go in peace, be healed," without giving them things needed for the body.

Remember that when Christ was asked for proof of his messiahship by John, he pointed to the blind who were seeing, the lame who were walking, the lepers who were cleansed, the deaf who were hearing, and the poor who had the gospel preached unto them. Can we, his church, prove to the world today in any better way that we are his messengers?

Medical missions is more than a hospital in a deep jungle. It is more than an ambulatory clinic fighting its way to some remote, hidden

and hearts so that Christ's redeeming love and message can be communicated to those so desperately in need. For this, there is no apology. Let us not forget, however, that our responsibility for a person's health does not end once he is won to Christ, nor does our concern for the suffering vanish when we have entered a country. By winning the lost to Christ, medical missions helps establish churches among the community of believers. It gives significance and status to the rest of the work of God's kingdom. It is what government and the community see of the gospel.

Hospitals, day clinics, ambulatory clinics, and air clinics are usually curative in their approach. At present, approximately 80 percent of the medical work done by our missionaries is of this nature.



Baptist Convention is stated in this way: "To do everything possible to bring all men in other lands around the world to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as rapidly as possible and to involve them in Christian growth and service as members of indigenous churches." The objective of the program of hospitals and medical care in foreign lands is "to provide medical assistance to people in foreign countries as an expression of

valley. It is more than a nursing school with all the modern training facilities. It is more than a boat, a launch, or even a plane. Medical missions is a person called of the Holy Spirit to take his skill and his message to the uttermost parts of the world and there use his tools of medicine to preach the gospel of love.

Medical missions meets needs, desperate needs of physical suffering. Medical missions opens doors

More and more, however, we are seeing the necessity for educational medical missions. We cannot hope to meet all the needs, but we can teach how they can be met through nursing schools, internship and residency training programs in mission hospitals, and the important tool of teaching patients themselves to handle and prevent their own illness.

A somewhat newer approach is through preventive medicine. To a





large extent, this has been the monopoly of government, but missionaries are finding that much can be done along with governments.

More medical schools are springing up in developing countries than ever before. One of the great needs in many of these schools is for trained faculty. There is hope that in the future our Board might supply some of the professors. What better opportunity to witness to those who soon will become the leaders of their nation than by a medical missionary teaching in some leading medical school!

Two ingredients are indispensable. One is personnel. Medical

missions is people, not buildings or equipment. The need for dedicated, called-of-God physicians, nurses, dentists, administrators, pharmacists, and laboratory technologists continues to be acute. For lack of personnel, hospitals have been closed, new areas remain unentered, and present medical missionaries have been overworked to frustration. Career and associate medical missionaries, special project (one-year service) physicians/dentists, and medical/dental volunteers (shorter term) are all needed desperately.

The other indispensable ingredient is money. The cost of health, especially curative medicine,

is increasing all over the world. Many more tools than ever before—medicine, instruments, apparatus, and so on—are available today. This is the age of organ transplants, of cobalt radiation, of vascular surgery, and of miracle drugs. Can we in the name of our Lord withhold these?

The budget of our medical work overseas has been only 3 to 4 percent of the Foreign Mission Board's total budget in the last few years, largely because so much of the medical work approaches self-support from small fees charged. As medical costs have risen, national incomes have tended to remain the same. We must now provide more financial help to medical missions or close the doors to those who need us desperately.

Nearly one million people in 17 different countries receive help from Southern Baptists in the name of our Lord through 20 hospitals and 105 clinics and dispensaries. Southern Baptists can thank God for the privilege they have in this extensive work of compassion around the world. Look at the staff of a small, 60-bed hospital in the mountains of Yemen, a country where not too long ago Christians were denied entrance.

Look at the only physician in a vast area in the highlands of Ethiopia, meeting longstanding medical needs. Look at the medical missionary surrounded by disfigured leprosy patients as he teaches them from the open Bible that God loves them as individuals. Look at the chaplain talking about life eternal to a patient dying of cancer. Look at skilled dentists relieving suffering by restoring teeth rather than pulling them.

All this and more is medical missions. It is an undertaking that belongs to us all. **TC**



# Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Allocations

## Where the Money Will Go

**W**HERE do the funds go that are received through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions? That's a fair question, since Southern Baptists annually give millions of dollars at the Christmas season as special expressions of their concern for foreign missions.

From year to year this publication has offered examples of the ways the money is spent. This year, instead of presenting samplings we are printing in detail the allocations for the majority of the funds anticipated from the 1973 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The total goal for this year's offering is \$20 million. Specific allocations of the anticipated first \$13 million of that amount were made several months ago. The completion of allocations will be made after the total offering has been tallied next spring.

The allocation process began with requests from Baptist Missions (organizations of missionaries) on the various fields. The requests were then carefully weighed by the Board secretary for each of the seven administrative areas (geographical groupings of countries). Next the total requests from the various areas were considered as a whole. In January the Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Union, meeting with representatives of the Foreign Mission Board's Overseas Division, approved the list of allocations. The WMU sponsors and promotes the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

On this page appears the listing of allocations in the general category—matters that deal with all areas or with several areas jointly. Scattered throughout the remainder of this issue are seven additional pages—one for each area—with specific allocations listed by country.

Why offer such details? First, many persons have indicated a concerned interest in knowing the ways Lottie Moon Offering funds are spent. Second, such a listing illustrates the wide variety of causes bolstered by the offering. Third, it is hoped that making such information available to Southern Baptists will help more of our numbers begin to grasp the overwhelming financial needs for Baptist mission work overseas; perhaps more of us can sense something of the heart-wrenching difficulty of trying to spread available funds strategically over so wide a list of ministries.

As always, it must be kept firmly in mind that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is but a seasonal opportunity of helping to support the foreign mission enterprise. The continual, month-by-month, year-round support for foreign missions—and for every other mission program of Southern Baptists—comes through the Cooperative Program. The Christmas season emphasis on the Lottie Moon Offering must never be allowed to detract from the importance of the constant stream of support for missions: the Cooperative Program.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Salaries for 700 missionaries .....                               |             |                             |                     |                  | \$1,400,000.00 |
| Supplement to salaries, children's allowances .....               |             |                             |                     |                  | 850,000.00     |
| Education of missionary children (Margaret Fund) .....            |             |                             |                     |                  | 290,000.00     |
| American Bible Society .....                                      |             |                             |                     |                  | 20,000.00      |
| Advanced training in the United States for experienced            |             |                             |                     |                  |                |
| Baptist workers from the foreign fields .....                     |             |                             |                     |                  | 15,000.00      |
| Outfit, freight, and travel for new missionaries .....            |             |                             |                     |                  | 550,000.00     |
| Salaries and rent for new missionaries .....                      |             |                             |                     |                  | 300,000.00     |
| Missionary pension plan .....                                     |             |                             |                     |                  | 320,000.00     |
| Missionary service longevity allowance .....                      |             |                             |                     |                  | 500,000.00     |
| Continental Baptist Women's Unions: .....                         |             |                             |                     |                  | 20,000.00      |
| Asia .....                                                        | \$5,000.00  |                             | Latin America ..... | \$5,000.00       |                |
| Europe .....                                                      | 5,000.00    |                             | Africa .....        | 5,000.00         |                |
| Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial, current expense .....                 |             |                             |                     |                  | 81,425.50      |
| WMU Training School, Rio de Janeiro, GB, Brazil .....             |             |                             |                     |                  | \$46,600.00    |
| WMU Training School, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil .....             |             |                             |                     |                  | 34,825.50      |
| Mrs. W. J. Cox Memorial Fund for WMU Work on Foreign Fields ..... |             |                             |                     |                  | 74,571.39      |
| Hong Kong-Macao .....                                             | \$ 1,740.00 | Yugoslavia .....            | \$ 1,000.00         | Ecuador .....    | \$ 1,250.00    |
| Korea .....                                                       | 3,700.00    | Egypt .....                 | 500.00              | Guatemala .....  | 1,050.00       |
| Philippines .....                                                 | 800.00      | East Africa .....           | 1,492.00            | Honduras .....   | 750.00         |
| Taiwan .....                                                      | 1,000.00    | Ghana .....                 | 750.00              | Paraguay .....   | 553.15         |
| Gaza .....                                                        | 100.00      | Liberia .....               | 5,400.00            | Uruguay .....    | 1,900.00       |
| India .....                                                       | 1,000.00    | Malawi .....                | 936.00              | Peru .....       | 200.00         |
| Israel .....                                                      | 1,050.00    | Bahamas .....               | 200.00              | Guyana .....     | 500.00         |
| Italy .....                                                       | 4,100.00    | Bermuda .....               | 100.00              | Argentina .....  | 700.00         |
| Jordan .....                                                      | 1,200.00    | All-Brazil .....            | 17,700.00           | Eq. Brazil ..... | 100.00         |
| Lebanon .....                                                     | 500.00      | Chile .....                 | 3,870.00            | Nigeria .....    | 5,700.00       |
| Portugal .....                                                    | 1,500.00    | Colombia .....              | 4,143.24            | Rhodesia .....   | 2,337.00       |
| Spain .....                                                       | 5,000.00    | Costa Rica .....            | 600.00              | Zambia .....     | 900.00         |
|                                                                   |             | Dominican Rep. ....         | 250.00              |                  |                |
| WMU publications and literature .....                             |             |                             |                     |                  | 30,124.00      |
| Hong Kong-Macao .....                                             | \$ 3,000.00 | Bahamas .....               | \$ 100.00           | Paraguay .....   | \$ 200.00      |
| Korea .....                                                       | 2,400.00    | Bap. Span. Pub. House ..... | 15,000.00           | Nigeria .....    | 4,700.00       |
| Philippines .....                                                 | 1,500.00    | Chile .....                 | 810.00              | Italy .....      | 484.00         |
| Argentina .....                                                   | 1,000.00    | Dominican Rep. ....         | 50.00               | Portugal .....   | 480.00         |
|                                                                   |             | Ecuador .....               | 100.00              |                  |                |
| Grand Total, General .....                                        |             |                             |                     |                  | \$4,451,120.89 |



# TOWARD A THEOLOGY OF HEALING

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**I**F WE are to develop a theology of medical missions, we must understand medicine in terms of the biblical idea of healing. Healing is a dominant theme of the biblical message. The Old Testament contains numerous examples of miracles of healing. The New Testament is replete with such examples. In addition, references to the idea of healing find a place in the mainstream of the biblical message.

Healing was a prominent part of the ministry of Jesus. Matthew reports: "Jesus . . . withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all . . ." (Matt. 12:15).<sup>\*</sup> "Jesus . . . entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan; and large crowds followed him, and he healed them there" (Matt. 19:1-2).

The early church followed in the tradition of the Lord's healing ministry. Acts 3 and 4 are taken up with events revolving around the healing of the lame man by the Gate Beautiful through the ministry of Peter and John. Acts 5 tells of the healing ministry of the apostles: "Now many signs and wonders were done among the people by

the hands of the apostles. . . . The people . . . bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed" (vv. 12, 16). Later in the life of the early church, Paul speaks of the continuation of the ministry of healing through a special gift of healing (1 Cor. 12:9).

What is the meaning of this healing manifestation inextricably bound up in the biblical message?

At least a two-fold theological fact seems apparent: The miracle of healing attests both to the authority and the compassion of God. The fact that miracles (healings and others) accompanied the ministry of Old Testament prophets, Jesus, and the apostles was witness to the fact that God was with them, that their works were from God.

There is, however, a deeper theological meaning: A miracle of healing was also witness to the character of God. It was witness to the fact that the One sent from God whose ministry was accompanied by miracles of healing represented a God not only of authority and power but of goodness and compassion.

This is the theological interpretation of miracles of healing that is explicit in the New Testament itself. Jesus spoke of his works as "good" (John 10:32); they were

more than simply manifestations of power and authority. Moreover, the early church understood Christ's works in terms of doing good—"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. . . . he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses to all that he did" (Acts 10:38, 39). Even God's power is reported as being exercised in Jesus in order that he might do good by healing the oppressed.

The early church placed the same theological interpretation upon the miracles of healing wrought by God through their own hands. Concerning the healing of the lame man, Peter emphasized that it was not by his and John's own "power and piety" that this man was made whole but by the "power and piety (goodness)" of God (Acts 3:12). It is clear that the early church saw not only a power of divine authority, but also a goodness of divine character at work in the miracles of healing that took place in their midst.

Next, consider the missiological meaning of this theology of healing inherent in the biblical message. We begin with Jesus because he best embodies the ultimate meaning of mission in the Bible.

<sup>\*</sup> All Scripture references are from the Revised Standard Version.

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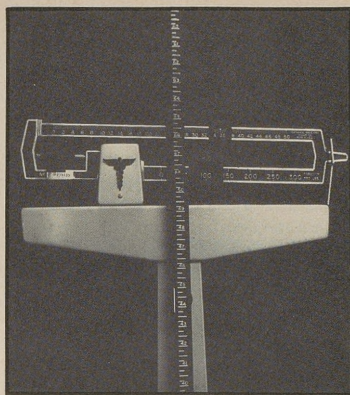
Jesus had a profound sense of mission. This sense of mission was essential to his understanding not only of his vocation but also of his identity. Mission means sending, and the language of the sending was a basic frame of reference employed by Jesus to express his mission in terms of his identity.

He said: "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work" (John 4:34); "the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father" (John 6:57); "the works which the Father has granted me to accomplish, these very works which I am doing, bear me witness that the Father has sent me" (John 5:36); "for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me" (John 6:38).

**I**NCLUDED in the works which Jesus was sent by the Father to do was his healing ministry. When John the Baptist sent his disciples to Jesus to inquire, "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?", Jesus did not give a direct reply in terms of yes or no. Rather, he said: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have the good news preached to them" (Matt. 11:4-5).

Jesus was clearly saying that his work revealed his messiahship. He was saying more than this, however, for preaching the gospel to the poor—a characteristic feature of his work—is not a miracle. Jesus, therefore, could not have meant that miracles alone constituted proof of his messianic credentials. It is significant that he mentioned only miracles of healing (no turning of water into wine, etc.) and that the one work that was not an act of healing belonged to the spirit of healing work—a ministry of concern for persons in need. Thus, the common denominator of these messianic works was ministry.

At this point we see that healing has a vital relation to all the works of Jesus, each of which was an expression of his ministering concern. His teaching, preaching, and healing were all expressions of his

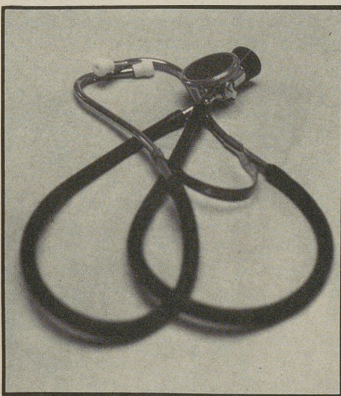


compassionate ministry (Matt. 9:35, 36).

This ministering spirit of Jesus is classically illustrated in his identification with the Servant of the Lord of Isaiah 61:

The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke 4:18-19).

When Jesus had finished reading this passage in the synagogue in Nazareth, he said: "Today this



scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." He was saying clearly not just that he was the Messiah, but that he was the Messiah as servant. In identifying with the Servant of the Lord of Isaiah 61, he was saying not only that he was anointed to proclaim good news to the poor

and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, but also that he was sent to proclaim release to the captives and the recovering of sight to the blind and also sent to set at liberty those who were oppressed.

These are the same kinds of works that Jesus enumerated for John's disciples, but whereas the idea of mission is implicit in the message to John's disciples, it is explicit in this passage. Here Jesus clearly states that his mission is a ministry to the oppressed. Again we see a strong relationship between identity and mission in the self-understanding of Jesus. In this passage Jesus links his identity and mission through specific works of ministry to persons—a ministry expressed in terms of healing and healing-like works.

Thus, Jesus expresses the fulfillment of his identity in terms of his mission, the fulfillment of his mission in terms of his ministry, and the fulfillment of his ministry to a significant degree in terms of his healing work.

**J**ESUS commanded his disciples to heal when he sent them on their first mission as his followers (Matt. 10:1, 8). Later he said that his followers would do the works that he did (John 14:12).

The early church engaged in healing ministry as an inevitable expression of the life of Christ flowing through it. When Peter and John encountered the lame man at the Gate Beautiful, it did not occur to them that there was another possible response to give but to bring healing through the "power and piety" of God that was so evidently operative in their lives.

Moreover, when Peter and John were summoned to appear before the leaders of Jerusalem to give an account of their behavior in connection with this miracle of healing, they made it clear that this work was wrought by the name of Jesus Christ. In this same connection they gave clear, verbal witness to the redemptive work of God through the cross and resurrection of Christ. When the rulers "charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus," they said, "Whether it is right in



the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:19, 20). They did not appeal to the commission of Christ as a higher authority. In fact, they did not question the authority of these rulers to judge them. They simply said that they were compelled to witness to what God was doing in their midst, no matter what the cost.

Rather than being conscious of a particular command of Christ spelling out the nature of their mission, they were compelled by the presence of Christ living out the meaning of their mission. And it was through this free expression of his life-giving (healing) power and goodness that they understood their mission (to the extent that they were conscious at all of mission).

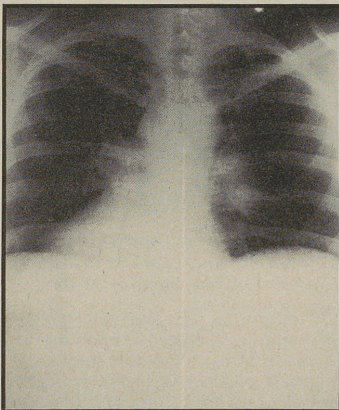
Actually, they were preoccupied with Christ's presence, and their understanding of their mission was inherent in their consciousness of that creative presence in their midst. "What we have seen and heard" seems at once to refer to what God had done in Christ in the cross and resurrection and to what God had done for the lame man through them.

In reality, therefore, healing was an essential part of the mission of ministry both of Jesus and of the early church. As heirs of this tradition, it is inconceivable that our mission today could be expressed apart from a ministry of healing, regardless of the form this healing might take in our time.

**W**E have seen that the biblical theme of healing has profound theological meaning, and that especially in the New Testament it has an inherent connection with the biblical meaning of mission. Now consider the basic theological ideas inherent in this healing mission.

First, it is obvious that healing mission is a natural and inevitable manifestation of the Christian expression. Jesus' healing ministry flowed naturally from obedience to God's will, from doing the works the Father sent him to do. Jesus

shared in the nature of God and through his redemptive work also led his followers into that relationship. In his great prayer he expressed this: "The glory which thou hast given me I have given them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and thou in me . . ." (John 17:22-23). As his



followers shared with him in his father's nature, so they shared with him in his Father's mission: "As thou didst send me into the world, so have I sent them into the world" (John 17:18).

The church's healing mission, therefore, is the natural reflection of the life and love of the divine nature of which it is partaker through the redemption of Christ. To be created by that divine love is to be the channel through which it flows to the world. And healing is but one expression of the many forms assumed by this mission of mercy.

In mission, the Christian community gives witness to God's redemptive love. This witness attests both to the nature of God and to the work of God. The early church expressed witness to God's nature through testimony concerning Christ's healing ministry, and to God's work through testimony concerning Christ's crucifixion and resurrection (Matt. 10:38-41).

Jesus, who repeatedly spoke of his works (healings, etc.) in terms of witness (John 5:36; 10:25), also clearly spoke of his mission in terms both of proclamation and ministry (Luke 4:18). Following in the pattern of Jesus, the church today, in

the tradition of its primitive counterpart, may understand its mission biblically both in terms of witness to the nature of God through ministry and witness to the work of God through proclamation.

These aspects of witness are not antithetical but complementary. This is attested by the fact that in the New Testament evangelism is expressed in terms of ministry (2 Cor. 5:18), and ministry is expressed in terms of evangelism (Luke 4:18). Each is not some unfulfilled half, however, but freely and fully expresses itself as the occasion and need may dictate under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Thus, healing as an expression of ministry, which witnesses to the loving nature of God, is not some lesser manifestation of the Christian expression. It is itself an expression of mission, as was clearly the case in the ministry of Jesus and the early church.

Every work of ministry carries the very kiss of God. Therefore, as a complete act of God within itself, it is not a manipulative gimmick paving the way for some higher "religious" work, be it proclamation or teaching or whatever. God, who accepts in its own right every deed that is faithfully performed, will in his own sovereign wisdom bless it to the end that pleases him. This is clearly what we see in the Gospels and Acts.

**A** second theological idea inherent in healing mission is that healing as a manifestation of ministry expresses the deepest spirit of the Christian faith. Both Jesus and the early church are beautiful examples of this spirit.

In the teaching of Jesus, the Good Samaritan epitomizes this spirit. The Samaritan, whose compassionate heart moved him to minister to a helpless victim who had fallen among thieves, is a classic illustration of one who loves his neighbor. Pouring oil and wine into the man's wounds and taking him to the inn where he was nursed back to health, the Samaritan's ministry was one of healing. It was



the perfectly natural act of a compassionate heart. In the mind of Jesus nothing could better illustrate the ultimate attribute of love, which was the hallmark of the kind of life he advocated. Healing is one way the Christian expresses ministry as a way of life.

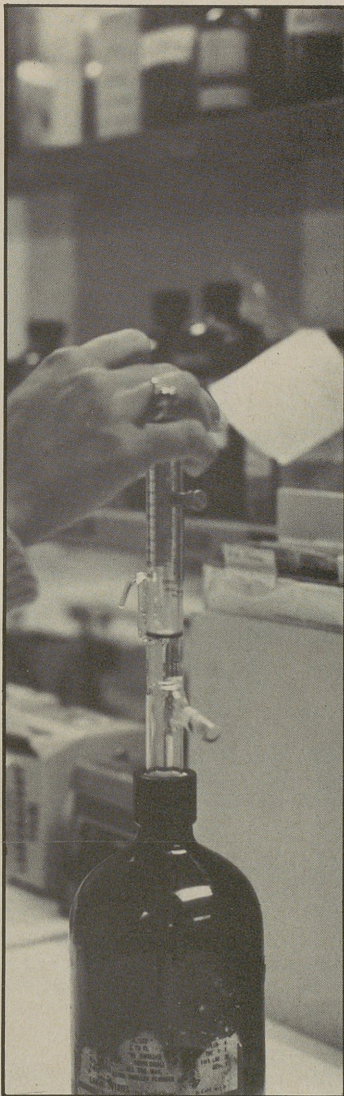
Still another theological idea inherent in healing mission is that the biblical concept of healing focuses upon ministry to the whole man. The Good Samaritan illustrates total self-giving to the total needs of a person. This was the direction of the mission of ministry engaged in by Jesus and the early Christians. In healing the sick of the palsy (Matt. 9:1-8), Jesus said both, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven," and, "Rise, take up your bed and go home."

Both descriptions of healing and references about healing in the Bible are often confusing to us because of our unbiblical separation of the physical and spiritual. "With his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5)—physically or spiritually? Do we interpret the mission of the Servant of the Lord, with whom Jesus identified, as being a work of physical or spiritual healing?

When James says, "The prayer of faith will save the sick" (5:15), does he mean that the sick man will be healed physically or that he will be saved spiritually? Our confusion comes because we separate the two; biblical writers do not. They see man as a whole, and healing as for the whole man.

Seeing our mission in terms of ministry to the whole man and understanding healing in this context, we are able to develop a biblical frame of reference for a theology of healing mission. This places healing within a larger sphere than the miraculous. Certainly we may expect a continuation of miracles of healing. In biblical, historical, and contemporary times, there is ample witness to such miracles. However, as this was only one aspect of healing in the Bible, so it must be only one aspect of healing today. The Christian mission today must acknowledge all healing power as resident in the living God and be faithful in meaningfully employing all possible means of healing under his direction and guidance.

**T**HIS brings us, finally, to the term "medical missions." It should have been already obvious that this term is a modern one describing what we do in mission work in the tradition of the healing ministry of Jesus and the early church. Modern medical missions certainly is a successor to the spirit of ministry inherent in the biblical mission of healing.



It is more than this, however. It is also successor to the content of ministry inherent in the biblical mission of healing. Certainly it can be, and it should be. If modern medical missions is an expression of ministry which witnesses to a loving God; if it reflects the spirit of total self-giving and compassion; if it ministers to the total needs of the whole man—then it is in the biblical tradition of healing mission.

Every expression of ministry must be indigenous, if it is to be authentic and meaningful. Just as the healing ministry of the Bible was expressed in terms of what was indigenous to the cultural context of biblical history, so the healing ministry of the Christian mission today must be indigenous to the current cultural context. For example, as the biblical world sought victory over mental illness through exorcism of demons, so the contemporary world seeks such victory through psychiatry. (This is not to deny the reality of demon possession today, and certainly not to deny the reality of the demonic.)

If the expanding world of medicine today, which increasingly sees man in his wholeness and in relation to community, is interpreted from a vital and dynamic Christian perspective, it can be seen to relate meaningfully to the biblical idea of healing of the whole person. Modern medicine is more than chemistry and surgery. It is a part of modern electric technology. Besides embracing such areas as psychosomatics, physical therapy, psychiatry, and preventive medicine, it is forced increasingly to relate to such fields as dietetics, psychology, physical fitness, environmental planning, and the growing world of social services.

Modern medical missions should reflect the best that modern medicine has to offer, translated into compassionate service in Christ's name. If there cannot always be the best of equipment, there must always be the best of dedicated medical expertise. This plus the transcendent dimension, that profound sense of mission, that deep sense of being sent to minister in his name—this is the stuff out of which medical missions is made. **TC**



# HEALTH DELIVERY MINISTRY

By Franklin T. Fowler



Near Feni, Bangladesh, Missionary James F. McKinley, Jr., helps prepare tube well to provide pure drinking water after disastrous tidal wave of 1970.

**T**HE following dialogue takes place between Dr. Mac, an experienced medical missionary of many years' service, and Joe, a third-year medical student serving as a receptor under the Foreign Mission Board for eight weeks during his summer vacation.

The setting could be in any one of the 22 mission hospitals in the 17 countries where the Foreign Mission Board supports hospital work.

The scene occurs in the late afternoon as Dr. Mac and Joe are making their rounds—visiting the patients.

Dr. Mac and Joe, together with a nurse, stop in the pediatric ward at the bed of a male infant who has recently been admitted.

*Dr. Mac:* Joe, I believe that you admitted this baby. What can you tell me about him?

*Joe:* This is a 16-month-old child who was in the hospital last month with dysentery and pneumonia. After a week of treatment he improved, and his mother took him home. But here he is again—a child so poorly nourished and so small for his age that he has very little resistance. He is the youngest

of a family of six. His mother told me she already has lost four children and is quite desperate since Manuel, here, is again so ill.

*Dr. Mac:* I see you have started some intravenous fluids. I would suggest some antibiotics, and probably he will need some oxygen, at least for a while. He seems to have a high temperature, and his skin certainly is very dry.

*Joe:* Even though we cure him again, how can we prevent the condition from recurring? How can we keep him from having to come back again within a few weeks?



*Dr. Mac:* You've hit at the heart of the problem. It is not enough to restore fluids or to give a miracle drug, as important as that is. If we are truly to cure this child and prevent recurrence of the situation, we must go to the cause—the sick family, the sick community from which this child comes. Otherwise, we are dealing only with symptoms, only treating the result and not the disease.

*Joe:* You mean we must go beyond the walls of the hospital? We must become interested in the food his family eats, the water they drink? We must be concerned for the economy of the family and the community, and for the loss of hope and ambition and the ignorance that have so long dominated the people's minds?

*Dr. Mac:* Exactly.

*Joe:* But that's a gigantic job!

*Dr. Mac:* Surely it is, one that will take a lifetime, one in which many of us will have to join in a united team effort.

*Joe:* I already see the nurse, the laboratory technologist, the pharmacist, the hospital administrator, and the chaplain. You mean there must be more?

*Dr. Mac:* These are all necessary, even essential when we deal with

the final result—when we have to cure. But if we are to prevent, the team must be much larger.

*Joe:* I can think of several who could help us.

*Dr. Mac:* It's not just to help, Joe. They must become one of us, a part of the "health delivery team."

*Joe:* Just who would be new members?

*Dr. Mac:* The agriculturist is certainly one. If Manuel is to grow strong and to be able to throw off infections, he must have adequate nutrition. His father must be taught how to grow better food. At the hospital we can only cure the child, give him a second chance. What happens when he goes home? It hurts my pride as a doctor to say so, but I imagine that an agriculturist with tractors, good seed, and adequate fertilizer could probably save more lives in one year than I can in ten.

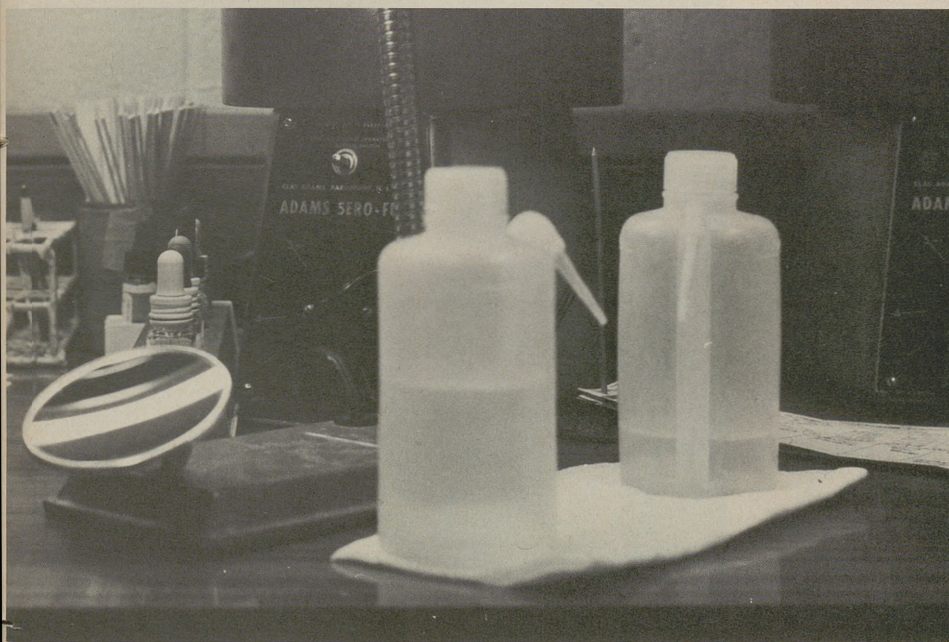
*Joe:* You mean we should close down the mission hospital and put our emphasis on agriculture?

*Dr. Mac:* Of course not. We will need hospitals for a long time to come. People will need them in emergencies, in accidents, and, of course, until community health is improved we will have cases—too many cases—just like Manuel.

But more than this, mission hospitals more and more will become teaching and training centers. We can never have enough missionaries to meet the needs. We face a serious problem now just in staffing existing hospitals.

Notice that for a long time we have had a nursing school here at this hospital. In fact, for many years this and other mission hospitals were the only training institutions for nurses available in the country. The graduates from this school now serve in all parts of this nation and in many surrounding countries.

In recent years we have begun the training of interns and residents. Since this country started its own medical school a few years ago, we have found a real opportunity in giving graduates of the national medical schools an opportunity for further training and specialization. This has multiplied our ministry through the lives of nursing students, interns, and residents who have come through this hospital. They go from here not only with their medical skills refined, but also with love and knowledge of Jesus Christ in their hearts. Thus prepared, they can begin to reach into every corner of this country—



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and perhaps someday the world.

Beyond this, much of the need for medical and health care is out in the villages and in the rural areas, where so many of the people in this country live. But it's physically impossible for missionaries to get to all these places, if we are to carry out our responsibility here. So we need to think of training "paramedical" personnel—nationals with limited education who could be trained to carry out essential and simple treatments for common diseases. They could be trained to vaccinate, to dress wounds and ulcers, perhaps even to take care of normal deliveries. The hospital should be the center for such training.

Once paramedicals are sent into the villages, they would be supervised from the hospital. In this way we could multiply ourselves a hundred times and truly begin to bring health care to the rural areas.

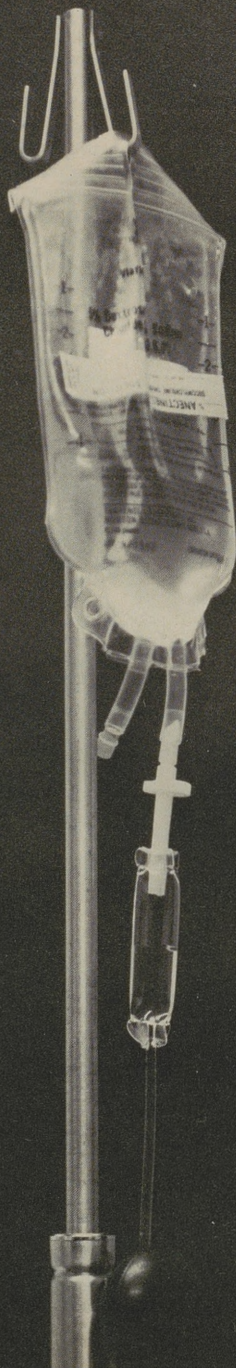
*Joe:* How did Manuel get sick in the first place?

*Dr. Mac:* Probably by drinking contaminated water or possibly by eating contaminated food. No doubt you already have noticed that Manuel's mother is pregnant again. This means Manuel likely is no longer breast fed. He has to depend on whatever food is available. Because his nutrition is basically poor, he has little resistance and quickly succumbs to any infection.

*Joe:* Are you saying that another member of the health team must be the hygienist, the health engineer?

*Dr. Mac:* Certainly. Pure water, better knowledge of preparation and storing of food, better excreta disposal—all are much a part of health. A well or a running-water system can do much more than all the penicillin and miracle drugs that might be available.

Did I ever tell you what Ed Gruver, a physician who works on Aligandi, one of the San Blas Islands on the north coast of





Panama, was able to accomplish? He became concerned when he realized that many of the children on the small island were dying in early infancy—probably more than 50 percent of children under five died. Community leaders asked him to investigate.

He soon discovered that the likely cause of the deaths was impure water. All water used on the island had to be brought from the mainland. Early every morning, women took dugout canoes, rowed across the half-mile stretch of ocean, filled jugs with water from a small river, and returned. Examining many of the jugs, the doctor found that the water was impure—perhaps due to the source, perhaps because of the method of storage. It was easy to see why so many children became ill.

When he pointed out the situation to the chief, the reply was, "This water seems perfectly clear." The doctor explained that it was contaminated with organisms too small for the chief to see, and added, "Women must be taught to boil all water they use for drinking, and I will see about the possibility of having water piped from the mainland."

When Carter Dobbs, a dentist, visited Aligandi on a dental mission, he saw the situation. Returning home to Calhoun City, Mississippi, he shared the story with others.

After careful study, Aubrey Edmondson, a local engineer, decided it was feasible to pipe water across the narrow straits from the mainland. Individuals and groups gave money for materials. Edmondson went to Aligande to supervise the project. Now pure running water is available on the island. Commented the doctor: "There is no doubt that this project has saved more lives than the hospital could save in many years." Edmondson, by the way, was made an honorary chief of the San Blas Indians.

Joe: I believe the Foreign Mission Board has appointed a veterinarian.

This seems a bit strange. Is he, too, a member of the health team?

Dr. Mac: By all means. Veterinarian Jerry P. Bedsole arrived in the Menz district of Ethiopia among the Amhara people, who pride themselves in being good herds-men and farmers. He soon found that they actually needed much help. Their sheep were lightweight and produced little wool. Their cattle were small, and milk production was poor. Local chickens were undersized and produced few eggs. All this resulted in less meat, milk, and eggs for food and less wool for the people to sell. Jerry helped the farmers to import better stock and improve the chickens. As a result, the people gradually improved their diets and their economy.

Joe: It seems that ignorance and hopelessness are the biggest detriments to good health among these people.

Dr. Mac: How true! When I am called in the middle of the night to see a dying child or an adult who has become ill due to plain ignorance and has waited several days before seeking help, sometimes my patience almost runs out. I must pray for strength to continue fighting ignorance. After all, this is why we are here—basically it's man's ignorance of God and his love that has brought him to his present condition. A man's ignorance of love and hope produces in him a feeling of despair. It's ignorance that causes him to wait until his child is dying before bringing him to the hospital. We are here to bring light into life.

Joe: Are you saying that the preacher and the educator also are part of the team?

Dr. Mac: By all means—a vital part of the health delivery team. In fact, we cannot adequately function without them. They may even have a better opportunity than anyone else to teach health and hygiene in the churches, in the seminaries and Bible schools, and in the camps. What better

place is there to center the health team than in the local church? Shouldn't the Christian community be the example of the abundant life that Christ gives?

We are no longer dealing with just "bodies" that are sick and letting other missionaries deal with the "spirits" that are sick. We are on the same team. We are concerned not just for temporary health, but for eternal health.

Spiritual health and physical health go hand in hand. It is the Christians of the community who are most concerned about the well-being of their families. Christians with hope in their hearts can see beyond the bars of the prison of their ignorance and superstition to a better life in Christ.

As we try to meet the many physical and health needs and try to prevent future suffering, we have an opportunity, perhaps a unique one, to help these people confront Christ. Our unique task is that in meeting the physical health needs, both present and future, we make possible for these people a confrontation with Christ, who, after all, is the Great Physician.

We must treat this baby and try to save its life. But we must also develop this health delivery team so that Manuel will not have to be brought here every month; so that his mother will not lose half of the babies she bears; so that people in this community can have hope where there is hopelessness, knowledge where there is ignorance, life where there is death. ☪





Aerial view of Baptist Hospital buildings at Eku, Nigeria.

## A Place Called Eku

By  
Barbara  
McCoy

**M**OST Americans change the calendar and the television channel on New Year's Day. We changed continents, climates, cultures, and clocks. Shedding winter coats in the 90-degree heat under a tropical sun was only the first of many contrasting experiences that came our way when we stepped from the airplane in Lagos, Nigeria, the first day of 1972.

For months we had studied, read, talked, inquired, and wondered about every imaginable aspect of life in Nigeria. We were always left with an imperfect image. Now Nigeria suddenly was a reality. It unfolded before our fatigued eyes so quickly that there was no time to bring thoughts and reactions into perspective. As we were whisked through the crowded streets of Lagos that evening, I wondered if our lives would ever be the same again.

Medical missions had been our goal for nine years. Throughout the years of professional and spiritual preparation we often had wondered where the Lord would lead us. The need for physicians and nurses in Nigeria was so apparent that the choice was simple. In May 1971 we were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board. We expected to arrive in Nigeria the following May.

Due to an unusual and unpredictable visa situation, the Board requested us to leave five months ahead of schedule. In two weeks' time we were packed and boarding the plane. Destination: Eku.

The name of Eku had been on our lips and in our letters for months. It had evoked countless thoughts and questions. Amid the packing, planning, and seminary preparation we often had wondered what our feelings would be when we finally arrived at Eku. The six-hour, hot, bumpy, dusty ride from Lagos on January 2 made me wonder if we would feel anything at the end of the journey.

We passed through small villages with mud huts and streets overflowing with people, goats, and pigs. Eku seemed just another village along the way—strange, dirty, crowded, and meaningless. But at the edge of the village was our oasis: Eku Baptist Hospital and living quarters.

**T**HE adjustment period went smoothly and methodically. Each day brought some new experience. What at first seemed strange and unfamiliar soon became acceptable and incorporated into our new life-style. The first week of visiting in the homes of other missionaries helped me see firsthand that life here was somewhat different—but certainly not difficult. During the time of adjustment I realized that God's peace and power were abundant and sufficient, regardless of place or circumstance.

The volumes of letters we sent home the first few weeks carried vivid descriptions of life in Eku. Probably every new missionary has experienced this same drive to give detailed accounts. We wanted to reassure family and friends at home that all was well. There was

much to share, but our impressions changed so rapidly, it was a struggle to put them into words. Eku means different things to different people, and we have only begun to understand the place, the people, and the purpose of our being here.

Eku is more than a community in Nigeria's Mid-West State, with dense forests, tall palm trees, and booming oil fields. It means more than the friendly Urhobo people, with their strange-sounding names, smiling faces, and colorful dress. There is more to Eku than the one narrow, paved road filled with bicycles, lorries, goats, pigs, children, and taxis.

For Southern Baptists and Nigerian Baptists, Eku stands for the Baptist Hospital, where countless numbers of critically ill patients are cared for daily by missionary and national doctors and nurses.

But Eku is more than a 150-bed hospital or a nursing school or a pastor's school. It is more than a lovely compound where our children can play and live and learn. Eku is our home. It is the place where we are living out our daily relationship with Christ and sharing him with those around us.

No matter what has changed or what will change, our purpose in being here will remain the same. The future of missionary service in Nigeria is uncertain, but this, too, may swing one way or the other. As long as we are allowed to be here and as long as God can use us, we will continue to have a spiritual adventure in the place called Eku. **TC**

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# Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Allocations

## Eastern and Southern Africa

**A**LLLOCATIONS for the first \$13 million dollars expected from the 1973 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions have already been approved. (The total offering goal is \$20 million.) Here are listed the specific allocations, country by country, for one of the seven administrative areas of fields overseas. Lists for the other six areas appear elsewhere in this issue. The introduction and listing of general allocations appear on page 3.

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| <b>Angola</b>                                          |                     |  | Kitale Bible school .....                                   | 1,200.00             | Travel for nationals .....                                               | 292.00                      |                      |
| Property operating requirements .....                  | \$ 2,400.00         |  | Kigoma Bible school .....                                   | 1,200.00             | Evangelization .....                                                     | 4,784.00                    |                      |
| Travel for Mission business .....                      | 1,500.00            |  | National convention .....                                   | 1,050.00             | Audiovisual aids .....                                                   | 1,748.00                    |                      |
| Radio and advertising .....                            | 2,800.00            |  | Goodwill and evangelistic centers .....                     | 23,364.00            | Sanyati, secondary school ..                                             | 40,222.00                   |                      |
| Correspondence course .....                            | 600.00              |  | Correspondence course .....                                 | 2,500.00             | Sanyati, central school .....                                            | 11,665.00                   |                      |
| Student work .....                                     | 600.00              |  | New work .....                                              | 4,434.00             | Seminary, Gwelo .....                                                    | 8,400.00                    |                      |
| <b>Total .....</b>                                     | <b>\$ 7,900.00</b>  |  | Audiovisual aids .....                                      | 900.00               | Book stores .....                                                        | 5,244.00                    |                      |
| <b>Botswana</b>                                        |                     |  | <b>Total .....</b>                                          | <b>\$ 328,031.00</b> | Literature and tracts .....                                              | 2,800.00                    |                      |
| Travel for Mission business ..                         | \$ 3,000.00         |  | <b>Malawi</b>                                               |                      |                                                                          | Publication work .....      | 15,054.00            |
| Evangelization .....                                   | 500.00              |  | Prop. operating require. ....                               | \$ 4,500.00          | WMU literature .....                                                     | 3,923.00                    |                      |
| New work .....                                         | 1,200.00            |  | Children's school allowance ..                              | 3,004.00             | Gokwe medical work .....                                                 | 13,810.00                   |                      |
| <b>Total .....</b>                                     | <b>\$ 4,700.00</b>  |  | Travel for Mission business ..                              | 8,500.00             | Sanyati Baptist Hospital ...                                             | 37,635.00                   |                      |
| <b>Ethiopia</b>                                        |                     |  | Aid to churches (for pastors and other church workers)      | 1,430.00             | Contingent fund .....                                                    | 1,000.00                    |                      |
| Travel for Mission business ..                         | \$ 15,500.00        |  | Radio and advertising .....                                 | 780.00               | Mission committee expense ..                                             | 1,635.00                    |                      |
| Children's school allowance ..                         | 7,600.00            |  | Prop. operating require. ....                               | 2,065.00             | Mission meeting expense .....                                            | 850.00                      |                      |
| Prop. operating require. ....                          | 6,400.00            |  | Evangelization .....                                        | 1,089.00             | Mission treasurer's expense ..                                           | 825.00                      |                      |
| Handicraft school for Menz district .....              | 3,250.00            |  | New work .....                                              | 875.00               | Station expense .....                                                    | 19,200.00                   |                      |
| Menz clinic operation .....                            | 7,000.00            |  | Conferences, conventions, and retreats .....                | 1,450.00             | Bible Way correspondence ..                                              | 1,546.00                    |                      |
| Publications .....                                     | 1,650.00            |  | Student work .....                                          | 720.00               | Gwelo camp .....                                                         | 3,557.00                    |                      |
| Radio and advertising .....                            | 2,100.00            |  | Miscellaneous expense—Bible Way Correspondence Course ..... | 2,160.00             | <b>Total .....</b>                                                       | <b>\$ 241,846.00</b>        |                      |
| <b>Total .....</b>                                     | <b>\$ 43,500.00</b> |  | Audiovisual aids .....                                      | 2,270.00             | <b>Uganda</b>                                                            |                             |                      |
| <b>East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania)</b>                   |                     |  | Goodwill and evangelistic centers .....                     | 983.00               | Language study .....                                                     | \$ 1,500.00                 |                      |
| Children's school allowance ..                         | \$ 30,150.00        |  | Seminary—Bible School, Lilongwe .....                       | 6,600.00             | Children's school allowance ..                                           | 3,500.00                    |                      |
| Prop. operating require. ....                          | 40,000.00           |  | Book store .....                                            | 2,495.00             | Prop. operating require. ....                                            | 19,100.00                   |                      |
| Travel for Mission business ..                         | 85,000.00           |  | Literature and tracts .....                                 | 1,000.00             | Travel for Mission business ..                                           | 19,500.00                   |                      |
| Aid to churches (for pastors and other church workers) | 12,439.00           |  | Contingent fund .....                                       | 996.00               | Bible schools .....                                                      | 2,000.00                    |                      |
| Missionary journeymen .....                            | 15,000.00           |  | Entertainment .....                                         | 108.00               | WMU literature .....                                                     | 1,000.00                    |                      |
| Prop. operating require. ....                          | 10,318.00           |  | Agriculture .....                                           | 1,042.00             | <b>Total .....</b>                                                       | <b>\$ 46,600.00</b>         |                      |
| Travel for nationals .....                             | 3,496.00            |  | Mission committee expense ..                                | 280.00               | <b>Zambia</b>                                                            |                             |                      |
| Evangelization .....                                   | 12,568.00           |  | Mission meeting expense .....                               | 400.00               | Children's school allowance ..                                           | \$ 10,823.00                |                      |
| Conferences, conventions, and retreats .....           | 8,450.00            |  | Mission treasurer's expense ..                              | 996.00               | Prop. operating require. ....                                            | 7,330.00                    |                      |
| Miscellaneous—Bible Society                            | 700.00              |  | Station operating expense ..                                | 3,125.00             | Travel for Mission business ..                                           | 25,520.00                   |                      |
| Mombasa, secondary school ..                           | 15,650.00           |  | Sundry expense .....                                        | 72.00                | Radio and advertising .....                                              | 6,225.00                    |                      |
| Nyeri Baptist High School ..                           | 11,000.00           |  | Legal fees .....                                            | 72.00                | Television .....                                                         | 2,385.00                    |                      |
| Baptist seminary—Arusha ..                             | 24,460.00           |  | Publication house .....                                     | 3,948.00             | Evangelization .....                                                     | 1,420.00                    |                      |
| Agricultural program .....                             | 5,870.00            |  | Kindergarten .....                                          | 400.00               | Student work .....                                                       | 3,000.00                    |                      |
| Literature and tracts .....                            | 4,080.00            |  | <b>Total .....</b>                                          | <b>\$ 51,360.00</b>  | Audiovisual aids .....                                                   | 1,640.00                    |                      |
| Contingent fund .....                                  | 2,000.00            |  | <b>Rhodesia</b>                                             |                      |                                                                          | Bible Way correspondence .. | 3,790.00             |
| Mbeya hospital .....                                   | 45,700.00           |  | Prop. operating require. ....                               | \$ 6,070.00          | Seminary .....                                                           | 3,475.00                    |                      |
| Entertainment .....                                    | 500.00              |  | Children's school allowance ..                              | 9,860.00             | Literature and tracts .....                                              | 910.00                      |                      |
| Mission committee expense ..                           | 1,000.00            |  | Travel for Mission business ..                              | 43,872.00            | Publication work .....                                                   | 12,000.00                   |                      |
| Mission meeting expense .....                          | 3,200.00            |  | Missionary journeymen .....                                 | 2,688.00             | Contingent fund .....                                                    | 984.00                      |                      |
| Mission treasurer's expense ..                         | 4,000.00            |  | Radio and advertising .....                                 | 1,470.00             | Mission committee expense ..                                             | 776.00                      |                      |
| Publications .....                                     | 5,482.00            |  | Prop. operating require. ....                               | 3,696.00             | Mission meeting expense .....                                            | 680.00                      |                      |
| WMU literature .....                                   | 1,320.00            |  |                                                             |                      | Mission treasurer's expense ..                                           | 720.00                      |                      |
| Rungwe Bible school .....                              | 3,000.00            |  |                                                             |                      | Station expense .....                                                    | 5,225.00                    |                      |
| Kisumu Bible school .....                              | 2,000.00            |  |                                                             |                      | Legal fees and taxes .....                                               | 575.00                      |                      |
|                                                        |                     |  |                                                             |                      | <b>Total .....</b>                                                       | <b>\$ 87,478.00</b>         |                      |
|                                                        |                     |  |                                                             |                      | <b>Grand Total, Eastern and Southern Africa, items by Missions .....</b> |                             | <b>\$ 865,415.00</b> |



# Longevity and Service

Chapel wall  
dominates this view  
of the Baptist  
Hospital complex  
in Ogbomosho, Nigeria.



**I**T'S NOT an easy decision—for missionaries to begin what may become an institution. They know that institutions cost money to operate and maintain. They also know their primary task is to reach individuals with the message of Christ and they live with the awareness that institutions, if improperly viewed, can even depersonalize the missionary approach.

But missionaries also are deeply sensitive to pressing, human needs that sometimes can best be met only through an organized method of work that may come to be called an institution—a school or hospital, for instance. Thus, it must be especially gratifying when history overwhelmingly justifies the ministry of such an institution.

One sign of merit is longevity—not simply the perpetuation of an institution, but numerous years of service that grow out of long-term efforts to meet continuing needs of people. By this and all other measurements Baptist Hospital—with auxiliary services, now the Baptist Medical Centre—in Ogbomosho, Nigeria, must be judged a wisely established institution. Last July 19, the center marked the 50th anniversary of the opening of permanent facilities.

The number of years was the occasion for the observance. But the words of praise from Nigerians—representing both Baptists and governmental agencies—and from others made clear that the hospital was being lauded not just for age, but for its numerous services, its mature character, and the attitudes of Christian concern displayed.

The chief medical adviser to the federal military government was among those expressing praise. S. L. Adesuyi congratulated the Baptist Mission “for the tremendous success which it has achieved over the last 50 years in the operation of the Ogbomosho Baptist Hospital, whose standards are well acknowledged as one of the leading hospitals in Nigeria.”

The Ogbomosho hospital “is known in all the nooks and corners of the Federation for the good treatment which patients from all over the country receive there,” A. A. Aderemi, the commissioner of health for Western State, told the audience at the anniversary celebration.

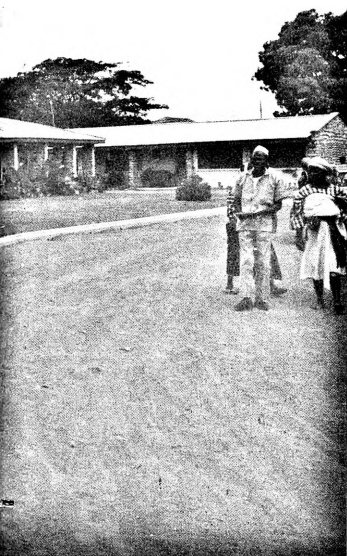
“Looking back into past years,” he continued, “it can be said with confidence that the goals and ideals which were set by the founders of the hospital have been fully achieved.

“The hospital is one of the best staffed in the state,” Aderemi pointed out. “The Nigeria Medical Council was so much impressed by the staff performance, the buildings, and the services available in this hospital that it decided to give it recognition for the training of house officers [interns]. . . . Similarly, the Nigerian Nursing Council did recognize the hospital’s school of nursing and midwifery before it was transferred to its sister hospital in the Mid-West, the Eku Baptist Hospital. Examination results from this school were always an envy to many.”

Aderemi paid tribute not only to the Baptist institution but to other hospitals. “In this state, the relationship between the voluntary agency medical and health institutions and the state government is one of mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation,” he said. “As a matter of fact, my ministry regards the voluntary agencies as dependable allies in its fight against diseases, superstition, and filth.”

He added special words of praise for the part the hospital played in combatting a recent cholera epidemic in the state and for the “praiseworthy contribution”





## A Medical Ministry and How It Grew

BY EMANUEL A. DAHUNSI

This condensed version of an address at the 50th anniversary celebration at the Baptist Medical Centre, Ogbomosh, Nigeria, chronicles the growth of a medical ministry. The author is former president of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and translator of the New Yoruba Bible.

**F**OR a connected history of Baptist Hospital in Ogbomosh, a sketchy account of the story of the Baptist Mission in Nigeria is in order. Baptist work in Nigeria began with the arrival of Thomas Jefferson Bowen at Abeokuta on August 18, 1850. In 1852 he wrote, "Having no money to build with in Ijaye, I resolved to return at once to America and report progress."

He came back to Nigeria in July 1853 with his bride of two months and two other couples, the J. S. Dennards and the John H. Lacys. The Lacys soon returned to America because of Lacy's poor health. Within a few months of each other, first Mrs. Dennard, then Dennard passed away. In September 1854 the Bowens were surprised to see another missionary of the Board, William H. Clarke, appear at their door. The Bowens had not even been aware of his departure from America.

It fell the lot of Clarke to be the first white man to visit Ogbomosh—in February 1855. During his three-week stay, Clarke preached the gospel to eager crowds all over the town.

On September 23, 1855, Mr. and Mrs. Bowen arrived in Ogbomosh to open the third Baptist station in Nigeria. After a ministry of some seven months, however, they left Ogbomosh, never to return.

Early missionaries were of neces-

sity persons of many parts, as many present missionaries are. They not only preached and taught, but they also built their own houses and designed and sometimes made their own furniture. They also practiced medicine. In Bowen's *Central Africa*, we obtain an idea of medical opinion in the middle of the last century.

We are told that many approached Bowen with their complaints, and he gave them treatment. He was successful with some, but not with others. "Smallpox is common," he wrote. "Whatever may be the proper treatment of smallpox in other countries, the best plan in Yoruba is to let it alone." Again, "We have tried various remedies for dysentery, but there is one remedy which has never failed—the common gray powder or mercury and chalk of the shops."

Concerning malaria, Bowen noted that it flourished in swamps and other damp places:

"Fortunately, several laws of malaria are so well known, that we may measurably guard against it by availing ourselves of this knowledge. All we have to do is to build the right kind of houses, in the right places, and to keep closely within them at the right times. . . . Malaria moves with the wind. . . . Houses should be built in the center of the town, and not in the suburbs, because malaria is far less active in the midst of a crowded population. . . . [Malaria] is much more abundant or active by night than by day. . . . We must avoid the night air, if we desire to escape the effects of malaria. . . . If we must go out, it is said that breathing through

of the mission in caring for patients with leprosy.

New buildings were opened at Ogbomosh in 1959, but "the real meaning and purpose of the hospital are to be found in the staff and people who give of their time to the ministry of healing in the name of Christ," stated Missionary Edgar H. Burks, Jr., executive secretary of the Baptist Mission in Nigeria (currently on furlough in the U.S.). In a message sent for the observance he added, "Buildings and equipment are important and necessary, but they are useless without dedicated hands to use them."

In the closing address W. C. Gaventa, missionary doctor, acknowledged the "clouds of uncertainty" concerning the future—high financial costs, personnel needs, and the policy governing medical services in the state. But he followed with proposals: that there be a sound Nigerian financial basis for operation; that voluntary agency hospitals operate as partners in the state in health training programs; and that the state help the hospital to know the precise role of voluntary agency hospitals in overall health needs and that there be cooperation in meeting the needs. **TC**



a silk handkerchief thrown over the face is a protection." (That the female anopheles mosquito is the carrier of malaria was not discovered until the late 1800s.)

We know the missionaries all did the best they knew whenever sick people approached them. Some might have been more daring than others. Richard H. Stone performed many surgical operations on those wounded during the Ijaye War (1860-62), before he had to withdraw to Abeokuta.

**T**HE beginning of proper Baptist medical work in Nigeria was the work of George Green, who with his wife arrived in Ogbomosho during a rainstorm on March 18, 1907.

Green was born in London, England, in 1872. He became a Christian at 16. He learned book-binding for five years, qualifying as a full-fledged bookbinder at 21. He moved to Canada in 1894, and in 1899 was given a license to preach by First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ontario. He later enrolled in the Medical College of Virginia, at Richmond, obtaining his M.D. degree in 1905. That fall he enrolled at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Green was appointed the first medical doctor for Nigeria by the Foreign Mission Board on November 17, 1906. On January 7, 1907, he married Miss Lydia Williams of Norfolk, Virginia. Mrs. Green was appointed a missionary a few days later, just before the couple sailed for Nigeria. The couple, both British citizens, arrived at Lagos March 4.

Upon arrival at Ogbomosho two weeks later, Green had with him his medical instruments, some drugs, \$50 supplied by the Board to inaugurate the medical work, and an indomitable spirit.

The next day the doctor was put to work. A girl of about four years with crooked legs was brought to him. The doctor converted the dining room into an operation theater, the dining table into an operating table. The doctor straightened the girl's leg and did a skin graft, with skin from her mother.

In that memorable first

operation, S. G. Pinnock, missionary then stationed at Oyo, was around to administer chloroform. Mrs. Green served as nurse. The operation was successful. In a matter of some weeks, the little girl was running around happily with other children. A great program to win people to Christ through medical means had started.

In 1909 the Greens moved to a larger house, where the ground floor served as hospital, while the top floor provided apartments. In 1911 more space became available in another house. During that year Green had additional responsibility in supervision of the theological training school. In June two students graduated—John Dare and John Lafinhan. Lafinhan became pastor of Igbajo Baptist Church until his death. Dare became known as Dispenser Dare

and was associated with Baptist Hospital until he died.

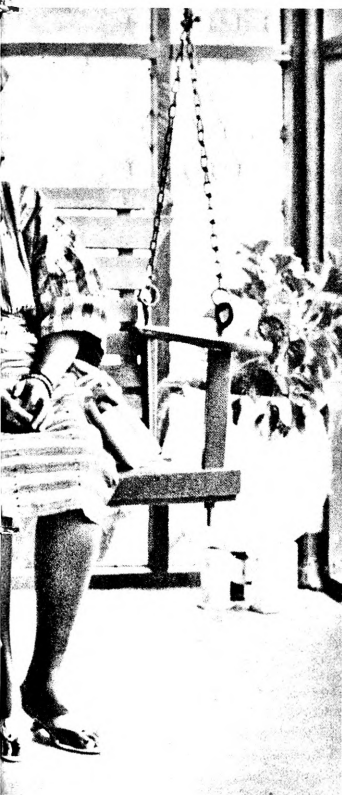
Two sheds, roofed with thatch, were constructed, one on each side of the house, to serve as male and female wards. All the time, Green yearned for more adequate quarters. Through the Judson Centennial Fund of 1917, the Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia provided \$3,500 for construction of permanent hospital buildings. Additional funds came through Southern Baptists' Seventy-Five Million Campaign, launched in 1919.

The Baptist Mission acquired 37 acres of land for the site. Cornerstone laying was held in December 1921. Into an 18-inch cube buried in the wall were placed a Yoruba Bible, a Yoruba Baptist hymnbook, a history of the medical work, and one copy each of *Home and*



Author Emanuel Dahunsi and Mrs. Dahunsi relax in porch swing at Frances Jones Memorial Nursing Home at Ogbomosho Medical Centre.





*Foreign Fields*, the *Religious Herald* (Virginia Baptist state paper), *Royal Service*, and *Kind Words*. The inscription on the plaque, "YWA Va. U.S.A.," commemorated the main donors.

The six units constituting the hospital were dedicated and opened for use on July 4, 1923. The first operation—a successful one—was on a man with a strangulated hernia. The mud buildings dedicated 50 years ago this month continued to be in use, with various improvements, for well over 30 years.

In the late 1950s the old buildings, no longer adequate for the hospital's rapidly growing ministries, were demolished to make room for present facilities, dedicated in 1959.

Buildings do not make a hospital anymore than a house makes a home. The most imposing buildings

and the most modern medical gadgets will be of no use without the dedication of well-trained personnel. Baptist Hospital has become famous throughout Nigeria because of the services of its outstanding personnel.

The ministry of Baptist Hospital, as of Christian medical work in general, is a ministry of love. In this hospital there is a doctor available every hour of the day or night.

The hospital's ministries include a number of areas:

**Nurses' training:** Most of the large number of Nigerians who have served at Baptist Hospital as nurses have been trained in the school of nursing started at the hospital long ago. What began in a small way, like the hospital itself, became the impressive school of nursing that was transferred to Eku in the late 1950s.

**Treatment of Hansen's Disease:** This began as an outpatient department of the hospital in 1930. B. L. Lockett, missionary doctor, conceived the idea of the present settlement on Oshogbo Road. Robert F. Goldie, another missionary doctor, further developed the plans, leading to the providing of health clinics in several towns.

**Care of motherless babies:** Miss Ruth Kersey took in the first motherless baby in 1925. The girl, now Mrs. Brown, is still alive. Like other aspects of the medical ministry, this program has grown over the years, with some modifications dictated by changing conditions.

**Tuberculosis clinic:** In the late 1950s it was found best to start a separate clinic for patients suffering from tuberculosis, in order to check the spread of the disease. The clinic has continued to meet a great need.

**Training of housemen (internees):** In 1968 the first two housemen became members of the hospital staff. The scheme has continued to flourish and to add strength to the hospital's ministry.

The success of the ministry of the Ogbomoso hospital has inspired the Foreign Mission Board to expand its services to Nigeria by

establishing other hospitals at Eku, Joinkrama, Shaki, and Kontagora. At the time of Nigeria's independence celebrations there was at least one Baptist medical institution in each of the regions of the Federation. The success of the work at Ogbomoso also has led to the opening of dental clinics at Ibadan and Enugu.

**T**HE story of the Baptist Hospital revolves around the vision and the sacrifice of talent, time, and treasure of Baptists of the Southern Baptist Convention. The ministry is greater than words can describe.

The Nigerian Baptist Convention, recognizing its limitations, has only gradually and cautiously become involved. It is hoped this involvement will become greater in the years ahead. The convention has always given stout moral support to the medical programs. The financial support will continue to grow as our churches respond to the challenges of the medical ministry.

In the 1850s Bowen advanced the cause for establishment of a theological and industrial high school as a means of reaching Nigerians for Christ. Clarke, on the contrary, advocated the establishment of a medical institution as a means of evangelism. We know now that both of these early pioneers were right.

Many men and women hear the story of salvation through Christ for the first time when they come to the hospital to have their bodies healed. To proclaim the good news of salvation in Christ has always been the aim behind Christian medical effort. Baptist Hospital has ever kept that purpose in view. For many years the hospital has maintained full-time chaplains on the staff. Regular services on clinic days and regular revival services have been part of hospital services.

Baptist Hospital operates in response to the challenge of the ministry of the Great Physician, who, through his healing ministry, pointed men and women to God. May God grant that this hospital may continue ever faithful to the great tradition it has inherited. **TC**



**I**N 1959 L. Connell Smith, a physician, and his wife began their mission service at Baptist Hospital in Ogbomoso, Nigeria. Because of his standing among his missionary colleagues and Nigerian Baptists, the hospital and Nigerian Baptist work sustained a severe blow when, in 1968, Smith was killed in an automobile accident on a Nigerian highway. Mrs. Eunice Smith and children now reside in Richmond, Virginia, where she is employed at Foreign Mission Board offices.

Last May Mrs. Smith was able to return to Nigeria for the first time since 1968. Recently she talked with staff members of *The Commission* about some of her impressions upon returning to Ogbomoso.

*The Commission:* Were there any surprises for you in the way of developments at the medical center?

*Mrs. Smith:* On the whole I was tremendously impressed and encouraged by what I saw. I was excited about the role Nigerians have come to play in the center. One of our strongest feelings while my husband and I were there was that the answer to the medical needs in Nigeria must be met by Nigerians, well-trained Nigerian medical workers. Missionaries can never meet all of the needs. The situation has gradually changed in Ogbomoso, so that now most of the staff is Nigerian. It was a thrill to see the six or eight interns—they call them housemen—in training. The hospital has more applications each year than it can accept.

*TC:* Were there any interns at Ogbomoso when you left in 1968?

*Mrs. Smith:* The first intern had been selected but he had not arrived before Connell's death. We did have what we call externs—medical students who would come and work during the summer. A number of them had lived with us in our home. Today several doctors in the medical school of University College Hospital in Ibadan are very impressed with the quality of medicine at Ogbomoso, and they are directing students to go there; UCH is one of the two largest medical schools in Nigeria. There are now five medical schools in the country.

*TC:* Did you encounter individuals—nationals—you had known before whose development over this five-year period was encouraging to you?

*Mrs. Smith:* One of our closest friends was Dr. Adeoye Adeniyi, who served in Ogbomoso as a pediatrician while we were there. He went to England for further study, and is now at UCH, where he is having tremendous influence on the medical students. He is a deacon in the newly established Orita Mefa Church, and his wife is in charge of the kindergarten program.

## Personal Impressions

# RETURN TO OGBOMOSHO

I saw another Nigerian doctor, Taiwo Daramolo, who is married to the niece (also a doctor) of President William R. Tolbert, Jr., of Liberia. Daramolo has served on the medical board of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and was on the staff at Lagos teaching hospital. He has just been appointed dean of the University of Liberia Medical School.

I had contacts with many whom I had known before who are now in places of responsibility. Dr. Victor Lawoyin, whose father, S. A. Lawoyin, a minister, was for many years president of the Nigerian Convention, has joined the staff at Ogbomoso after having received board certification in internal medicine in the States. Dr. Isaac Grillo, a fine Christian doctor, with boards in general and thoracic surgery, is on the staff of both UCH and Ogbomoso hospitals. These men are not only skilled in their respective medical specialties, but are eager to share their Christian faith. They often have chapel services and often talk with patients about their spiritual needs.

My husband and I were very close to David Akande, who has earned his degree in hospital administration and has become administrator for the hospital at Ogbomoso. I heard only appreciation for him expressed by both Nigerians and missionaries. He knows customs and culture better than a missionary could, and can make certain decisions better.

Dr. Olaleye Aremu, an American-trained dentist, also a good friend, now is the only dentist in the Baptist Dental Clinic in Ibadan. Missionary dentists have previously staffed the clinic, and he is the first Nigerian dentist.

*TC:* Were there other surprises?

*Mrs. Smith:* I was a bit surprised at the medical statistics I was given. The five medical schools expect to graduate 230 doctors a year. But most of the new doctors want to go to the medical centers in the cities; 50 percent of medical doctors now in Nigeria are stationed in Lagos. Recently, however, the government has stipulated that all medical students must spend a year training in rural areas at government hospitals in small villages.

*TC:* What does this have to say regarding medical mission personnel?

*Mrs. Smith:* I think there will continue to be a need for specialists. Right now they are very much needed to fill the gaps where Nigerians are not trained or available. For instance, Missionary William J. Williams, who has just been reappointed to go back to Ogbomoso, is returning as a pathologist. We have never had a pathologist in Ogbomoso. I think in the future the needs will be for certain specialties. During my visit the Baptist doctors stressed this very much and urged that Southern Baptists continue to provide medical help during this critical period.

The time may come when medical missionaries will not be needed, but I believe we have a unique opportunity in working with Nigerian Baptist doctors as they increasingly take over the responsibility of the medical work. Nigerian Baptists need the continuing support—prayer, financial, and personnel—of Southern Baptists.

I feel that our mission hospitals and our medical missionaries have had the greatest respect from medical people in the Nigerian government. There has been close cooperation.

*TC:* It sounds as though your impressions were favorable.

*Mrs. Smith:* My visit was a very sentimental one. I looked for encouraging signs of progress, not only in medical missions but in the total missionary effort of Southern Baptists in Nigeria during the five years I had been gone. I was very much impressed with the dedication and maturity of Nigerian Baptists and their commitment to the cause of Christ.

I left Nigeria with the feeling that the efforts of those of us privileged to serve in Nigeria have not been in vain. God continues to use all that has been given, and his purposes are being worked out by nationals and missionaries, working side by side. A closeness and unity between the Nigerian Baptist Convention and missionaries comprising the Baptist Mission has developed that is thrilling to see. **TC**



# Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Allocations

## West Africa

**A**LLLOCATIONS for the first \$13 million dollars expected from the 1973 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions have already been approved. (The total offering goal is \$20 million.) Here are listed the specific allocations, country by country, for one of the seven administrative areas of fields overseas. Lists for the other six areas appear elsewhere in this issue. The introduction and listing of general allocations appear on page 3.

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>Nigeria</b>                                                           |                      | <b>Ghana</b>                                                     |                      | Travel for Mission business . . . . .                            |           | 9,667.00          |
| Children's school allowance . . . \$                                     | 33,605.00            | National conventions and mission board . . . . . \$              | 400.00               | Missionary journeymen . . . . .                                  |           | 2,000.00          |
| Property operating requirements . . . . .                                | 72,000.00            | Children's school allowance . . . . .                            | 13,190.00            | Aid to churches (for pastors and other church workers) . . . . . |           | 6,000.00          |
| Travel for Mission business . . . . .                                    | 75,500.00            | Prop. operating require. . . . .                                 | 13,681.00            | Evangelization . . . . .                                         |           | 3,000.00          |
| Aid to churches (for pastors and other church workers) . . . . .         | 63,305.00            | Travel for Mission business . . . . .                            | 26,883.00            | Conferences, conventions, and retreats . . . . .                 |           | 200.00            |
| Radio and advertising . . . . .                                          | 12,051.00            | Aid to churches (for pastors and other church workers) . . . . . | 2,830.00             | Audiovisual aids . . . . .                                       |           | 500.00            |
| Evangelization . . . . .                                                 | 10,313.00            | Missionary journeymen . . . . .                                  | 8,436.00             | Sino County schools . . . . .                                    |           | 3,600.00          |
| Student work . . . . .                                                   | 4,248.00             | Radio and advertising . . . . .                                  | 3,393.00             | Ricks Institute . . . . .                                        |           | 44,809.00         |
| Sunday School and Training Union work . . . . .                          | 14,635.00            | Prop. operating require. . . . .                                 | 4,835.00             | Scholarships . . . . .                                           |           | 7,600.00          |
| Miscellaneous—Department of Architecture . . . . .                       | 2,200.00             | New work . . . . .                                               | 618.00               | Seminary (pastors schools) . . . . .                             |           | 700.00            |
| Iwo Baptist College . . . . .                                            | 44,256.00            | Sunday School and Training Union work . . . . .                  | 400.00               | Literature and tracts . . . . .                                  |           | 1,500.00          |
| Jos Baptist High School . . . . .                                        | 32,000.00            | Student work . . . . .                                           | 1,580.00             | Contingent funds . . . . .                                       |           | 1,000.00          |
| Abeokuta Baptist Women's Training College . . . . .                      | 34,175.00            | Audiovisual aids . . . . .                                       | 400.00               | Entertainment . . . . .                                          |           | 300.00            |
| Baptist Pastors School, Kaduna . . . . .                                 | 30,175.00            | General Pastors School, Tamale . . . . .                         | 1,500.00             | Mission meeting expense . . . . .                                |           | 200.00            |
| Scholarships . . . . .                                                   | 10,000.00            | Scholarship fund . . . . .                                       | 550.00               | Mission treasurer's expense . . . . .                            |           | 1,000.00          |
| Ogbomosho seminary . . . . .                                             | 40,150.00            | Ghana Baptist seminary, Kumasi . . . . .                         | 10,340.00            | Mission office expense . . . . .                                 |           | 600.00            |
| Niger Baptist College, Minna . . . . .                                   | 59,720.00            | Book store . . . . .                                             | 2,217.00             | Sunday School and Training Union work . . . . .                  |           | 3,000.00          |
| Ahoada, home craft center . . . . .                                      | 1,000.00             | Literature and tracts . . . . .                                  | 1,153.00             | WMU literature . . . . .                                         |           | 500.00            |
| Religious knowledge in schools . . . . .                                 | 9,115.00             | WMU literature . . . . .                                         | 600.00               | <b>Total</b> . . . . .                                           | <b>\$</b> | <b>111,176.00</b> |
| Adult literacy . . . . .                                                 | 5,237.00             | Nalerigu center and leprosy work . . . . .                       | 57,995.00            | <b>Ivory Coast</b>                                               |           |                   |
| Agriculture program . . . . .                                            | 1,783.00             | Contingent fund . . . . .                                        | 2,000.00             | Prop. operating require. . . . .                                 | \$        | 5,900.00          |
| Publication work . . . . .                                               | 7,952.00             | Mission treasurer's expense . . . . .                            | 5,200.00             | Travel for Mission business . . . . .                            |           | 3,000.00          |
| Okuta Baptist Welfare Center . . . . .                                   | 1,500.00             | Mission office expense . . . . .                                 | 968.00               | Social service . . . . .                                         |           | 500.00            |
| Ekur Baptist Hospital and Nursing School (includ. Lab. School) . . . . . | 85,000.00            | Accra Day Center and Kumasi reading room . . . . .               | 5,600.00             | Language study . . . . .                                         |           | 1,560.00          |
| Ogbomosho Hospital and Maternity Center . . . . .                        | 10,000.00            | Television . . . . .                                             | 1,500.00             | Travel for local leave . . . . .                                 |           | 500.00            |
| Ogbomosho Kersey Children's Home . . . . .                               | 3,000.00             | Evangelization . . . . .                                         | 100.00               | Children's school allowance . . . . .                            |           | 2,040.00          |
| Contingent fund . . . . .                                                | 4,000.00             | Publication . . . . .                                            | 100.00               | <b>Total</b> . . . . .                                           | <b>\$</b> | <b>13,500.00</b>  |
| Hostel Lagos (Bap. Mis. House) . . . . .                                 | 4,000.00             | Convention publications . . . . .                                | 300.00               | <b>Senegal</b>                                                   |           |                   |
| Mission meeting expense . . . . .                                        | 5,000.00             | <b>Total</b> . . . . .                                           | <b>\$ 166,769.00</b> | Travel for Mission business . . . . .                            | \$        | 1,500.00          |
| Mission treasurer's expense . . . . .                                    | 10,000.00            | <b>Togo</b>                                                      |                      | Prop. operating require. . . . .                                 |           | 3,000.00          |
| Mission office expense . . . . .                                         | 3,752.00             | Travel for local leave . . . . .                                 | 450.00               | Literature . . . . .                                             |           | 500.00            |
| Audiovisual aids . . . . .                                               | 1,000.00             | Language study . . . . .                                         | 600.00               | <b>Total</b> . . . . .                                           | <b>\$</b> | <b>5,000.00</b>   |
| Ogbomosho Baptist Health Service . . . . .                               | 9,600.00             | Prop. operating require. . . . .                                 | 3,000.00             | <b>Upper Volta</b>                                               |           |                   |
| Dental clinic . . . . .                                                  | 4,459.00             | Travel for Mission business . . . . .                            | 3,000.00             | Prop. operating require. . . . .                                 | \$        | 3,000.00          |
| Midwest Baptist Pastors Bible School . . . . .                           | 7,000.00             | Goodwill and evangelistic centers . . . . .                      | 1,110.00             | Language study . . . . .                                         |           | 600.00            |
| <b>Total</b> . . . . .                                                   | <b>\$ 711,731.00</b> | Children's school allowance . . . . .                            | 600.00               | <b>Total</b> . . . . .                                           | <b>\$</b> | <b>3,600.00</b>   |
|                                                                          |                      | New work . . . . .                                               | 600.00               | <b>Dahomey</b>                                                   |           |                   |
|                                                                          |                      | <b>Total</b> . . . . .                                           | <b>\$ 9,360.00</b>   | Prop. operating require. . . . .                                 | \$        | 2,400.00          |
|                                                                          |                      | <b>Liberia</b>                                                   |                      | Travel for Mission business . . . . .                            |           | 1,800.00          |
|                                                                          |                      | Children's school allowance . . . . .                            | 13,000.00            | New work . . . . .                                               |           | 900.00            |
|                                                                          |                      | Prop. operating require. . . . .                                 | 12,000.00            | <b>Total</b> . . . . .                                           | <b>\$</b> | <b>5,100.00</b>   |
|                                                                          |                      |                                                                  |                      | <b>Grand Total, West Africa, items by Missions</b> . . . . .     |           |                   |



**I**TS WALLS are like the doctrines we stand for, four square and straight up and down, and on a good foundation." So wrote George Green, missionary doctor, just before the dedication in July 1923 of the first really adequate buildings for Baptist Hospital in Ogbomosho, Nigeria.

For nearly 40 years those strong walls were to house the ministry of mercy and healing. Those buildings, almost completely replaced by more modern facilities within the last few years, were quite in contrast with the crude beginnings of medical services—first in the kitchen and then in a converted chicken house adjacent to Green's residence. One section of the buildings still is used by the hospital's pediatrics department, but there is hope this may soon be replaced by a larger, more modern unit.

In July this year special services were held at the Baptist Medical Centre in Ogbomosho to observe the hospital's 50th anniversary. Southern Baptists have contributed generously to the needs of Nigeria,

These facilities have become increasingly Nigerianized, so that today well-trained African workers have replaced missionary personnel in all but a few positions. The entire enterprise is under the able leadership of David Akande, the Nigerian administrator, who received much of his training and experience in the United States. Isaac Grillo, skilled in thoracic surgery and a dedicated Baptist layman, directs the surgical department. In charge of the department of internal medicine is Victor Lawoyin, son of an outstanding pastor and long-time president of the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

Four young doctors who recently completed training at the Medical School of the University of Ibadan in Nigeria are serving as "junior housemen," or interns, taking care of the bulk of the outpatient work and doing some of the surgery. A well-trained Nigerian serves as matron of nursing services. An African chaplain supervises the religious services on the wards and the bedside

Williams, reappointed in August, is to serve in Ogbomosho.] Ellis B. Hardwick, the missionary physical therapist, is training African assistants to carry on that work when he is away.

Two medical doctors still listed on the roster (Edward P. Doshier and Karl J. Myers, Jr.) are on indefinite leaves of absence, so the burden on the present staff is heavy. Additional medical missionary personnel is needed, including another surgeon, a board-qualified pediatrician, and a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology.

With four interns already on the staff, the Baptist Medical Centre is a teaching hospital, recognized by the government medical schools. An expansion of this teaching ministry offers the best answer to the staffing requirements of the hospital, along with an excellent opportunity for service on a long-range basis, and a permanent contribution to the health of the nation. The Ogbomosho hospital could use four additional interns and at

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By H. Cornell Goerner

making possible the present 120-bed hospital. The hospital, the nearby Baptist Health Service that provides special treatment for leprosy patients and preventive actions against tuberculosis and other diseases, and the Kersey Home for motherless children, together constitute a three-fold ministry under the general title "Baptist Medical Centre."

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ministry and follow-up program. All of the nurses on floor duty are Nigerians, most of them trained at the Baptist Nursing School in Eku.

Four missionary doctors (William C. Gaventa, Martha [Mrs. W. M.] Gilliland, Jack E. Tolar, Jr., and Margaret [Mrs. J. W. H., Jr.] Richardson) and three missionary nurses (Ruth Womack, Hazel Moon, and Audrey Dyer) work side by side with the Nigerian medical staff, without distinction as to nationality. [Pathologist William J.





least two "senior house officers," or resident physicians. Because of the excellent reputation of the hospital, highly qualified young doctors are available, many of them Baptists.

Funds have recently been supplied to cover the salaries of two resident physicians, and it is hoped that additional interns may soon be provided. This will take much of the burden from the limited missionary staff and enable the highly trained specialists to give more time to their teaching responsibilities.

**T**HIS notable progress toward Africanization, independence, and self-support at the Baptist Medical Centre in Ogbomosho is but one example of a wholesome trend throughout Nigeria—in churches, schools, publication work, and dental clinics, as well as in hospitals.

The Shaki Baptist Hospital for several years has been completely under the direction of an all-Nigerian staff, without a penny of financial subsidy from the

Foreign Mission Board.

In Ibadan a highly qualified Nigerian dentist directs the dental clinic, which is completely self-supporting.

All Baptist schools now have Nigerian principals, with the exception of the theological institutions and the Baptist Women's College—and those are increasingly Nigerian in staff.

Only one of the 600 organized churches in the Nigerian Baptist Convention has an American missionary as a pastor. All the other pastors are Nigerians, many of them graduates of the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary in Ogbomosho and the Baptist Pastors School at Kaduna.

Every key position in the Nigerian Baptist Convention is filled by an African. Missionaries serve only in auxiliary and supportive roles.

There is still much that well-trained workers from America can do to help the growing Baptist witness in Nigeria. We regret that the missionary staff, which reached a high point of 252 in 1966, is now below 150. We

intend to continue to apply for visas for a limited number of well-qualified missionaries, all of whom have been requested by the Nigerian Baptist Convention and its various regional conferences. It is fully recognized that everyone who goes to Nigeria will go to serve as a helper and fellow worker alongside or under the supervision of qualified Nigerian leaders.

It is further recognized that the Baptist cause has been firmly established in Nigeria. Even if every missionary were withdrawn from that great nation tomorrow, the Nigerian Baptist Convention would continue its expanding ministry and witness in all the years to come.

While it is difficult to secure residence permits into Nigeria for career missionaries, it has recently become easier to get tourist visas, valid for two or three weeks. This has made possible the sending of several teams of laymen, musicians, and evangelists to assist in special campaigns planned on a regional basis throughout Nigeria during 1973 and 1974. For instance, at a Lay Witness School in Kano in June more than 100 persons attended each evening—considered phenomenal in a Muslim city with only two Baptist churches.

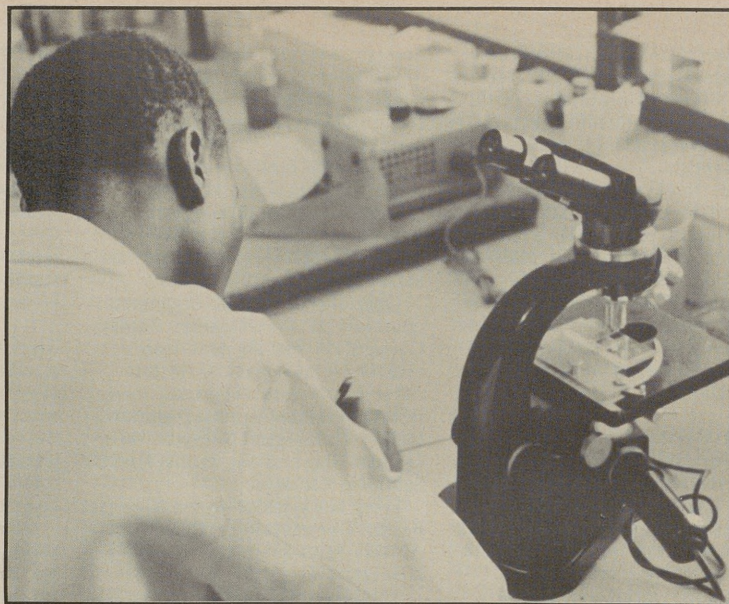
When, at the last minute, circumstances prevented the evangelist from the States from going, Paul Ebhomien, Nigerian Baptist Convention secretary of evangelism, stepped into the vacancy. This is but another illustration of how the Nigerians are carrying on their work for themselves, happy to welcome assistance and encouragement



David O. Akande,  
hospital administrator,  
at work at his  
desk in Ogbomosho.



Technician keeps busy  
in laboratory at  
Baptist Medical  
Centre, Ogbomosho.



from America, but by no means dependent upon us, either for ideas, finances, or spiritual enthusiasm.

With gratitude to God it can be recognized that during the 123 years in which Southern Baptists have been laboring in Nigeria, a strong, stable, viable denomination has been firmly established. Increasingly the evangelization of Nigeria will be in the hands of its own people.

**N**OT only has the Baptist cause been firmly planted in Nigeria, but from that country significant expansion into other parts of Africa has taken place. It began in 1947, when Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Littleton were sent from Nigeria to Ghana to become the forerunners of a strong missionary contingent. That missionary force now numbers about 50 and has resulted in the establishment of the Baptist witness in Ghana, on a smaller scale, but with similar significance as in Nigeria. While the strength of Baptist constituency in Ghana was sharply reduced a few years ago with the exodus of a number of Nigerian immigrants who returned to their own country, the Ghana Baptist Convention is increasingly becoming an in-

digenuous and self-reliant body.

In 1956 three missionary couples selected from the Nigerian staff went to East Africa to become founders of one of the most significant mission projects in recent years. The East Africa Mission, including work in the two countries of Kenya and Tanzania, with more than 150 missionaries on the staff now has outgrown its mother. In a certain sense, it all began in Nigeria.

An experienced couple from Nigeria, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Mills, in 1966 went as the first Southern Baptist missionaries to the Ivory Coast. In 1969 another couple with a Nigerian background, Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Runyan, became pioneers for Southern Baptists in Senegal. Mr. and Mrs. W. Neville Claxon, who had served effectively in Nigeria, in 1970 became the first Southern Baptists to minister in the Republic of Dahomey. In 1971 Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Durham, unable to return to their work in eastern Nigeria, began a Baptist witness in the Upper Volta Republic, after studying the French language, as did those who went to the other Francophone countries.

The Nigeria Mission has once again become a "proud parent" with the inauguration of a mission

program in the Niger Republic, the vast neighbor just to the north. Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Williams, who previously served in Nigeria, underwent an intensive program of French-language study in France before going to Maradi, Niger Republic. There they joined another couple who also had served in Nigeria, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jerold Palmer, Jr., who arrived in Niger in August.

While we regret the diminishing opportunities for cooperative witness in Nigeria alongside our brethren in the faith, the labor of the years in Nigeria has by no means been in vain. The Baptist witness has been firmly planted and would continue even should all missionaries have to be withdrawn.

And should other missionaries have to leave Nigeria, there is little doubt that history would be repeated. As missionaries excluded from China fanned out across the Orient in the late 1940s and early 1950s to begin new work in many different nations, likewise, many of the missionaries who might be "scattered abroad" from Nigeria would become available to strengthen the new witness in several other countries or to pioneer in still other brand-new areas. **TC**



# EQUATORIAL BRAZIL: OPENING NEW WAYS

Amazon River at Santarém

The Amazon River is yesterday's symbol for Equatorial Brazil. An enormous river, at times over a hundred miles wide, it courses a land of gigantic proportions for some 2,000 miles. Its speed, no more than six miles an hour.

The canoe that pushes and splashes its way up the Amazon moves even slower. On the river banks live people who in a half-century of life have never traveled 50 miles from where they were born.

Life for them has been like the river. Slow, with only a flood to vary it.

South America is often called "the land of *mañana* (tomorrow)." Brazil's favorite phrase is "*depois de amanhã* (day after tomorrow)." But, suddenly, tomorrow is here today. With jet-age speed, old things are passing away.

## HIGHWAYS OPEN NEW AREAS

In today's "tomorrow," the highway has laid claim to the symbolism that was the river's. The automobile has replaced the canoe. Covered inch-deep with dust, plastered with red mud, the truck has become the symbol of movement and rapid change.

Brazilian highway development has amazed the rest of the world. The most prominent and lengthy highways cross the area of the Equatorial Baptist Mission.<sup>1</sup> Some cross north to south. Others reach the entire distance from east to west.

The Belém-Brasília highway has joined Belém, at the mouth of the Amazon, with Brasília, the national capital in the heart of the nation.

The Pará-Maranhão highway makes it possible to drive through four of the six states in the Mission area.

The Santarém-Cuiabá highway links Santarém, 500 miles up the Amazon, with the southernmost part of Brazil.

The TransAmazon has cut across the entire area of the Equatorial Brazil Mission (more than 6.5 million

square miles) from east to west. Over 1,500 miles of highway passes through largely unexplored tropical jungle.

The Perimetral-North highway will encircle the northern part of the Mission area, with over 2,000 miles of road through virgin territory. (Just bearing witness to the work crews, on what is likely the Americas' last frontier, is a major challenge for missionaries.)

Highways have brought about important changes in the pattern of life in Equatorial Brazil. The colonization and deforestation of the area alongside the roads is a direct result of opening new ways.

Vast new areas have been opened, and the "land rush" defies description. Thousands of families are moving, claiming free plots along these highways, clearing the land, and beginning to farm.

The deforestation has produced so much burning of felled trees that at certain seasons of the year the sky for miles and miles is filled with smoke. Flying Mission planes can be difficult.

## CITIES AND VILLAGES GROW

The extremely rapid growth of major cities is another change, as Brazil's exploding population seeks a new way of life.

Two cities in Equatorial Brazil are rapidly approaching the million mark in population. One of these, Fortaleza, now has a population density of more than 1,500 persons per square mile.

The city of Manaus, in the heart of the Amazon valley, between 1950 and 1970 more than doubled its population. Growth continues at an even more rapid pace. Manaus, Brazil's only free port city, will be no longer reachable only by boat or plane but will have access to the Pan-American highway.

For Christians, the evangelistic opportunity dominates the foreground.<sup>2</sup> A new village, that was not

<sup>1</sup>Because of the great expanse of the nation, Southern Baptist work is divided into three areas, each with its own Mission (organization of missionaries). The Equatorial Brazil Mission includes six states and four federal territories.

<sup>2</sup>Along with Southern Baptists, other evangelical Christian groups are in Equatorial Brazil. Baptist work in this area began in 1891 with Eric Nelson, who later was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.





Construction of new buildings, Belém

here last week, is its symbol—a hundred or more people who have quickly thrown up mud and palm-thatched “houses.” These people seek a way of life. “. . . how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?”

The missionaries’ desire to reach people in the villages along the highways is complicated by the growth of the cities. Do you evangelize miles or people? Can you ignore small groups, even isolated individuals, because larger groups are concentrated in cities? Can you ignore the urban masses because the scattered rural people are often much more receptive to the gospel?

What is the best stewardship of the missionaries’ time? Where is the better use of financial resources given by Southern Baptists to the missionary cause? The city? The highway? The river?

A final answer seems impossible. The Equatorial Baptist Mission needs missionaries who know how and are willing to work in large cities.

The Equatorial Mission also needs missionaries who know how, and are willing to make the personal sacrifice necessary, to work along the highways in the interior of Brazil.

## BAPTIST WITNESS IS EXTENDED

Church growth has been evident during the years of Southern Baptist effort in Equatorial Brazil. The number of new churches has increased about 15 percent a year. The number of baptisms stays very close to 10 percent of the membership of the churches.

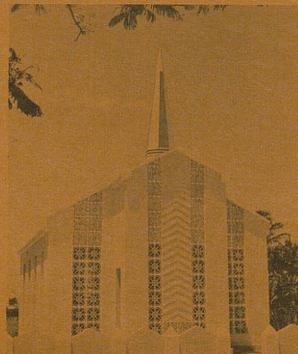
This accelerated growth is a challenge, for Baptists have grown when cities and towns were growing. The missionaries and national Baptists in Equatorial Brazil want to meet the challenge. During the 1970s they are dedicated to doubling the number of churches that it has taken 80 years to organize.

They believe God will give the power as they work together to bring into being 134 new churches in Equatorial Brazil—in the Acre-Rondonia area, and in the states of Amazonas, Pará, Maranhão, Piauí, and Ceará.

Music class at a Baptist school



A Baptist church building



They believe, too, that God will raise up national leadership to staff these new churches and the more than 200 new mission points.

The Equatorial Baptist Theological Seminary, in Belém, is moving toward providing training for 120 students, persons whom God has called to serve him.

The new churches and missions will need some 450 capable, trained laymen, so lay training is receiving a special emphasis. A far-flung extension study program is in operation. It will provide study opportunities for laymen where they live and work. Through programmed texts, special courses, encampments, and weekly institutes, more and more local leaders are beginning to study.

Evangelism is a perennial major emphasis for missionaries and Brazilian pastors. At least a dozen city-wide crusades are already projected for Equatorial Brazil. One Baptist church is planning 60 evangelistic services in homes during one month, with church members serving as the evangelists.

Other ways of witness include a student ministry, being launched for university men and women, and radio and TV programs, prepared and in use. An aviation ministry continues to reach people effectively where highways are still inadequate.

Mission boats and launches must continue to carry the gospel to those on the rivers. Although the highways and cities have captured the imagination of the masses, the river population still asks, “. . . how can we know the way?”

The state of Amazonas is largely unreached west of Manaus. An area over three times the size of Texas must be reached mainly by boat. Here, population is sparse, approximately one person (at most) per four square miles. This is a slow, often frustrating, but highly rewarding, missionary ministry.

## GOD’S POWER OPENS THE WAY

Equatorial Brazil lies between rivers and highways. Mission work demands cars and boats. The old ways are still around, but tomorrow has dawned. The Brazilian search to open new ways can lead to a search for and knowledge of him, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Southern Baptists must find ways to share with their missionaries in responding to the great needs today in Equatorial Brazil. Funds are one means, and they can be well used. Missionary emphasis that touches hearts and causes young people to yield themselves to the foreign mission calling is another.

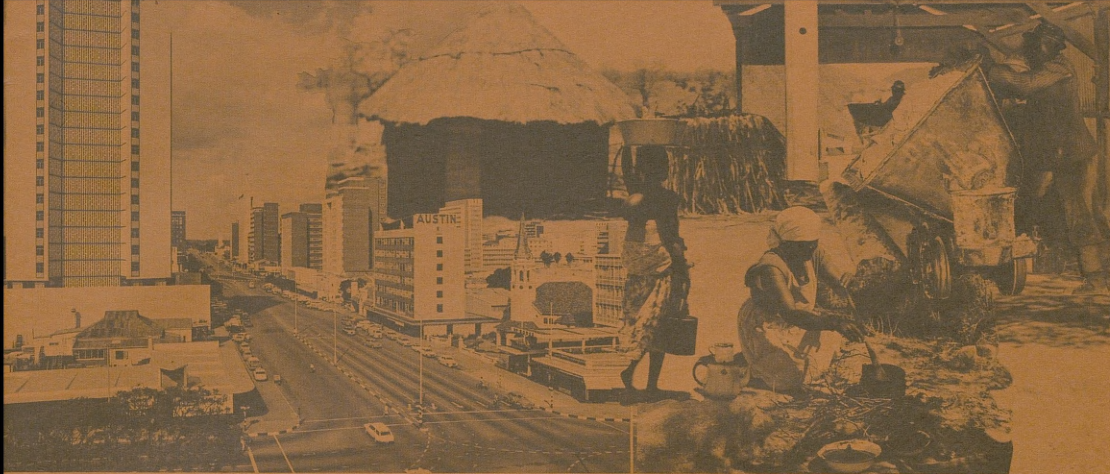
But the greatest need is for God’s power. The challenge is far beyond the missionaries’ personal abilities. No one dare pray in Equatorial Brazil today, “Lord, give me tasks equal to my powers.”

If only Southern Baptists can find a way to generate the potential prayer power of the churches! If only they will walk and pray in this way! Then, the TransAmazon, the Pará-Maranhão, the Belém-Brasília, the Santarém-Cuiabá, the Perimetral-North, even the Amazon River, can become the highway of the KING.

—by Glendon Grober

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# RHODESIA Tradition in a Mod Setting

FROM THE ANCIENT TO THE NOW

Rhodesia is mysteriously shrouded in an ancient, little-known history. Her story began long before the first white man arrived, in the sixteenth century. Present-day visitors and residents find themselves surrounded by history and tradition—in a mod setting.

Many of the twentieth-century tourist attractions serve as keys to understanding Rhodesia's unrecorded history. The Bushmen paintings are a good example. These ancient drawings of indigenous animals and human figures appear on the rock walls and roofs of more than a thousand hidden caves and shelters and tell us much about the "first Rhodesians." It is not strange that some consider the Bushmen paintings to be Rhodesia's most abiding glory.

Near Fort Victoria, Rhodesia's oldest town, are the Great Zimbabwe Ruins. These archaeological wonders are a vivid reminder of the highly developed culture of the Bantu people who poured into Rhodesia from the north during the first thousand years after Christ.

Rhodesia's modern history began about 1855, the year David Livingstone discovered the famed Victoria Falls. Europeans began to dominate the story as Robert Moffat, a British missionary, was followed by traders, prospectors, hunters, and missionaries. The white man's drive to settle the country had begun. Industry and trade developed atop a little-changing, indigenous society. The white settlers negotiated with Lobengula, the outstanding king of the Matabele people. And Cecil Rhodes, the British explorer, colonized for Britain the land which was later given his name.

Rhodesia developed into a self-governing British colony under European democratic rule. In 1965 she declared her independence unilaterally from British control. Her present constitution assures continued

European minority rule. Modern trends in Africa would indicate an inevitable change in this pattern of government to give the black majority an authoritative voice in the land which is its home.

## RHODESIA'S PEOPLE

People of several races live in Rhodesia today. Each has a different culture, language, and set of customs and beliefs. The three minority groups are referred to as Europeans, Asians, and Coloureds.

All white people are called Europeans and are mainly of British and South African background. They number about 250,000. Currently, this group governs the country and has been primarily responsible for its rapid development.

The Asians are approximately 8,000 in number and generally are gifted business people. They have been quite successful in maintaining their own cultural identity. There is little Christian work among this group.

The Coloureds, a people of mixed blood, number about 17,000. They have the most difficult place in the society, as they are not really accepted by either the blacks or the whites.

The majority of Rhodesia's people, generally referred to as Africans, are of Bantu extraction. They are mainly of two major tribes, the Mashona and the Matabele. Southern Baptist work is almost wholly with this group, who currently number approximately 5.9 million.

In the area of religion, the Bantu were at one time exclusively animists. Today, though animism continues to be a strong influence, the people are very responsive to the gospel and the work of Christian missions.

Many of the old traditions are present in the modern scene. The rural African still lives in a mud-and-pole hut in a small village. His life is simple, as it must be when based on subsistence farming. His family ties are his security, and he is under the rule of the chief.





Sanyati Baptist Hospital



Bushmen paintings



A Baptist church in Salisbury

In recent years an increasing number of Africans have gone to the cities in search of work. Many of these have established homes in the urban areas and have taken on a more western-type life style.

The African of Rhodesia is basically a peace-loving person. He is courteous, gracious, and hospitable. But he is CHANGING. The old is giving way to the new. Rhodesia's man of today is laying aside his illiteracy. In all of Africa south of the Sahara, his education level and opportunity are second only to that of the African in South Africa. He is moving away from his small farm to take an ever-increasing place in industry. He is looking for truth and reality for these modern days.

## CHRISTIAN BEGINNINGS

The first Christian missionary to Rhodesia, a Portuguese Jesuit priest, entered in 1560. In less than a year he had been martyred, his short-lived ministry leaving no abiding results. Three hundred years later the London Missionary Society began work in the country. The big mission thrust came in the 1890s when the Church of England, the Methodists, and the Dutch Reformed Church, as well as other smaller groups arrived. Subsequently, Catholics and Presbyterians came.

## SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ON THE SCENE

Southern Baptists arrived late on the mission scene in Rhodesia. Our first missionaries were appointed in 1950, at the beginning of the industrial boom in the urban areas. It seemed wise to begin work mainly in the cities among the large concentrations of African people. Groups met under trees, in homes, in school buildings, or wherever possible. Soon churches were born.

From those meager beginnings Baptist work has grown to the extent that today (1973) there are 60 organized churches with an additional 113 preaching points. Church growth has been markedly evident during the past five years. The Baptist Convention of Rhodesia, an organization of African Baptist churches (formerly called the Baptist Convention of Central Africa), is a rapidly growing and maturing body. The convention voted in 1972 to begin its own mission work, and plans are underway for sending a pastor into a new area.

In addition to churches, Baptists have established a hospital and secondary school at the Sanyati Reserve. These institutions are well-developed arms of the total evangelistic program. Both are administered under boards of trustees, as is the Baptist Theological

Seminary near Gwelo. African representatives elected by the national convention serve on these boards.

As the work has progressed and personnel increased, many needs have been met. Literature is regularly produced and distributed by the Baptist Publishing House in Bulawayo. Correspondence Bible study courses are now available in the country's major languages. (Official language is English; major tribal tongues are Chishona and Sindebele.) Leadership training is well under way in many areas, and seminary extension courses are soon to be available. Opportunities for communicating the gospel by means of mass media are being utilized. A healing-preaching ministry is extending into remote areas by means of airplane. The mod setting of today's Africa is making new and greater demands in missionary outreach.

## THIS IS OUR CHALLENGE

The old has fallen away and continues to fall; that which remains is embraced in new and exciting surroundings. Baptists do not want the new to bypass or overrun them. They want to move forward with modern trends and developments, with emerging peoples and their needs. This challenge can be met only as Southern Baptists know about and respond to mission needs of Rhodesia.

Exciting long-range evangelistic plans are under way. The total number of preaching points and churches has more than doubled in the last five years (1969-1973)—from 85 to a present 173. This number is expected to more than double again in the next five years. With a population growth rate of 3.4 percent per year, Rhodesia will have by the end of these five years another million new people to be reached for Christ.

Could you be one answer to the Rhodesia Mission's urgent request for five evangelism couples? Or to the emergency request for a book store manager? Perhaps you are a printer or a literature layout person? Or perhaps you are a teacher or a technician? Whatever the gift God has given you, will you pray about the possibility of fitting into our MOD setting here in Rhodesia?

—by Marion G. (Bud) Fray

The assistance of Mrs. Hugh McKinley and Miss Betty Lynn Cadle is acknowledged with appreciation.

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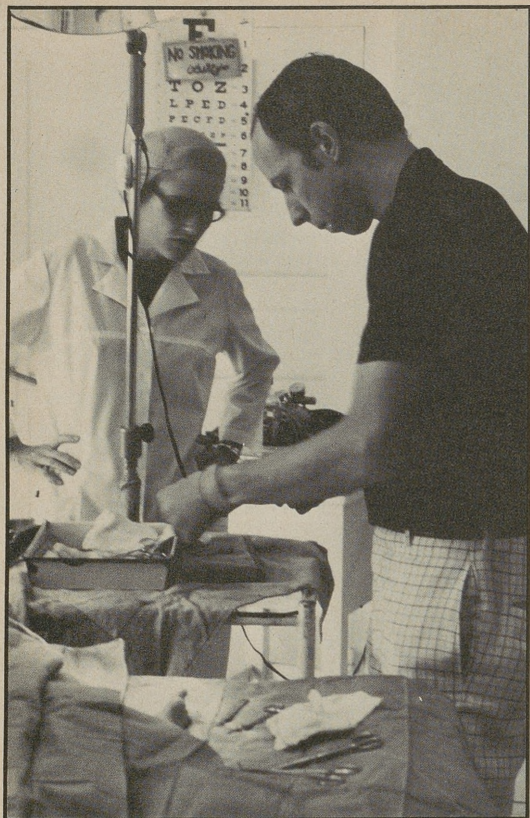


## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Allocations

**A** LLOCATIONS for the first \$13 million dollars expected from the 1973 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions have already been approved. (The total offering goal is \$20 million.) Here are listed the specific allocations, country by country, for one of the seven administrative areas of fields overseas. Lists for the other six areas appear elsewhere in this issue. The introduction and listing of general allocations appear on page 3.

|                                            |                      |                                        |                      |                                                                   |                       |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Austria</b>                             |                      | Hospital                               | 64,786.00            | Evangelization                                                    | 8,750.00              |
| Youth work                                 | \$ 4,200.00          | Social service                         | 700.00               | New work                                                          | 1,000.00              |
| Seminary                                   | 6,000.00             | <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$ 72,286.00</b>  | Confs., conventions, retreats                                     | 500.00                |
| Contingent fund                            | 450.00               | <b>Israel</b>                          |                      | National convention                                               | 3,000.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$ 10,650.00</b>  | Msy. prop. operating require.          | \$ 35,000.00         | Beirut school                                                     | 10,000.00             |
| <b>Bangladesh</b>                          |                      | Travel for Mission business            | 26,000.00            | Seminary                                                          | 24,000.00             |
| Language study                             | \$ 2,000.00          | Aid to churches                        | 9,500.00             | Publication work                                                  | 23,000.00             |
| Children's school allowance                | 8,000.00             | Prop. operating require.               | 5,000.00             | <b>Total</b>                                                      | <b>\$ 131,250.00</b>  |
| Missionary property operating requirements | 15,000.00            | New work                               | 1,500.00             | <b>Portugal</b>                                                   |                       |
| Travel for Mission business                | 9,000.00             | Confs., conventions, retreats          | 4,000.00             | Children's school allowance                                       | \$ 1,200.00           |
| Pastors and other church workers           | 5,000.00             | Student work                           | 6,000.00             | Msy. prop. operating require.                                     | 7,700.00              |
| Prop. operating require.                   | 10,000.00            | Baptist Farm, Petah Tiqva              | 6,000.00             | Aid to churches                                                   | 12,000.00             |
| Evangelization                             | 6,500.00             | Baptist Center, Petah Tiqva            | 27,000.00            | Radio                                                             | 5,000.00              |
| Industrial school                          | 10,000.00            | Nazareth schools                       | 57,800.00            | Prop. operating require.                                          | 5,100.00              |
| Scholarships                               | 2,500.00             | Scholarships                           | 3,000.00             | Evangelization                                                    | 1,200.00              |
| Literature                                 | 3,500.00             | Haifa, Baptist Training Ctr.           | 5,000.00             | New work                                                          | 1,200.00              |
| Publication work                           | 7,000.00             | Book stores                            | 10,000.00            | Confs., conventions, retreats                                     | 1,200.00              |
| Agricultural program                       | 3,000.00             | Literature                             | 4,000.00             | National convention                                               | 2,400.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$ 81,500.00</b>  | Publication work                       | 6,000.00             | Scholarships                                                      | 3,900.00              |
|                                            |                      | Convention papers                      | 5,000.00             | Seminary                                                          | 5,000.00              |
| <b>Belgium</b>                             |                      | Social service                         | 5,000.00             | Book store                                                        | 4,200.00              |
| Aid to churches                            | \$ 5,000.00          | <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$ 215,800.00</b> | Literature                                                        | 900.00                |
| Prop. operating require.                   | 1,000.00             | <b>Italy</b>                           |                      | Publication work                                                  | 900.00                |
| Evangelization                             | 1,000.00             | Missionary children's school allowance | \$ 14,000.00         | Mission treasurer's expense                                       | 600.00                |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$ 7,000.00</b>   | Msy. prop. operating require.          | 20,000.00            | <b>Total</b>                                                      | <b>\$ 52,500.00</b>   |
| <b>Egypt</b>                               |                      | Travel for Mission business            | 14,000.00            | <b>Spain</b>                                                      |                       |
| Aid to churches                            | \$ 9,000.00          | Aid to churches                        | 65,000.00            | Msy. prop. operating require.                                     | \$ 25,000.00          |
| Prop. operating require.                   | 3,000.00             | Radio                                  | 12,000.00            | Travel for Mission business                                       | 21,000.00             |
| Scholarships                               | 1,500.00             | Prop. operating require.               | 40,000.00            | Aid to churches                                                   | 26,000.00             |
| Literature                                 | 700.00               | National convention                    | 8,000.00             | Radio                                                             | 17,000.00             |
| Contingent fund                            | 500.00               | Baptist Center, Rivoli                 | 21,000.00            | Prop. operating require.                                          | 3,000.00              |
| Mission treasurer's expense                | 500.00               | Linguistic school, Rivoli              | 5,000.00             | Promotion: evangelism, stewardship, music                         | 2,800.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$ 15,200.00</b>  | Publication work                       | 32,000.00            | New work                                                          | 37,000.00             |
| <b>France</b>                              |                      | Special publications                   | 2,000.00             | Confs., conventions, retreats                                     | 2,000.00              |
| Aid to churches                            | \$ 11,950.00         | Goodwill and evangelistic ctr.         | 3,000.00             | National convention                                               | 2,700.00              |
| Radio                                      | 19,000.00            | Mission treasurer's expense            | 5,000.00             | Seminary                                                          | 26,000.00             |
| New work                                   | 1,000.00             | Legal fees and taxes                   | 8,000.00             | Publication work                                                  | 1,400.00              |
| European Bap. Press Service                | 5,000.00             | <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$ 249,000.00</b> | Mission treasurer's expense                                       | 4,650.00              |
| Literature                                 | 800.00               | <b>Jordan</b>                          |                      | Legal fees and taxes                                              | 2,400.00              |
| Publication work                           | 1,000.00             | Msy. prop. operating require.          | \$ 10,000.00         | <b>Total</b>                                                      | <b>\$ 170,950.00</b>  |
| Mission office expense                     | 1,200.00             | Travel for Mission business            | 12,000.00            | <b>Switzerland (Baptist Ctr., Rueschlikon)</b>                    |                       |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$ 39,950.00</b>  | Aid to churches                        | 10,000.00            | Msy. prop. operating require.                                     | \$ 7,000.00           |
| <b>Gaza</b>                                |                      | Radio                                  | 1,000.00             | Travel for Mission business                                       | 14,650.00             |
| Aid to churches                            | \$ 900.00            | Evangelization                         | 500.00               | Evangelization                                                    | 1,500.00              |
| Prop. operating require.                   | 500.00               | New work                               | 500.00               | Conferences                                                       | 6,500.00              |
| Confs., conventions, retreats              | 500.00               | Confs., conventions, retreats          | 2,000.00             | Seminary                                                          | 149,000.00            |
| Gaza Baptist Hospital                      | 116,900.00           | SS and TU work                         | 500.00               | Mission treasurer's expense                                       | 1,500.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$ 118,800.00</b> | Boys' school, Ajloun                   | 5,000.00             | <b>Total</b>                                                      | <b>\$ 180,150.00</b>  |
| <b>Germany</b>                             |                      | Girls' school, Ajloun                  | 14,450.00            | <b>Yemen</b>                                                      |                       |
| Aid to churches                            | \$ 12,000.00         | Elementary school, Ajloun              | 13,000.00            | Baptist hospital                                                  | \$ 60,000.00          |
| Prop. operating require.                   | 2,000.00             | Scholarships                           | 4,000.00             | Contingent fund                                                   | 600.00                |
| Confs., conventions, retreats              | 600.00               | Book store                             | 7,000.00             | Mission treasurer's expense                                       | 600.00                |
| Literature                                 | 400.00               | Literature                             | 1,000.00             | <b>Total</b>                                                      | <b>\$ 61,200.00</b>   |
| Entertainment                              | 500.00               | Ajloun hospital                        | 85,000.00            | <b>Yugoslavia</b>                                                 |                       |
| Mission committee expense                  | 400.00               | Contingent fund                        | 1,000.00             | Aid to churches                                                   | \$ 5,500.00           |
| Mission treasurer's expense                | 800.00               | Mission treasurer's expense            | 5,000.00             | SS and TU work                                                    | 1,000.00              |
| Mission office expense                     | 600.00               | <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$ 171,950.00</b> | Novi Sad seminary                                                 | 5,100.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$ 17,300.00</b>  | <b>Lebanon</b>                         |                      | Publication work                                                  | 1,000.00              |
| <b>India</b>                               |                      | Language study                         | \$ 7,000.00          | <b>Total</b>                                                      | <b>\$ 12,600.00</b>   |
| Aid to churches                            | \$ 1,500.00          | Msy. prop. operating require.          | 23,000.00            | <b>Grand Total, Europe and the Middle East, items by Missions</b> | <b>\$1,608,086.00</b> |
| Evangelization                             | 1,800.00             | Aid to churches                        | 11,000.00            |                                                                   |                       |
| Scholarships                               | 3,500.00             | Radio                                  | 20,000.00            |                                                                   |                       |





At Baptist Hospital in Gaza, Medical Receptor Albert (Buck) Rusher works in emergency room under supervision of Missionary Dr. Jean F. Dickman.

## MRP

# Promise for Tomorrow

By Leland Webb

**I**N LIGHT of the current shortage of medical mission personnel, wouldn't it be great if someone could come up with a plan that (a) allows medical students a firsthand look at medical missions while filling an elective requirement in their study; (b) provides short-term medical assistance at medical hospitals; (c) adds to the number of potential medical mission appointees; (d) injects enthusiasm about missions into medical schools; and (e) brings to more local churches persons with a realistic view of missions?

Fortunately, there already is such a plan. It's called the Medical Receptorship Program.

Since the first medical student to serve under the Foreign Mission Board's MRP went to Nigeria in June 1968, a total of 25 medical receptors have worked in Nigeria, Yemen, Ghana, Thailand, Indonesia, Gaza, the Philippines, India, and Jordan.

Because of the proven values of the program, the Board has voted an increased appropriation for 1974. Four receptors, including the fourth woman to be a part of the program, have already been approved for duty in 1974. Louis R. Cobbs, secretary of the Board's Department of Missionary Personnel, hopes as many as eight or ten will serve during the year.

The receptors are enthusiastic. Albert H. Rusher, Jr., who spent two months in Gaza in 1972, offers a typical description. "I was amazed at what fine surgery was being done," he reports. "I learned

more and learned it faster in Gaza than an equal time at my medical school. I assisted with surgery, held my own clinic with the help of an interpreter, and took call every third night."

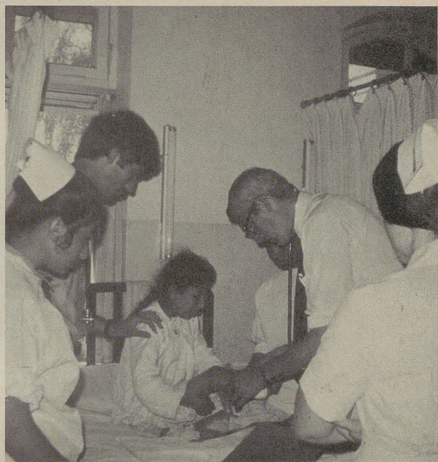
Ray A. Verm calls his service in 1970 at Baptist Hospital in Mati, Philippines, "an invaluable training experience." He took "a large portion of responsibility for patient care" under supervision of the missionary physician and the national physician on the staff.

Following his tenure at Baptist Hospital, Nalerigu, Ghana, early this year, Mark J. Daily recalls, "The third day in Nalerigu I was given an office, a male nurse translator, an attendant to dispense medications I ordered, and an assistant to call and assemble the patients.

"The clinical material and medical responsibility were greater than any other portion of my medical training."

By no means is enthusiasm for the MRP limited to students. "We feel the program is one of the most important things going in the area of medical missions,"





Medical Receptor Demming Ward (see box below) and Missionary Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Jr., make rounds together at Gaza Baptist Hospital.

declares Merrill D. Moore, Jr., missionary physician at Baptist Hospital in Gaza. "We want all the receptors we can get and will take them at any time they can come. Their presence is stimulating to us, as well as helpful."

The time the receptor spends overseas is usually a learning experience, for he encounters diseases and conditions he likely would never see in the States, points out Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the Board.

On the field the receptor works

under a missionary doctor, who, explains Fowler, "is to look at the receptor as a potential medical missionary candidate—not mainly as a helper, but to show him what medical missions is like." Fowler quickly adds that this does not mean the receptor is not of practical help, for he assists greatly in many ways. But essentially "it is a teaching experience," he reminds.

Another perspective on MRP comes from J. V. Jeffords, a physician in Spartanburg, South Carolina, who served in Gaza as

a medical volunteer in 1972 while Medical Receptor Albert (Buck) Rusher was there. "Medically, we felt the program offered an excellent teaching situation," states Jeffords. The receptor "worked under close supervision of five experienced surgeons—two Arab nationals and three Board-certified American surgeons." Missionary Moore "had arranged a very complete and demanding schedule of conferences, ward rounds, and clinics."

Adds Jeffords, "One of the things the receptor learns in the mission hospital is how to diagnose and treat an ill person accurately and adequately without being dependent upon some of the more sophisticated equipment and laboratory assistance available in the larger medical centers. The learning experience is often more graphic because of the advanced stage of some of the diseases."

**T**HE Medical Receptorship Program came into being due to the joint efforts of three individuals who have a consuming interest in medical missions: Medical Consultant Fowler; Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, for many years an associate secretary in the missionary personnel department and now an associate in the promotion and furlough ministries department; and Timothy C. Pennell, associate professor in the surgery department of Bowman Gray School of

Vivid scenes—a few of the recollections of my unforgettable experiences as a medical receptor in Gaza, form a composite memory:

- Trying to learn a few words of Arabic and bringing smiles to the faces of even the sickest patients with my feeble attempts at pronunciation.

- Helping a skilled surgeon remove a cancer or set a broken leg, after we had asked God's help.

- "Retreating" to the seashore for a day of mission Bible study.

- Visiting the homes of my Arabic pals, perhaps the best friends I'll ever have.

- Riding a camel awkwardly after "biting the dust" on my first try.

- Walking from Bethany to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday with Christians from all over the world. Feeling the

first light of dawn on Easter Sunday at the Garden Tomb.

- Mourning helplessly the death of a badly burned child.

- Beginning each day in chapel with singing and prayer.

- Drinking tea each night on the hospital's men's ward with my Arab friends and sharing the differences in our cultures.

- Trying to explain to a Muslim friend why Jesus is so special.

From the night Merrill and Patty Moore and three-year-old Doug met me at Lod Airport last March until my departure in May, I felt a part of the Gaza Mission, a group of sincere, dedicated Christians. I was asked to take an active part in the clinics, the operating room, chapel services, and other mission activities.

The mission family shared the wonderful ways the Lord works with them, and each of them talked with me about particular reasons for being on the foreign field. I also was treated to several thorough, sensitive tours of the Holy Land that made Jesus' life and times much more real and understandable.

My experiences in Gaza encompass much more than this glimpse of my firsthand look at medical missions, a look made possible through the generosity and concern of Southern Baptists through the Foreign Mission Board.

—Demming (Dem) Ward  
Medical Receptor in Gaza  
March-May 1973



Medicine, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The program grew out of a practical need. In seeking medical missions personnel, Fowler and Miss Dawkins noticed that some pre-med students might show enthusiasm about missions at college graduation, but would not be heard from again. Years later the Board might come in contact with these individuals, once missions directed, but now doctors enmeshed in private practice, with the idea of missions somehow buried by circumstances.

There is a "period in a medical student's life somewhere between the second and fourth year of study, when he must make some critical decisions, such as whether to specialize," Fowler points out. The MRP is intended "to rekindle mission interest at a time when the students are making critical decisions."

For a number of years before 1968, medical students had served with Baptist hospitals overseas through a program sponsored by a pharmaceutical firm. When that program was phased out, the need for the Board's own plan became acute.

**T**HE Board pays the receptor's travel expenses to and from the field.

The local Baptist Mission provides accommodations on the field. The receptor is paid no salary. Usually, with the agreement of the medical school involved, the receptor receives elective academic credit for the period of practical service.

On the average, each receptor costs the Board about \$1,000. Cobbs considers the expense "good stewardship of mission dollars," when weighed against the actual medical services rendered by the receptor and the potential for the future in missions interpretation and service.

"I believe we will be appointing more physicians over the next

several years, partly because of this program," he declares.

Cobbs lists several MRP benefits, besides the value to the students themselves.

First, coinciding with the primary purpose, there is, at least "in terms of interest expressed, a carry-over into missionary service," indicates Cobbs. One former medical receptor who has completed medical training is now a candidate for missionary appointment. Others among former receptors, many of whom are still in medical training, have made known their definite interest in missionary service.

One of the "wider benefits," continues Cobbs, is that former receptors can share with churches "a more accurate interpretation of Christian missions, specifically medical missions."

In addition, missionaries on the field find the presence of a receptor personally stimulating. "Missionaries have been given opportunities by the arrival of a medical receptor to be pulled

into an academic relationship of teaching," states Cobbs. "And the missionaries have firsthand contact with a current student, and thus better information about the present academic climate, the trends in medical schools."

Fowler points to still another residual effect. "We have found that not only do these young people make a contribution, though perhaps this is limited, but also their interest in missions is greatly increased," he says.

"When receptors come back to medical school, they create an interest in medical missions among fellow students that we have never been able to create before. The school itself becomes more open to the idea of medical missions."

**I**T IS not feasible for receptors to go to all fields where Southern Baptists have medical missionary work, according to Fowler. In some countries, for instance, regulations regarding licensing or work permits present obstacles. Because of language







At Gaza hospital in 1971 Donald Meier, medical receptor, examines patient.

assignments. I feel strongly that the receptorship experience is too important not to be shared by the wife."

Sometimes the wife can offer a specific service. Mrs. Daily, who went with her husband to Ghana, is a registered occupational therapist. "Although no therapy program existed," reports Daily, "she was able to build a practice of ten to twelve patients, whom she treated daily. Mostly paralytics and stroke victims, her patients made substantial progress and were grateful for the care and hope she was able to give them. Most important, perhaps, she was able to train an African ward attendant in the fundamentals of therapy, and he is continuing her work."

Receptors are afforded lifelike views of missions, including both medical and evangelistic needs.

"The receptor cannot avoid a realistic view of medical missions and foreign missions in a new perspective," insists Jeffords. "The concern by missionaries—physicians and others—shown for a people suffering from spiritual starvation almost beyond comprehension becomes real and practical."

**A** GAIN and again in reports from receptors, the scope of the medical experience is underlined. "My work in Jordan included seeing patients in the clinic, which was incredibly busy, and offered an opportunity to diagnose and treat a fantastic spectrum of disease," notes Jim Graves, who was in Jordan earlier this year.

"Working through an interpreter was a different and challenging way to see patients. The paucity of equipment and shortage of needed supplies, which could make for disappointment, was overcome by cooperation and improvisation with the help of an excellent hospital administrator."

Receptor after receptor vividly

pictures the overwhelming medical needs.

"Patients would begin to gather at the compound gate around 1:00 A.M., although no one was admitted until 6:30 A.M. for treatment," recalls Charles E. Womack from his tenure last year at Baptist Hospital, Jibla, Yemen.

The receptors take part in more than just the medical facet of missions. They give their Christian testimonies, work with youth groups, spend hours in frank conversation with nationals, accompany missionaries to show Christian films, speak in hospital chapel services, and worship with mission congregations.

"My enthusiasm for the medical work is not as significant as my enthusiasm for the opportunity of sharing my Christian faith with a people so responsive to the good news," declares Verm about his weeks in the Philippines. "In Mati, the instrumental force for bringing the gospel to the people is the hospital."

"The summer spent in Yemen has changed my life," declares Lanny R. Copeland, who worked there in 1970. "It has broadened my views of people less fortunate than the average American. Most of all, it has been a deep, meaningful religious experience."

Perhaps one of the most lasting impressions is related by Graves about a national's Christian witness in Jordan. "From a young man working as a lab and x-ray technician, I learned what it means to make even an ordinary task a method of introducing Christ to others," says Graves.

"To some in the Arab culture, giving blood is equated with giving life and strength. To a patient who complained about having blood drawn for diagnostic purposes, this young Christian would say: 'This is only a little blood taken for your benefit. Let me tell you about someone who gave all his blood for the benefit of others.' " **TC**

barriers, receptors generally serve in places where English is used commonly enough that someone other than a missionary will be available to translate for the receptor.

A participant in the MRP must have completed the third year in medical or dental school and be recommended by the dean of his school. He must be an active member of a Southern Baptist church and have a definite interest in medical missions. (Information and application forms may be obtained by writing to the Department of Missionary Personnel at the Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230.)

Most medical receptors are married, and in some cases wives have accompanied their husbands, even though the couple must personally provide her expenses.

"We would urge married receptors to bring their wives at any cost," suggests Moore in Gaza. "We like to have the family, and the wives can work as they feel inclined in medical or non-medical



# THE MEMORIES REMAIN

By Benny G. Raimer

**T**HE MISSION doctors, Richard H. Hellinger and John H. Wikman, Jr., met me at the airport in Bangalore, India, on April 19. Almost before I knew what was happening, I was at the outpatient clinic of Bangalore Baptist Hospital; I had come under the Medical Receptorship Program. Although fatigued by 48 hours of travel, my eyes were wide open as I watched the doctors carefully attend the dozens of patients awaiting medical attention.

That evening Hellinger took me to a small village of sweepers of low caste for a pre-Easter church service. I was led in the darkness through a maze of small, mud huts, jammed end to end. Hellinger paused before an open-ended, low hut, scarcely nine by nine feet, and said, "Here it is—Carmel Baptist Church, Wilson Gardens." As my tall, Texas frame stooped to enter, I was greeted by dark faces with broad smiles and piercing brown eyes.

While members of the congregation sang hymns of praise in their strange tongue, I surveyed the faces packed into the hovel and wondered wherein lies the hope for such people trapped by tradition.

Then came the first of many answers about missions. Hellinger spoke a few words to the congregation about Christ's love to all people, about his simple words of instruction and institution of the Last Supper. Flies buzzed over the small table while bread was broken into a battered plate and tiny metal cups were filled with juice. As I watched, the answer of hope became apparent. In the quietness of that hour we were one in spirit, east and west—the same through Jesus Christ.

I was disappointed to learn that, since the hospital was not yet completed, clinics were held only twice

weekly, and there were no inpatients or laboratory facilities. Naively, I feared I would have nothing to do. My fears were quickly replaced by work—so much of it that I had trouble knowing where to begin.

I soon realized that the roles of missionary doctors were not confined to the surgical suite or the consultation rooms, that they must adapt quickly to the situation at hand and work in spite of apparently insurmountable obstacles. During my first weeks I pursued such tasks as engraving the hospital's name on utensils, unpacking and shelving supplies, and taking inventory and cataloging central stores. I helped assemble and place hospital beds and other furniture, put together minor surgical packs, and design charts and forms.

I took part in the general medical clinics held two days a week until June, when a five-day schedule began. This experience was superb training in physical diagnosis and treatment. In ten weeks I saw and examined over 900 patients. Most of all, I was pleased with such abundant opportunity to minister to people and to demonstrate to them God's love.

On weekends I became even more directly involved in the mission's Bible ministry, meeting with youth groups and sharing my testimony. In May two missionary journeymen and I held the first Vacation Bible School for two churches.

On Sundays I had numerous occasions to preach in local churches through an interpreter. The high point of the week was on Sunday afternoons, when a number of us met at Zion Church, prayed, divided into groups, and went into villages to tell Bible stories and to preach.

During my first weeks in Bangalore I reviewed several journal articles on the development of clinics for children under five in poor, rural areas. With the mission's approval and encouragement, I pursued plans to enroll such children in the hospital's children's clinic. We hoped that through this

program we might increase our opportunity for witness.

Five villages were chosen, each a place where there was already some grassroots evangelistic effort. On weekday afternoons the health team—a nurse, a pharmacy dispensing assistant, a patient registrar, a nutritionist, and a visiting nursing student—accompanied me into the villages.

The nutritionist presented a program on nutritional requirements for children under five. After patients were registered and weighed, each child received a thorough physical examination. The mother was instructed on how best to help in the child's treatment. Drugs were dispensed for a modest fee as needed. In all cases a two-week supply of multivitamins was given at no charge. During 12 of these clinics, more than 250 children were seen.

Everyone involved in the effort in these villages seemed to sense that our role went far beyond dispensing medicines. Local Christians took pride in publicizing clinic days and assisting us. In one village where previously preachers had been stoned and services forbidden, we were welcomed to hold our clinic in the village meeting hall. This time, no one interrupted the effort to include a message about Christ.

The faces of those children still haunt me, such as that of Jahas Kahn, whose forefinger was swollen four times its normal size with a draining tuberculosis abscess. I vividly recall how he raised that grotesquely deformed hand in salute to me as I left Bangalore for the last time on June 29.

What I saw in India still causes my eyes to brim over occasionally—one cannot forget the staggering suffering there. But the faith I felt as Christians broke bread together reassures me that God is real, and that he is coming to the forefront in India. And in Bangalore I met people who are mutually concerned about each other and about all of humanity in a special way. **TC**

The author, a student at the University of Texas Medical Branch, served in India earlier this year under the Foreign Mission Board's Medical Receptorship Program.



# Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Allocations

## Middle America and the Caribbean

ALLOCATIONS for the first \$13 million dollars expected from the 1973 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions have already been approved. (The total offering goal is \$20 million.) Here are listed the specific allocations, country by country, for one of the seven administrative areas of fields overseas. Lists for the other six areas appear elsewhere in this issue. The introduction and listing of general allocations appear on page 3.

### Bahamas

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Travel for Mission business  | \$ 3,993.50         |
| Aid to churches              | 3,480.00            |
| Radio evangelism             | 3,000.00            |
| Evangelism and new work      | 3,000.00            |
| Conf., conventions, retreats | 1,250.00            |
| National convention          | 8,500.00            |
| Student work                 | 1,355.00            |
| Promotional work (SS, TU)    | 9,950.00            |
| Audiovisual aids             | 400.00              |
| Nassau, seminary             | 14,075.00           |
| Literature and publications  | 200.00              |
| Mission meeting expense      | 1,340.00            |
| Mission office expense       | 900.00              |
| Mission treasurer's expense  | 250.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 51,693.50</b> |

### Baptist Spanish Publishing House

|                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Travel for Mission business     | \$ 2,422.86          |
| Cur. expense (publication work) | 145,000.00           |
| Mission meeting expense         | 1,200.00             |
| Mission office expense          | 1,000.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>\$ 149,622.86</b> |

### Bermuda

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Travel for Mission business    | \$ 1,200.00        |
| Radio and TV evangelism        | 4,320.00           |
| Evangelization                 | 1,100.00           |
| Promotional work (SS, TU)      | 300.00             |
| Literature and publications    | 200.00             |
| Mission meeting expense        | 180.00             |
| Mission office exp., equipment | 450.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$ 7,750.00</b> |

### Costa Rica

|                                         |                     |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Travel for Mission business             | \$ 9,450.00         |
| Language study                          | 12,180.00           |
| Children's school allowance             | 7,200.00            |
| Aid to churches                         | 2,880.00            |
| Radio and TV evangelism                 | 5,400.00            |
| Property operating require.             | 5,680.00            |
| Evangelization                          | 3,360.00            |
| National conventions and mission boards | 8,520.00            |
| Student work                            | 2,220.00            |
| Audiovisual aids                        | 480.00              |
| San José, theol. inst., cur. exp.       | 3,000.00            |
| Scholarship                             | 2,250.00            |
| Book store, current expense             | 3,600.00            |
| National publications                   | 600.00              |
| Medical clinics, current exp.           | 900.00              |
| Mission meeting expense                 | 900.00              |
| Mission treasurer's expense             | 480.00              |
| Mission office expense                  | 600.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>\$ 69,700.00</b> |

### Dominican Republic

|                                                       |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Travel for Mission business                           | \$ 8,050.00         |
| Aid to pastors                                        | 900.00              |
| Radio and TV evangelism                               | 4,725.00            |
| Prop. operating require.                              | 3,193.00            |
| Evangelism and new work                               | 1,590.00            |
| Conf., conventions, retreats                          | 900.00              |
| Student work                                          | 5,350.00            |
| Sunday School, Training Union, Vacation Bible Schools | 77.00               |
| Audiovisual aids                                      | 1,200.00            |
| Seminary                                              | 1,800.00            |
| Book store                                            | 3,000.00            |
| Literature and publications                           | 300.00              |
| Mission meeting expense                               | 1,600.00            |
| Mission treasurer's expense                           | 575.00              |
| Mission office expense                                | 1,400.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                                          | <b>\$ 34,660.00</b> |

### Guatemala

|                                                       |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Travel for Mission business                           | \$ 10,460.00        |
| Aid to churches                                       | 300.00              |
| Radio and TV evangelism                               | 4,350.00            |
| Prop. operating require.                              | 2,460.00            |
| Travel for nationals                                  | 120.00              |
| Evangelization                                        | 2,802.00            |
| Conf., conventions, retreats                          | 816.00              |
| Audiovisual aids                                      | 960.00              |
| National, convention boards                           | 66.00               |
| Christian ed., Brotherhood                            | 4,700.00            |
| Scholarships                                          | 2,400.00            |
| Guatemala City, theological seminary, current expense | 15,260.00           |
| Lake Atitlán, Indian institute, current expense       | 4,000.00            |
| Book store                                            | 1,500.00            |
| Literature and publications                           | 300.00              |
| National publications                                 | 840.00              |
| Mission meeting expense                               | 3,200.00            |
| Mission treasurer's expense                           | 1,068.00            |
| Mission office expense                                | 2,400.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                                          | <b>\$ 58,002.00</b> |

### Guyana

|                                                 |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Travel for Mission business                     | \$ 5,200.00         |
| Aid to churches                                 | 9,000.00            |
| Radio and TV evangelism                         | 3,000.00            |
| Prop. operating require.                        | 2,400.00            |
| Evangelization and new work                     | 6,543.47            |
| Conf., conventions, retreats                    | 4,240.00            |
| Promotional work (SS, TU)                       | 700.00              |
| Audiovisual aids                                | 1,400.00            |
| Georgetown, theological school, current expense | 2,000.00            |
| Scholarships                                    | 900.00              |
| Literature and publications                     | 1,800.00            |
| Mission meeting expense                         | 700.00              |
| Mission office expense                          | 1,000.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>\$ 38,883.47</b> |

### Honduras

|                                                     |                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Aid to churches                                     | \$ 4,800.00         |
| Radio and TV evangelism                             | 4,500.00            |
| Prop. operating require.                            | 3,000.00            |
| Evangelism and new work                             | 3,000.00            |
| Conf., conventions, retreats                        | 600.00              |
| Promotional work (SS, TU)                           | 1,500.00            |
| National conventions                                | 250.00              |
| Student work                                        | 1,000.00            |
| Visual aids                                         | 100.00              |
| Scholarships                                        | 1,200.00            |
| Tegucigalpa, theological institute, current expense | 7,000.00            |
| Book store                                          | 1,000.00            |
| Literature and publications                         | 500.00              |
| National publication                                | 100.00              |
| El Porvenir, medical clinic, current expense        | 8,000.00            |
| Mobile medical unit                                 | 10,000.00           |
| Mission meeting expense                             | 1,000.00            |
| Mission treasurer's expense                         | 500.00              |
| Mission office expense                              | 1,500.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                                        | <b>\$ 49,550.00</b> |

### Jamaica

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Travel for Mission business  | \$ 900.00 |
| Radio and TV evangelism      | 1,700.00  |
| Evangelization               | 4,500.00  |
| Conf., conventions, retreats | 500.00    |
| Student work                 | 500.00    |
| Promotional work (SS, TU)    | 1,000.00  |
| Audiovisual aids             | 500.00    |
| Literature and publications  | 200.00    |

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| National publications   | 200.00              |
| Mission meeting expense | 100.00              |
| Mission office expense  | 1,500.00            |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>\$ 11,600.00</b> |

### Leeward Islands

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Travel for Mission business | \$ 1,400.00         |
| Radio evangelism            | 3,600.00            |
| Television                  | 600.00              |
| Aid to churches             | 10,150.00           |
| Prop. operating require.    | 4,800.00            |
| Evangelization              | 1,117.31            |
| Evangelistic equipment      | 200.00              |
| Audiovisual aids            | 400.00              |
| Literature and publications | 250.00              |
| Mission treasurer's expense | 300.00              |
| Mission meeting expense     | 450.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$ 23,267.31</b> |

### Mexico

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Travel for Mission business                                                                                                | \$ 42,703.30         |
| Aid to churches                                                                                                            | 60,069.22            |
| Radio and TV evangelism                                                                                                    | 22,860.75            |
| Prop. operating require.                                                                                                   | 5,678.90             |
| Evangelization                                                                                                             | 8,056.96             |
| Conf., conventions, retreats                                                                                               | 6,560.00             |
| Student work                                                                                                               | 2,500.00             |
| Promotional work (SS, TU, Brotherhood)                                                                                     | 2,624.03             |
| Audiovisual aids                                                                                                           | 656.00               |
| Torreón, theol. sem., cur. exp.                                                                                            | 46,903.01            |
| Student homes, current exp.                                                                                                | 26,027.00            |
| (Chihuahua, \$6,500; Guadalajara boys', \$4,517; Guadalajara girls', \$3,534; Mexico City home and student ctr., \$11,476) |                      |
| Book store                                                                                                                 | 11,280.00            |
| Literature and publications                                                                                                | 2,200.00             |
| Guadalajara, Baptist hospital, current expenses                                                                            | 17,500.00            |
| Mission committee expense                                                                                                  | 750.00               |
| Mission meeting expense                                                                                                    | 5,000.00             |
| Mission treasurer's expense                                                                                                | 3,500.00             |
| Mission office expense                                                                                                     | 12,863.00            |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                               | <b>\$ 277,732.17</b> |

### Surinam

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Radio and advertising       | \$ 600.00          |
| New work                    | 2,000.00           |
| Correspondence courses      | 325.00             |
| Literature and tracts       | 500.00             |
| Publication work            | 1,000.00           |
| Mission treasurer's expense | 500.00             |
| Mission office expense      | 500.00             |
| Mission meeting expense     | 150.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$ 5,575.00</b> |

### Trinidad

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Travel for Mission business    | \$ 5,500.00         |
| Radio and TV evangelism        | 10,850.00           |
| Evangelism and new work        | 1,825.00            |
| National conventions           | 2,445.00            |
| Promotional work (SS, TU)      | 200.00              |
| Visual education equipment     | 200.00              |
| Theol. institute, current exp. | 200.00              |
| Literature and publications    | 200.00              |
| Mission meeting expense        | 3,000.00            |
| Mission office expense         | 2,843.69            |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$ 27,263.69</b> |

### Windward Islands

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Prop. operating require.    | \$ 1,000.00        |
| Mission treasurer's expense | 100.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$ 1,100.00</b> |

### Grand Total, Middle America and the Caribbean, items by Missions

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|  | <b>\$ 806,400.00</b> |
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# He Was Going Again

**A** PHYSICIAN in private anesthesiology practice in Tyler, Texas, who served overseas medical missions on a volunteer basis during his life, has in a sense continued to assist even after his death. Not only do the teaching programs he set up still strengthen surgical programs in several hospitals, but also funds he had set aside for further travel and gifts in his memory have benefitted those hospitals.

When 48-year-old Norman E. Halbrooks died of a heart attack in May 1972 while attending a medical conference in Arkansas, he and Mrs. Halbrooks were completing plans to assist the Baptist hospital in Yemen during the summer. It would have been but the latest in a series of such trips.

Several months before his death, Halbrooks reflected in writing on his overseas work: "Seldom is there more reward for services than grateful eyes, voluble lips that do not speak your language, and a tear from gratitude left on the kissed hands. These and a thousand other delights share my thoughts.

"In the past four years I spent nine months in undeveloped countries, establishing, self-perpetuating teaching programs in basic anesthesia. Intensive

teaching programs that stress only basic, simple principles of anesthesia applicable to the majority of surgical cases in a given area have produced a profound improvement in anesthesia morbidity and mortality. Such an approach has proven conclusively to me that this is a practical method of aid."

For several summers Halbrooks served as one of the volunteer physicians at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly. This led to contact with Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the Foreign

Mission Board. Out of that conversation grew plans for helping in hospitals overseas.

Over the next few years through visits overseas Halbrooks established training programs in anesthesiology at Baptist hospitals in Jordan, Gaza, the Philippines, Thailand, and Yemen, and assisted elsewhere. He financed these travels personally, having set up with the Foreign Mission Board an "Anesthesia Augment Fund." He added to the fund from time to time, so that when the date for overseas travel approached,



Medical equipment from Tyler, Texas, is inspected after unpacking at Baptist Hospital in Gaza.



# THIRTY DAYS IN INDIA

By C. J. McGrew

he already had set aside the necessary cash.

At the time of his death, the fund had a balance of more than \$1,500. At Mrs. Halbrooks' suggestion, the fund was divided among five Baptist hospitals where the doctor had established the training programs.

In addition, many persons donated to the memorial fund for the doctor that was begun at his death and continued throughout 1972. The more than \$2,000 received was distributed among four hospitals.

Thus was continued a practice Halbrooks had followed while living. He had made several donations of equipment, supplies, and books to Baptist hospitals where he assisted.

Baptist Hospital in Gaza benefited in another way. Sometime after Halbrooks' death, Missionary Dr. Roy T. McGlamery, in the States on furlough from Gaza, paid a brief visit to Mrs. Halbrooks in Tyler. After he mentioned the need for incubators at the Gaza hospital, he and Mrs. Halbrooks stopped at the Tyler Medical Center Hospital. The hospital administrator donated from surplus equipment five incubators and two operating tables (a need at the Gaza hospital that McGlamery had not even mentioned). In addition, Mrs. Halbrooks gave for use in Gaza the anesthesiology equipment that had belonged to her husband.

The doctor's travels were not without occasional hazard. In the summer of 1967 his stay in the Middle East was abbreviated by the Six-Day War. While in Kenya in 1971, he was returning from a bush clinic with Missionary John T. Adams when their Land Rover was involved in an accident. Although Halbrooks was not seriously injured, his overseas trip was cut short.

But the doctor disdained the risks. At the conclusion of his written reflections on his volunteer work, he extended a plea for others to make wise use of time and talents. He quoted Paul's admonishment to the church at Ephesus: "Make good use of every opportunity you get, because these are bad days. Don't be fools, then, but try to find out what the Lord wants you to do" (Eph. 5: 16-17 TEV).

Then Halbrooks challenged, "Don't you have time to help somewhere?" **TC**

**A** 30-day "working vacation" as a medical volunteer in India has allowed me to sample some of the realities of medical missions.

In one day I saw more acute disease than I saw in many months in the States. During the month at Baptist Hospital in Bangalore I saw numerous types of problems: severe asthma, chronic skin disorders, thyroid disease, stomach ulcers, 20 cases of leprosy, malnutrition, cancer, worm infestations—the list could go on.

A physician in India probably sees two to four times as many patients in a day as a doctor in the U.S. Because few patients spoke English, I had to work in five different languages through translators. Communication is a constant problem in India, where there are numerous major languages, plus hundreds of dialects.

I had been warned that the mission field involves three major activities: work, work, and more work—and not necessarily medical work. I was not disappointed. Keys to success are adaptability, flexibility, and availability to function as a jack-of-all-trades. Ancillary tasks I was able to accomplish included designing an incinerator, the morgue, a master key locker, a mobile

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magazine and book cart, a five-language display counter for Christian literature for the waiting room, steel shelving for large kitchen pans, and "his" and "hers" bathroom signs that would be understood in any language. All of these are now in use.

The Sunday evangelistic schedule would put to shame even a very busy, involved church worker in the States. After a crowded schedule all week, missionaries keep on the go from 8:00 A.M. to after 9:00 P.M. on weekends—Sunday School, preaching in English-language church, preaching across town in one of the language missions, street preaching at two outlying villages through translators, choir practice, evening service in English, and finally evangelistic movies in open areas, with as many as several thousand attending. And the medical volunteer joins in all this.

What led me to take a month's leave from the Navy and spend the time in India?

When I was 12, I walked the aisle after a particularly moving church service on Christian vocations and made a commitment to become a medical missionary. Thirty years later, God opened the way for me as a medical volunteer through the Foreign Mission Board.

A lot happened in those 30 years: medical school, marriage, a family, 18 years of military service, and opportunities galore for Christian service and growth. I was not spiritually ready for missions after medical school, but God provided duty on two nuclear submarines where I was appointed Protestant "lay leader" and began serious, personal Bible study. For the first time in my life I had to prepare a discussion for each Sunday we were at sea.

Other opportunities for spiritual

growth while stationed in New London, Connecticut, included working in pioneer missions in 1959 with what later became Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Groton, near the submarine base.

At about that time God stirred the old, smoldering embers of medical missions, and my wife and I felt called to become career missionaries. Contacts with the Foreign Mission Board staff were made, and plans were begun, only to be shelved the following year due to the sudden death of my father and problems related to his estate. Perhaps in God's eyes I still was not ready—I could only count one person I had led to Christ, not a good accounting of Christian witness if I planned to go to the other side of the earth to tell people about my Savior.

At two other duty stations opportunities abounded for Christian growth, witnessing, and service. In Florida, in addition to local church involvement, there has been a close association with juvenile delinquency rehabilitation, coffee-house ministry, counseling and follow-up ministry at "Agape House," and for the past year immersion in a new and growing bus ministry at First Church, Winter Park, Florida.

When our church held a Week of Missions last fall, among the missionaries speaking were Dr. and Mrs. Richard H. Hellinger, on furlough from Bangalore, where they serve as missionary associates. I was impressed with their comments on the field in India, for I had been concerned about the progress of Southern Baptist mission work there.

Another missionary physician and friend with whom I had corresponded worked for another denomination in India. When I had spoken to him about Southern Baptist medical missionaries in India seven years ago, he quickly

challenged me. He knew we had only one missionary doctor in India—a thoracic surgeon at Vellore Medical College. "What good can one surgeon do?" he asked.

When I went to India this past summer, I found out what one surgeon had done. He laid groundwork with Indian government officials to allow Baptists to build a small, modern, teaching hospital in Bangalore and send two more dedicated Christian physicians and their families to see it come to completion.

These missionaries guided the hospital from a converted outpatient building for five years to one of the most modern inpatient and outpatient facilities in India. While acting as hospital engineering and construction superintendents (India did not approve visas for construction engineers), these physicians and their wives found time to establish six churches (one English, the others in national languages), establish the only library in a city of two million people, establish mobile medical clinics to surrounding villages, and see to many other details.

Even though my 30 days passed rapidly, I came away with a relaxed feeling of accomplishment. I see that medicine is but a stepping stone for evangelism. Why do people walk many miles and wait overnight in line to see the Christian doctors, when they could go to another hospital? It is because they see that the Christian doctors care about them as individuals.

Does my "vacation" end now? Certainly not. My concern for the Indian Baptist Mission goes on not only through prayer and by telling others of my experience, but in many practical ways as a helping hand in the States for obtaining items needed by doctors on the field. TC



# Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Allocations

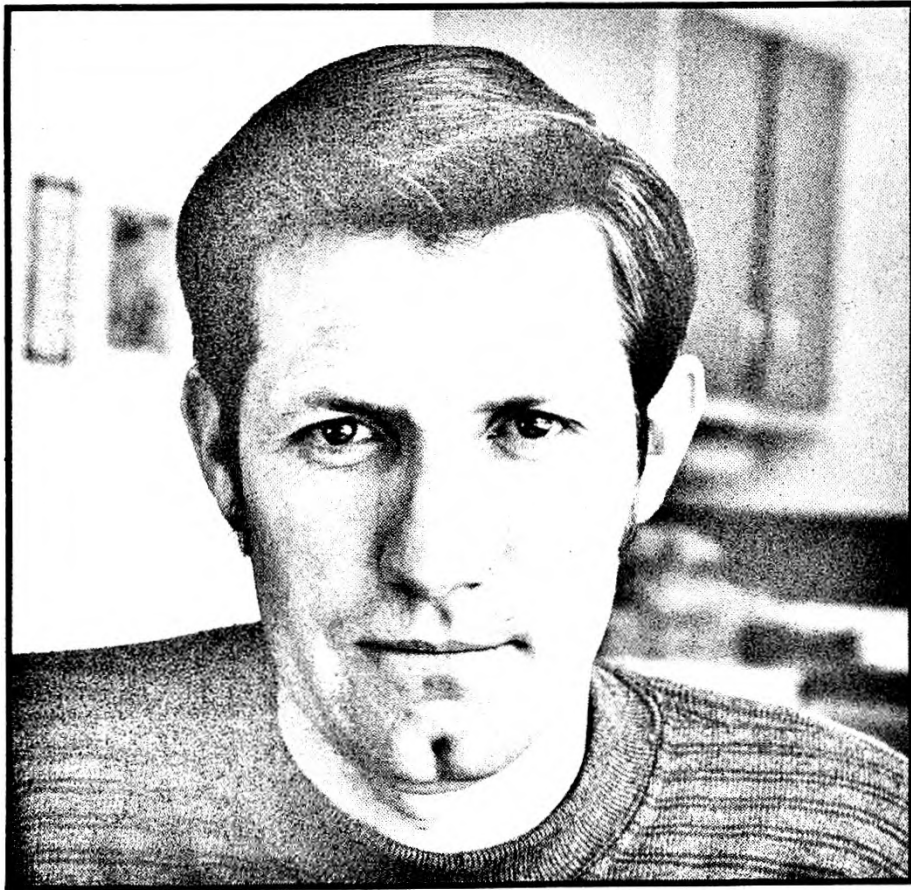
## South America

ALLOCATIONS for the first \$13 million dollars expected from the 1973 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions have already been approved. (The total offering goal is \$20 million.) Here are listed the specific allocations, country by country, for one of the seven administrative areas of fields overseas. Lists for the other six areas appear elsewhere in this issue. The introduction and listing of general allocations appear on page 3.

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| <b>Argentina</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                      |                                                   | (Curitiba inst., \$19,800.00; Goiás agric., \$5,004.00; Baurú institute, \$2,200.00; Rio seminary, \$63,200.00) | Nat'l. convens., mis. boards                         | 4,304.95              |
| Children's school allowance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$ 31,920.00         |                                                   |                                                                                                                 | Audiovisual aids                                     | 1,816.00              |
| Aid to churches                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 50,000.00            |                                                   |                                                                                                                 | Asunción, pri. school, cur. exp.                     | 1,226.55              |
| Radio and television                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 15,600.00            | Literature and publications                       | 55,100.00                                                                                                       | Asunción, theol. inst., cur. exp.                    | 7,118.81              |
| Prop. operating require.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 14,500.00            | Social services (goodwill ctrs.)                  | 14,004.00                                                                                                       | Book store, current expense                          | 561.17                |
| Evangelization and new work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 13,800.00            | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>\$ 467,340.00</b>                                                                                            | Publication work                                     | 1,000.00              |
| Conf., conventions, retreats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 6,800.00             | <b>Chile</b>                                      |                                                                                                                 | Asunción, Baptist Hospital and Nurses' School, exp.  | 40,500.00             |
| Nat'l. convens., boards                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 6,800.00             | Language study                                    | \$ 585.00                                                                                                       | <b>Total</b>                                         | <b>\$ 96,615.16</b>   |
| Student work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 6,600.00             | Children's school allowance                       | 22,320.00                                                                                                       | <b>Peru</b>                                          |                       |
| Promotional work (SS, TU)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8,200.00             | Prop. operating require. (msy.)                   | 13,023.00                                                                                                       | Children's school allowance                          | \$ 8,580.00           |
| Audiovisual aids                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3,700.00             | Travel on Mission business                        | 28,095.00                                                                                                       | Travel on Mission business                           | 6,598.00              |
| Buenos Aires, international seminary, current expense                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 59,000.00            | Aid to churches                                   | 18,810.00                                                                                                       | Aid to churches                                      | 14,500.00             |
| Buenos Aires, publications board, current expense                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 18,800.00            | Radio and TV evangelism                           | 19,260.00                                                                                                       | Radio and TV evangelism                              | 10,000.00             |
| Social services (goodwill ctr.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 7,500.00             | Prop. op. req. (dir. evang.)                      | 1,215.00                                                                                                        | Prop. operating require.                             | 13,055.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>\$ 243,220.00</b> | Evangelization                                    | 7,245.00                                                                                                        | Evangelism and new work                              | 4,650.00              |
| <b>Equatorial Brazil</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                      |                                                   |                                                                                                                 | Conf., conventions, retreats                         | 3,300.00              |
| Children's school allowance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$ 9,000.00          | Conf., conventions, retreats                      | 1,890.00                                                                                                        | Evangelistic equipment                               | 2,000.00              |
| Prop. operating require.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 30,450.09            | Promotional work (SS, TU)                         | 2,745.00                                                                                                        | Student work                                         | 5,000.00              |
| Aid to churches                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 63,143.33            | Audiovisual aids                                  | 180.00                                                                                                          | Promotional work (SS, TU)                            | 1,220.00              |
| Radio evangelism                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 9,138.33             | Temuco, Bap. acad., cur. exp.                     | 34,425.00                                                                                                       | Audiovisual aids                                     | 400.00                |
| Prop. operating require. (direct evangelism)                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 5,550.00             | Santiago, Bap. Sem., cur. exp.                    | 13,077.00                                                                                                       | Scholarships                                         | 5,680.00              |
| Evangelization                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5,900.00             | Literature and publications                       | 6,210.00                                                                                                        | Trujillo, theol. inst., cur. exp.                    | 6,777.00              |
| Conf., conventions, retreats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3,900.00             | National publications                             | 1,305.00                                                                                                        | Literature and publications                          | 7,000.00              |
| Nat'l. convens., mis. boards                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 17,580.00            | Antofagasta, med. clinic, current expense         | 8,640.00                                                                                                        | National publications                                | 250.00                |
| Student work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1,000.00             | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>\$ 179,025.00</b>                                                                                            | Social services (goodwill ctr.)                      | 2,500.00              |
| Promotional work (SS, TU)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 7,820.00             | <b>Colombia</b>                                   |                                                                                                                 | Adult literacy program                               | 550.00                |
| Schools, current expense:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 35,983.33            | Children's school allowance                       | \$ 19,422.55                                                                                                    | <b>Total</b>                                         | <b>\$ 92,060.00</b>   |
| (Seminary, Belém, \$25,000.00; Santarém, \$2,000.00; Manaus, Amazonas, \$250.00; São Luiz, \$2,000.00; annex schools, \$1,530.00; scholarships, \$5,203.33)                                                                                                               |                      | Prop. operating require. (msy.)                   | 21,243.64                                                                                                       | <b>Uruguay</b>                                       |                       |
| Literature                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1,060.00             | Aid to churches                                   | 33,786.45                                                                                                       | Language study                                       | \$ 150.00             |
| Medical clinics, current exp.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 4,746.67             | Radio evangelism                                  | 16,386.74                                                                                                       | Children's school allowance                          | 12,000.00             |
| (North Piauí, \$4,046.67; Pôrto Velho, \$700.00)                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                      | Prop. op. req. (dir. evang.)                      | 31,984.37                                                                                                       | Prop. operating require. (msy.)                      | 5,000.00              |
| Social service (goodwill ctr.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3,000.00             | Evangelism and new work                           | 6,953.58                                                                                                        | Travel on Mission business                           | 8,000.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>\$ 198,271.75</b> | Conf., conventions, retreats                      | 5,882.16                                                                                                        | Travel for local leave                               | 1,645.00              |
| <b>North Brazil</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      |                                                   |                                                                                                                 | Aid to churches                                      | 19,300.00             |
| Children's school allowance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$ 26,148.40         | Evangelistic equipment                            | 2,336.62                                                                                                        | Radio evangelism                                     | 5,300.00              |
| Prop. operating require.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 23,392.00            | Promotional work (SS, TU)                         | 1,364.45                                                                                                        | Prop. op. require. (dir. evang.)                     | 4,500.00              |
| Radio evangelism                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 6,500.00             | Elem. schools, current exp.                       | 3,758.92                                                                                                        | Evangelization                                       | 600.00                |
| Nat'l. convens., mis. boards                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 80,993.00            | Scholarships                                      | 13,968.57                                                                                                       | Conf., conventions, retreats                         | 500.00                |
| Student work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 5,586.00             | Cali, int'l. seminary, cur. exp.                  | 32,485.00                                                                                                       | Evangelistic equipment                               | 500.00                |
| Religious education                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1,290.32             | Book store, current expense                       | 10,146.49                                                                                                       | Nat'l. convs., mis. boards                           | 1,300.00              |
| Architect dept., current exp.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 100.00               | Barranquilla, Baptist hospital, current expense   | 33,700.00                                                                                                       | Promotional work (SS, TU)                            | 375.00                |
| Audiovisual aids                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1,000.00             | Social services (goodwill ctr.)                   | 1,000.00                                                                                                        | Audiovisual aids                                     | 1,875.00              |
| Schools, current expense                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 98,258.52            | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>\$ 234,419.54</b>                                                                                            | Montevideo, theol. inst., cur. exp.                  | 5,400.00              |
| (Bahia domestic, \$3,287.12; Natal, \$1,024.50; Aracajú primary, \$5,444.00; scholarships, \$2,479.40; Maceio academy, \$5,815.00; Recife seminary, \$51,922.50; Jaguaquara academy, \$2,658.50; Corrente institute, \$6,868.50; Feira de Santana institute, \$18,759.00) |                      | <b>Ecuador</b>                                    |                                                                                                                 | Literature and publications                          | 9,000.00              |
| Literature and publications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 5,162.10             | Children's school allowance                       | \$ 13,288.00                                                                                                    | Mission meeting expense                              | 800.00                |
| Medical clinics, current exp.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 1,818.10             | Travel on Mission business                        | 8,971.99                                                                                                        | Mission treasurer's expense                          | 900.00                |
| (Sergipe, \$232.35; Feira de Santana, \$714.50; Pernambuco, E., \$803.50; Pernambuco, W., \$67.75)                                                                                                                                                                        |                      | Aid to churches                                   | 18,134.00                                                                                                       | Mission office expense                               | 600.00                |
| Social services (goodwill ctrs.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 19,015.00            | Radio and TV evangelism                           | 9,980.00                                                                                                        | Legal fees and taxes                                 | 500.00                |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>\$ 269,263.44</b> | Prop. operating require.                          | 12,131.00                                                                                                       | <b>Total</b>                                         | <b>\$ 78,245.00</b>   |
| <b>South Brazil</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                      |                                                   |                                                                                                                 | <b>Venezuela</b>                                     |                       |
| Language study                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$ 7,500.00          | Evangelism and new work                           | 7,272.00                                                                                                        | Children's school allowance                          | \$ 21,614.53          |
| Children's school allowance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 68,432.00            | Conf., conventions, retreats                      | 1,100.00                                                                                                        | Aid to churches                                      | 22,583.80             |
| Radio evangelism                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 25,776.00            | Student work                                      | 4,629.00                                                                                                        | Radio evangelism                                     | 3,086.30              |
| Evangelization                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 13,400.00            | Promotional work (SS, TU)                         | 850.00                                                                                                          | Prop. operating require.                             | 4,382.85              |
| Nat'l. convens., mis. boards                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 189,420.00           | Quito, pri. school, cur. exp.                     | 8,835.00                                                                                                        | Evangelization                                       | 982.45                |
| Audiovisual aids                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3,504.00             | Scholarships                                      | 6,440.00                                                                                                        | Conf., conventions, retreats                         | 245.65                |
| Schools, current expense:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 90,204.00            | Guayaquil, theol. inst., cur. exp.                | 4,210.00                                                                                                        | Nat'l. convs., mis. boards                           | 1,064.65              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      | Literature and publications                       | 3,050.00                                                                                                        | Student work                                         | 491.35                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      | National publications                             | 350.00                                                                                                          | Promotional work (SS, TU)                            | 393.15                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      | Quito, medical and dental clinic, current expense | 750.00                                                                                                          | Caracas, theol. sem., cur. exp.                      | 24,684.50             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      | Adult literacy program                            | 300.00                                                                                                          | Book store, current expense                          | 3,600.00              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      | Manabí, agricultural program                      | 6,000.00                                                                                                        | National publications                                | 2,292.00              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      | <b>Total</b>                                      | <b>\$ 106,290.99</b>                                                                                            | Agricultural program                                 | 426.00                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      | <b>Paraguay</b>                                   |                                                                                                                 | <b>Total</b>                                         | <b>\$ 85,847.23</b>   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      | Children's school allowance                       | \$ 3,500.00                                                                                                     | <b>Grand Total, South America, items by Missions</b> |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      | Travel on Mission business                        | 8,028.52                                                                                                        |                                                      | <b>\$2,050,598.11</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      | Aid to churches                                   | 8,396.66                                                                                                        |                                                      |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      | Radio and TV evangelism                           | 7,162.50                                                                                                        |                                                      |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      | Prop. operating require.                          | 5,000.00                                                                                                        |                                                      |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      | Evangelization                                    | 3,000.00                                                                                                        |                                                      |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      | Conf., conventions, retreats                      | 5,000.00                                                                                                        |                                                      |                       |



# FIRST PROSTHETIST



Jerrell R. Ballard, prosthetist, now serves in Colombia.



Jerrell and Delores Ballard during missionary orientation in Georgia.



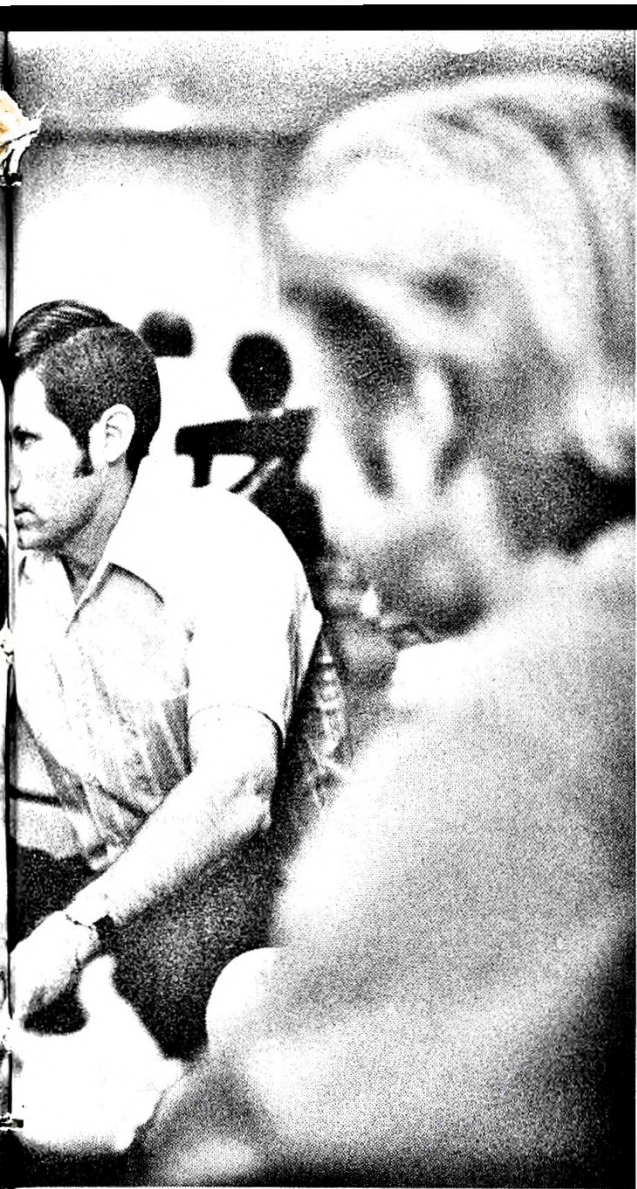
**A** prosthetist, as everyone no doubt knows, is one who specializes in prosthetics. And, of course, prosthetics has to do with artificial limbs. But what everyone may not know is that the Southern Baptist medical missions team for the first time includes a prosthetist.

When 36-year-old Jerrell R. Ballard and his wife, Delores, left the U.S. for Barranquilla, Colombia, last May it marked a new stage in a spiritual journey that began in a Louisiana bayou. The Ballards were employed as missionary associates in November 1972. He is now serving as prosthetist at Baptist Hospital, Barranquilla.

Ballard's first encounter with a church was on the Bayou Teche, a river about 200 yards from where he and his family lived on a sugarcane plantation in Louisiana. A home missionary who ministered to French-speaking people came to the area in a riverboat that served as living quarters and floating church. Ballard attended church on the boat, and it was due to the missionary's personal witness that, while in his early teens, Ballard accepted Christ.

A few years later Ballard encountered the profession that





Above: The Ballard children, Karen and Jerrell, Jr.  
Left: Jarrell in discussion session during orientation.

*Photographed  
by Bob Harper*

was to become his career. He had begun dating Delores Walker, who later would become his wife, and was introduced to prosthetics by Miss Walker's brother-in-law, Bill Brunner. Brunner had lost part of his left leg while in military service and had been trained in prosthetics. Ballard found employment in Houston, Texas, for the prosthetics firm for which Brunner worked. Ballard soon knew he had found his profession.

During that same year, 1958, he felt that God was leading him into special service, but he was unclear as to what direction this would take. Fellow church members advised him to seek seminary training and become a pastor. Still, Ballard felt that God had led him into the proper career.

While a prosthetic technician, he was drafted into military service. For most of his two years in service Ballard served as an orthopedic technician at a U.S. Army hospital. Following discharge, he continued his training and his career and in 1965 achieved the standing of certified prosthetist. The certification is received upon passage of a three-day board examination that is given annually only to candidates who have undergone specified training.

Fourteen years after his first feeling of being led into special service, Ballard came to understand what he was being called to do. "I finally came up with the answer of what God had tried to tell me in 1958," he muses. "He was letting me know that this profession was what he had prepared me for, and as soon as I was trained sufficiently, he would call me again and use me in foreign mission work for him."

His second experience of yielding to the feeling of God's direction came not at a church service but on a YMCA handball court. He had been struggling with the decision, and it was on his mind throughout the game with his church educational director. As soon as the game ended, Ballard asked the church staff member to find out from the Foreign Mission Board whether someone with Ballard's training could be of service. Nine months later the Ballards became missionary associates.

During 14 years of experience in prosthetics, Ballard has fitted limbs to patients ranging in age from five months to 95 years. For the five years before missionary assignment, Ballard was self-employed as a certified prosthetist

in Amarillo, Texas. During that time he was active at the church he attended and was a counselor for Royal Ambassadors.

With the hardest part of establishing himself in business behind him, he felt himself being led into missions at a time when "I had just begun to get out of debt and to have many personal things we had wanted," relates Ballard. "People asked, 'How can you give up all you have worked for and just leave?' My answer was that when God calls, there is no way you can keep, or desire to keep, the material things you have collected. I think Christ saw we were beginning to become involved with things, and decided it was time for me to go. When he calls, there is no question—you follow him."

Ballard has held membership and certificates in several professional organizations. He served as secretary and treasurer, vice-president, and then president for a five-state region of the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association.

Now he has become the first prosthetist in Southern Baptist foreign mission work. He has added one more category to the growing paramedical team involved in overseas medical missions. **TC**



PATIENTS thronged at the large, glass window of the pharmacy, while I talked with Mahub just before the clinic was to open early on Monday. So accustomed to the clamor was Mahub that he seemed not to notice the crowd, as he prepared many of the common medicines that would be prescribed that day.

Mahub, 24, director of the pharmacy at Baptist Hospital in Jibla, Yemen, had recently completed a course in anesthesiology taught by James M. Young, Jr., missionary doctor.

"I used to like the pharmacy best, but now I find anesthesiology more exciting," reflected Mahub.

has the power to create opportunities.

"One of my biggest aims has been to learn more about the laboratory and get a certificate," said Sallah, who began working in the lab in 1967. "It will help in the future, since I had to quit school and go to work."

He has completed eighth grade and hopes to finish secondary school someday. Exactly what he hopes the certificate to do for him was not clear to me, but it obviously makes his work more in demand. He could easily secure a lab job anywhere in Yemen.

Hassan, on the other hand, has had no formal education. He started

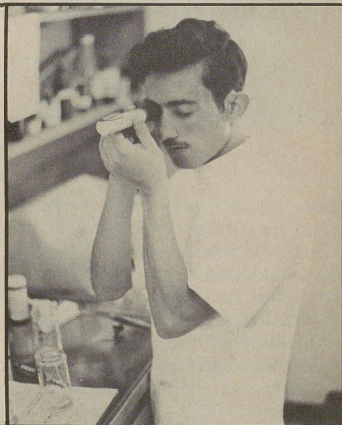
I have the ability to study, and the certificate will help me get other chances to study."

"Learning to work in the lab was not easy for them," explained Missionary Sally Kirk, the lab technologist, "because the lectures, given in English, included many terms that they had to translate into Arabic before they could understand. Only their eagerness to learn put them through the course. I was amazed and encouraged by their intense desire for more education and knowledge."

Besides lecturing two hours weekly, Miss Kirk worked with the lab students 48 hours a week, providing on-the-job training. Now

## A MAGICAL PIECE OF PAPER

By Leland Meister



Hassan in Yemen hospital laboratory.

"I was a little scared at first, because the patient is completely in my hands when he is under the anesthetic. That is a big responsibility. But now I have more confidence. I enjoy the challenge."

The hospital held a graduation ceremony for Mahub and for three men who had completed training in the laboratory. Two classes with a combined total of only four graduates seemed a bit ho-hum to me at first. Then I came to realize that in all of Yemen perhaps only a score of individuals can do the jobs for which these men had been trained. Their graduation was important not only for them, but for the nation.

In Yemen a certificate becomes a magical piece of paper, for it

as a kitchen helper in 1969. "I wanted to study in the nursing school, but I had family problems and not enough money," he told me through a translator. "When I heard there was a chance to study and get a certificate at the lab, I jumped at the opportunity." Hassan later left the hospital to take a position in another lab, for that had always been his goal.

Whereas Hassan at first was willing to work anywhere in the hospital for the pay, Qassam had his eyes on lab work from the first. Beginning in 1969, he helped the doctors in the clinic and learned to scrub in the operating room. Finally he moved to the lab.

"Now I want further study in the lab," said Qassam. "But if that is not possible, I want more education at anything, since I only finished the third grade. I know now that

the young men can perform a number of standard lab tests.

How these four men will utilize their new knowledge was the main subject of J. D. Hughey's comments at their graduation. Hughey, Foreign Mission Board area secretary for Europe and the Middle East, told the graduates and the audience—all Muslims—that the knowledge the graduates had gained would enable them to help save the lives of their countrymen. The task of saving physical life is indeed a high calling, he said.

"However, there is a higher knowledge," he pointed out, "a spiritual knowledge which all men need; this is the knowledge of God. I wish you the best in your jobs, but I wish even more that you will seek the knowledge of God as eagerly as you have sought for more knowledge in these courses."

The author served as a missionary journeyman in Yemen 1971-73 in the field of agriculture.



# Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Allocations

## East Asia

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### Hong Kong-Macao

|                                        |                      |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Aid to churches                        | \$ 38,675.00         |
| Direct evangelism, property operating  | 9,376.00             |
| Conferences, conventions, and retreats | 365.00               |
| Student work                           | 8,595.00             |
| Sunday School and Training             |                      |
| Union work                             | 6,918.00             |
| Audiovisual aids                       | 1,800.00             |
| Hong Kong Baptist College              | 24,000.00            |
| Scholarships                           | 12,450.00            |
| Seminary                               | 25,100.00            |
| Literature and tracts                  | 2,000.00             |
| Publication work                       | 35,250.00            |
| Hong Kong Baptist Hospital             | 22,500.00            |
| Goodwill and evangelistic center       | 18,500.00            |
| Mission meeting expense                | 1,800.00             |
| Mission office expense                 | 15,000.00            |
| Language study                         | 18,000.00            |
| Children's school allowance            | 18,000.00            |
| Mission residence, property operating  | 33,000.00            |
| Travel for Mission business            | 15,000.00            |
| Missionary journeyman exp.             | 10,000.00            |
| Radio and advertising                  | 1,000.00             |
| Music publication                      | 3,600.00             |
| Medical allowance                      | 3,870.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$ 324,799.00</b> |

### Japan

|                                           |             |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Medical allowance                         | \$ 8,400.00 |
| Language study                            | 42,640.00   |
| Children's school allowance               | 95,000.00   |
| Missionary residence, property operating  | 70,000.00   |
| Travel for Mission business               | 73,000.00   |
| Missionary journeyman exp.                | 10,000.00   |
| Moving missionaries on field              | 9,300.00    |
| Aid to churches                           | 100,000.00  |
| Evangelization (includes special project) | 15,000.00   |

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Seinan Gakuin             | 16,000.00            |
| Seinan Jo Gakuin          | 13,000.00            |
| Seminary                  | 49,650.00            |
| Student work              | 3,600.00             |
| Publication work          | 16,000.00            |
| Hospital                  | 40,000.00            |
| Mission meeting expense   | 14,500.00            |
| Mission office expense    | 37,500.00            |
| Entertainment             | 2,000.00             |
| Contingent fund           | 2,215.00             |
| Mission committee expense | 8,000.00             |
| Radio and advertising     | 40,000.00            |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$ 665,805.00</b> |

### Korea

|                                          |                      |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Aid to churches                          | \$ 7,100.00          |
| Radio and advertising                    | 21,425.00            |
| Correspondence courses                   | 6,575.00             |
| Evangelization                           | 5,000.00             |
| Conferences, conventions, and retreats   | 4,300.00             |
| Student work                             | 2,900.00             |
| Sunday School and Training               |                      |
| Union work                               | 8,820.00             |
| Seminary                                 | 32,000.00            |
| Publication work                         | 22,050.00            |
| Hospital                                 | 39,000.00            |
| Mission meeting expense                  | 4,000.00             |
| Mission office expense                   | 14,700.00            |
| Children's school allowance              | 29,900.00            |
| Travel for mission business              | 33,600.00            |
| Language study                           | 22,500.00            |
| Missionary residence, property operating | 18,000.00            |
| Missionary journeymen exp.               | 7,000.00             |
| Servicemen's center                      | 8,170.00             |
| Aid to convention and associations       | 6,400.00             |
| Medical allowance                        | 4,620.00             |
| Literature and tracts                    | 2,000.00             |
| Moving missionaries on field             | 1,500.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$ 301,560.00</b> |

### Okinawa

|                                          |                    |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Children's school allowance              | \$ 4,500.00        |
| Missionary residence, property operating | 1,800.00           |
| Travel for Mission business              | 2,700.00           |
| Radio work                               | 780.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$ 9,780.00</b> |

### Taiwan

|                                          |                      |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Medical allowance                        | \$ 2,116.00          |
| Language study                           | 15,000.00            |
| Children's school allowance              | 22,000.00            |
| Missionary residence, property operating | 21,000.00            |
| Travel for Mission business              | 20,000.00            |
| Aid to churches                          | 6,900.00             |
| Radio and advertising                    | 18,000.00            |
| Television                               | 31,000.00            |
| Direct evangelism, property operating    | 9,000.00             |
| Correspondence courses                   | 2,500.00             |
| Evangelization                           | 4,000.00             |
| Conferences, conventions, and retreats   | 7,000.00             |
| Student work                             | 2,200.00             |
| Sunday School, Training                  |                      |
| Union, and music                         | 4,000.00             |
| Audiovisual aids                         | 1,600.00             |
| Seminary                                 | 31,000.00            |
| Book store                               | 4,500.00             |
| Literature and tracts (library)          | 5,200.00             |
| Mission treasurer's expense              | 4,200.00             |
| Moving missionaries on field             | 1,800.00             |
| Mission committee expense                | 3,400.00             |
| Publications, Taiwanese-student          | 2,100.00             |
| Mission meeting expense                  | 2,700.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$ 221,216.00</b> |

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Grand Total, East Asia, items by Missions</b> | <b>\$1,523,160.00</b> |
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# NEW

## MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

### Missionaries Appointed

October 1973



**SOUTH BRAZIL: J. D. Batson;** born: Wiggins, Miss., Feb. 19, 1938. Graduate: Mississippi College; NOBTS (M.C.M. and additional study). He has taught elementary school. Since 1956 he has served as minister of music, minister of music and education, or minister of music and youth for churches in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. Since January 1971 he has been minister of music and youth at First Church, Poplarville, Miss. Expected type of service: music promotion. **Ethel Thatcher Batson;** born: Fruitland Park, Miss., June 24, 1939. She has taught school and has been a church secretary and music secretary. Marriage: April 21, 1957. Children: Cynthia Ann, Nov. 30, 1961; Angela Kay, Jan. 16, 1964; Lisa Gay, Sept. 11, 1968; Laurie Beth, Feb. 18, 1971. Present address: Rt. 1, Poplarville, Miss. 39470.



**MEXICO: P. Franklin Crosby;** born: Jackson, Tenn., Jan. 10, 1941. Graduate: Union University; attended SWBTS (M.Div. expected in Dec.). He has worked for manufacturing firms and was a credit collector for a retail firm. He served in the U.S. Army 1963-65, with assignment in Germany. He was pastor in Tennessee and since December 1971 has been pastor of Second Church, Ranger, Tex. Expected type of service: general evangelism. **Gloria Shambaugh Crosby;** born: Neosho, Mo., Oct. 21, 1942. Graduate: Southwest Baptist College; Union University; attended SWBTS. She was a summer missionary under the Home Mission Board in 1963 in California and for the Missouri Baptist Convention in 1965 and 1966. In Tennessee she was a music therapist at a state hospital and was a state social worker 1968-70. Marriage: Aug. 14, 1966. Child: Jeremy Paul, Feb. 27, 1973. Present address: c/o Mrs. W. D. Crabtree, Noel, Mo. 64854.

**DAHOMY: R. Kenneth Gaskin;** born: Alachua Co., Fla., Feb. 28, 1936. Graduate: Norman Park Junior College; Valdosta State College; NOBTS (Th.M.). He served in the



U.S. Marine Corps 1958-60 and has taught school. Since 1961 he has served as pastor of churches in Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana; since 1971 he has been pastor of Coral Park Church, Miami, Fla. Expected type of service: general evangelism. **Jewell Horton Gaskin;** born: Palatka, Fla., Nov. 18, 1937. Graduate: Valdosta State College. She has worked as a secretary and has taught school. Marriage: June 14, 1957. Children: Raymond Kenneth, Dec. 24, 1960; Karis Jewell, Nov. 8, 1966. Present address: 9700 SW. 15th, Miami, Fla. 33165.

**JORDAN: Annette Hall;** born: Norfolk, Va., Sept. 20, 1943. Graduate: North Carolina Baptist Hospital School of Nursing (dip.); achieved R.N. standing in 1964; Medical College of Virginia School of Nursing (B.S.N.); Emory University (M.S.N.); attended SBTS. She was a summer missionary in Michigan in 1967 for the Baptist Student Union and in Gaza in 1970, sponsored by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. She has served as a nurse at hospitals in Pennsylvania and Virginia, and was an instructor in medical-surgical nursing at Johnston-Willis Hospital School of Nursing, Richmond, Va., 1970-72. Expected type of service: nursing. Present address: 9614 16th Bay St., Norfolk, Va. 23518.



**COLOMBIA: Jenifer (Jeni) Hester;** born: Amarillo, Tex., Feb. 10, 1948. Graduate: Texas Woman's University; attended SWBTS; achieved R.N. standing in 1971. She was a Baptist Student Union summer missionary in Texas in 1970. She worked as student nurse at hospitals in New Mexico and Texas, as a staff nurse at a hospital in Clayton, N.M., and as nurse at a woman's dormitory at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex. Expected type of service: nursing. Present address: Barnard Hall, Box 22235, Ft. Worth, Tex. 76122.



**COLOMBIA: George R. Holder;** born: Ponca City, Okla., Sept. 19, 1942. Graduate: Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas (now Texas A&M Univ.); attended SWBTS. He worked for a retail firm in Houston, Tex., and from 1966 until last

June was underwriter for an insurance firm in Dallas, Tex. Expected type of service: business management. **Rogene Hubbard Holder;** born: Houston, Tex., Sept. 21, 1939. Graduate: Sam Houston State Teachers College (now Sam Houston State Univ.); Louisiana State University (M.S.). She was a staffer at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly (now Conf. Center) the summer of 1959. She has worked on the staffs of several libraries in Texas. Marriage: June 12, 1965. Children: Sharon Evonne, Oct. 22, 1967; Janet Suzanne, Dec. 7, 1969. Present address: P.O. Drawer Y, Snyder, Tex. 79549.



**COLOMBIA: Gerald H. Holt, Jr.;** born: Hobbs, N.M., Mar. 19, 1936. Graduate: Austin College; University of Missouri School of Dentistry (D.D.S.). He served in the U.S. Marine Corps 1956-58 and worked for a laboratory as a core analyst. Since 1965 he has been a dentist in private practice in Lake Jackson, Tex. Expected type of service: dentistry. **Marcie Roman Holt;** born: Kankakee, Ill., Nov. 30, 1940. Attended Austin College. She has worked as a correspondent for a cosmetics firm. Marriage: June 9, 1962. Children: Patricia Elaine, Sept. 2, 1963; Drew Roman, Aug. 27, 1966; Elizabeth Anne, May 4, 1970. Present address: 530 Wisteria, Lake Jackson, Tex. 77566.



**NORTH BRAZIL: Clayton K. Hulet;** born: Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 9, 1936. Graduate: Oklahoma Baptist University; attended GGBTS (M.Div. expected in Dec.). He served in the U.S. Army 1956-58, with assignment in Korea. He was employed by a retail firm and has been pastor in Oklahoma and California, from 1970 to 1973 at Menalto Avenue Church, Menlo Park, Calif. Expected type of service: general evangelism. **Leta Bell Hulet;** born: Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 14, 1941. Graduate: University of Oklahoma School of Nursing (certif.); achieved R.N. standing in 1964. She has worked as a credit clerk. She has been head nurse at an Oklahoma City Hospital and nurse at a convalescent home in Oklahoma and at a community hospital in California. Marriage: April 14, 1960. Children: Elizabeth Ann, Jan. 13, 1965; Sarah Kay, Feb. 13, 1966; Christina Jill, Sept. 18, 1967; James Isaiah, Aug. 9, 1970. Present address: 1133 SW. 57th, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73109.

**NIGERIA: W. Ward Nicholson;** born: Houston, Tex., June 16, 1946. Graduate:

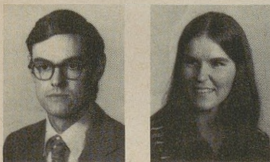




North Texas State University; attended SWBTS. Sponsored by Teachers for West Africa Program, Elizabethtown, Pa., he taught in Navrongo, Ghana, 1969-70 and in Jos, Nigeria, 1970-73. Expected type of service: secondary education. **Lou Ann Carington Nicholson**; born: Clarksville, Tex., April 19, 1946. Graduate: Texas Woman's University (B.A., B.S.). She has been a secretary and was a Baptist Student Union summer missionary in California in 1967. She served as a Foreign Mission Board missionary journeyman in Jos, Nigeria, 1968-70 and taught at Jos 1970-73, sponsored by Teachers for West Africa. Marriage: Aug. 29, 1970. Child: Sean Carington, Sept. 19, 1972. Present address: 409 Grace Dr., Richardson, Tex. 75080.



**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:** **Charles E. Purtle**; born: Prescott, Ark., May 20, 1946. Graduate: Oklahoma State University; SWBTS (M.Div.). He has worked as a salesman and was a Home Mission Board summer missionary in California in 1966. He was a Baptist Student Union director in Arkansas 1969-70. Expected type of service: general evangelism. **Jane Altom Purtle**; born: Abilene, Tex., Jan. 7, 1946. Graduate: Hardin-Simmons University; SWBTS (M.Div.). She has worked as a secretary and saleswoman. For the Home Mission Board she was a summer missionary in Baltimore, Md., in 1966 and in Chicago, Ill., in 1967 and a US-2 worker in Chicago 1968-70. Marriage: Dec. 22, 1970. Present address: Box 621, Prescott, Ark. 71857.



**LEBANON:** **Wilson R. Tatum**; born: Waco, Tex., Jan. 11, 1945. Graduate: Baylor University; attended SWBTS (M.Div. expected in Dec.). He has taught school, and he served in the U.S. Marine Corps 1969-70. He has been a youth and music director and youth director for churches in Texas. Since last April he has been student pastor of Mildred Church, Corsicana, Tex. Expected type of service: general evangelism. **Cheryl Green Tatum**; born: Corsicana, Tex., Nov. 20, 1948. Graduate: Navarro Junior College; Baylor University; attended

SWBTS. She was a Home Mission Board summer missionary in Washington in 1970. She has worked as a secretary and clerk-typist and has taught school. Marriage: May 19, 1972. Present address: 4700 James Ave., Ft. Worth, Tex. 76115.



**SOUTH BRAZIL:** **Jere A. Wilson**; born: Atlanta, Ga., July 9, 1940. Graduate: William Carey College; SWBTS (M.R.E. and further study). He was in the U.S. Navy 1959-61, stationed in the U.S. and Europe. He has worked as an office and credit manager, was church minister of education in Arkansas and Virginia, and from 1971 to 1973 was associate pastor at First Church, Bartlesville, Okla. Expected type of service: religious education promotion. **Joyce Braswell Wilson**; born: Aurora, Ill., Sept. 20, 1945. Attended SWBTS. She has worked as a secretary and church secretary. Marriage: July 3, 1964. Children: Bret Allen, Aug. 31, 1965; John Edwin, Mar. 1, 1970. Present address: 1719 Seminary Dr., Ft. Worth, Tex. 76115.

## Missionary Associate

Employed October 1973

**LIBERIA:** **Rachel DuBard**; born: Carroll Co., Miss., May 15, 1933. Graduate: Mississippi College; NOBTS (M.R.E. expected in Dec.). She taught school 1956-73 in Mississippi and Louisiana, including from 1956 to 1967 at Carrollton, Miss. Since January she has been a participant in a student project on church training growth in a New Orleans church, sponsored by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Present address: Box 234, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La. 70126.

**Correction:** Marcus L. (Mark) and Ruth Anna Driggers, appointed in August, have been assigned to Colombia, rather than Chile, as indicated in the October issue.

## INDEX '73

The annual index of **The Commission** for 1973 (Vol. 36) is published separately rather than as part of any one issue. In it every item that has appeared in **The Commission** during the year is listed by month and page number, according to author, country, and topic.

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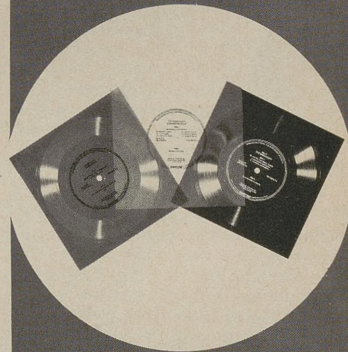
Are you looking for comments by missionaries to enrich program material for your group? Does anybody in your church ever wonder what MKs ("missionary kids," the children of missionaries) think about the life-styles they learn in other countries? Do you ever wish you could have a direct quote from somebody who works firsthand with missionaries overseas?

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THE FIRST three patients to undergo surgery at Baptist Hospital in Bangalore, India, have publicly accepted Christ as personal Savior!

Shamanna, a man 35 years old who had been blind from birth because of cataracts, had one cataract extracted and remained in the hospital for postoperative care. Since returning to his village, ten miles from Bangalore, he has progressed his faith in Christ. He is taking part regularly in a Baptist church that is developing in his area.

Chandrappa, 78, was the second patient admitted to the hospital. He also had cataract eye surgery. He accepted Christ while in the hospital. At home in Bangalore City, Chandrappa's Christian potential for witness is substantial; he is vice-president of the Worker's Union in his community. His wife, who was the third surgery case, also has trusted in Christ.

We are thankful to God for Bill Rowlett, ophthalmologist from Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and his wife, Marilyn. The surgery on Shamanna and Chandrappa was performed by Rowlett during his recent visit to Bangalore as a medical volunteer.

The opportunities for medical relief and evangelism are overwhelming in this country. After years of difficult work, the Baptist Hospital is now open and offering service.

John H. Wikman  
Bangalore, India

THE YOUNG girl sat across the room and watched as I played hymns on the piano. I smiled, and she edged a bit closer. Finally she spoke.

"Does this music have words?" she asked. "Yes, it does," I told her. "Sing them, please." I began singing words to the hymn I had been playing, "Redeemed, How I Love To Proclaim It."

"Do you understand the words?" I inquired. "What is this 'redeemed'?" came her question. I stopped and began to explain that it was Jesus who had saved me, and that this song was a happy one for me.

"Who is this Jesus?" the girl asked. I stopped for a moment. I had heard and read of others having had such a question posed, but I was startled to hear it myself.

The afternoon was full of discussion about Jesus, a stranger to one young girl in Israel. Pray that she may be able to experience the joy of being "redeemed."

Kathryn (Mrs. Norman N. III) Burnes  
Jerusalem, Israel

## EPiSTLES

AT THE ANNUAL meeting of the Baptist Convention of Kenya in April Will (my husband) completed his second year as treasurer. Besides bookkeeping, the job involves much promotional work to help the churches raise money for nationwide Baptist causes.

The giving by Baptists in Kenya to support mission work in their country has been thrilling. In 1969 the goal was set for the first Christmas offering for missions to be taken in Baptist churches of Kenya. Many persons expressed serious doubt that the churches from various tribal areas would unite and give to a common fund. Baptists in Kenya had never conducted a nationwide offering.

The goal set for 1970 was 3,500 shillings (\$500). That year the Kenyans gave 5,600 shillings. For 1971 the goal was 7,000; they gave 7,600. The goal was put at 10,000 shillings for 1972, with hope of sending out a second national missionary, as well as constructing a church building in Bungoma town, where the first missionary serves. Will announced at the convention that the Christmas offering had exceeded 12,000 shillings.

Marie (Mrs. Will J.) Roberts  
On furlough from Kenya

LIFE as a chaplain in a Baptist mission hospital is a most rewarding experience. Yesterday was one of those days that makes me feel my four years invested at the Mexican-American Hospital in Guadalajara, Mexico, have brought dividends.

The visitor to my office was a man whose wife had been a patient in our hospital for about 15 days before she was taken to the States, where she died of cancer. What he told made my heart grow cold. As the account of his life unfolded, I thought how it could have been my story, had it not been for faithful Sunday School teachers, pastors, and Christian parents.

My friend had grown up in a Christian home. He went to Sunday School every week until he was 17. During all that time, he failed to come to know

Christ as personal Savior. He said that for 50 years he had wandered outside of the church, going only occasionally to a funeral or wedding. He was married in a church only to please his wife. During 37 years of married life he had never gone back to church.

I felt guilt rise in me as a minister of Christ, and I found myself saying, "Somebody let you down; someone failed to show you Christ as the answer to your deepest need. It isn't all your fault."

He came to me as God's minister to say he wanted to know how to "get back into the church." He had promised his wife on her deathbed that he would get right with God. I began by telling him that salvation does not come through joining a church but by joining Christ through childlike faith, and that even faith is given us by God. After I had talked with him at length and we had read Scriptures together, he got on his knees and asked God to save him. When he arose, he was composed and breathed a sigh of relief. "Isn't it wonderful!" he said.

This 70-year-old man left my office a babe in Christ with a new Bible under his arm and several books I loaned him to help him in his spiritual growth. He has since been baptized into the fellowship of Gethsemane Baptist Church and is one of the most faithful members.

How thrilling, and yet how frightening, to think that you or I may be the last link to heaven or hell for someone like this man! He told me that when he was a boy his grandfather was Sunday School superintendent, yet no one ever talked to him about trusting in Christ. This should be a lesson for each of us in Christian work. We should not take for granted that everyone knows how to become a child of God, but we should make the way of salvation clear.

Michael J. Ledbetter  
Guadalajara, Mexico



# Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Allocations

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| <b>Indonesia</b>               |                      | operating                     | 35,484.00            | Seminary, Bangkok                   | 6,842.00              |
| Language study                 | \$ 3,000.00          | Travel for Mission business   | 29,740.00            | Publication work, Bangkok           | 12,975.00             |
| Children's school allowance    | 44,450.00            | Travel for local leave        | 6,398.00             | Hospital, Bangkok                   | 31,579.00             |
| Missionary residence, property |                      | Missionary journeymen exp.    | 4,548.00             | Leprosy clinic, Choburi             | 1,500.00              |
| operating                      | 15,725.00            | Moving missionaries           | 5,000.00             | Contingent fund                     | 1,144.00              |
| Travel for Mission business    | 24,900.00            | Direct evangelism, aid to     |                      | Mission committee expense           | 2,800.00              |
| Radio and television           | 3,150.00             | churches                      | 7,220.00             | Mission meeting expense             | 8,000.00              |
| Direct evangelism, property    |                      | Direct evangelism, radio and  |                      | Mission office expense              | 11,000.00             |
| operating                      | 1,450.00             | advertising                   | 18,699.00            | <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$ 232,004.00</b>  |
| Evangelization                 | 8,850.00             | Direct evangelism, television | 20,842.00            |                                     |                       |
| Student work                   | 9,400.00             | Direct evangelism, property   |                      | <b>Vietnam</b>                      |                       |
| Samarang, seminary, current    |                      | operating                     | 3,913.00             | Language study                      | \$ 5,100.00           |
| expense                        | 18,000.00            | Evangelization                | 9,137.00             | Children's school allowance         | 30,960.00             |
| Literature and tracts          | 2,775.00             | Summer camps                  | 2,993.00             | Msy. residence, property            |                       |
| Publication work               | 18,000.00            | Student work                  | 13,440.00            | operating                           | 27,300.00             |
| Kediri Baptist Hospital        | 26,000.00            | Religious education           |                      | Travel for Mission business         | 15,000.00             |
| Sumatra clinic                 | 12,000.00            | promotion                     | 5,105.00             | Travel for local leave              | 13,080.00             |
| Mission committee expense      | 6,000.00             | Audiovisual aids              | 1,500.00             | Missionary journeymen exp.          | 9,120.00              |
| Mission meeting expense        | 16,000.00            | Davao Bible School            | 8,640.00             | Moving missionaries                 | 1,200.00              |
| Mission office expense         | 9,000.00             | Southern Baptist College,     |                      | Sundry expenses                     | 2,040.00              |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$ 218,700.00</b> | M'Lang                        | 3,810.00             | Radio and advertising               | 12,000.00             |
|                                |                      | Seminary, Baguio              | 21,325.00            | Direct evangelism, property         |                       |
| <b>Malaysia-Singapore</b>      |                      | Literature and tracts         | 1,723.00             | operating                           | 15,000.00             |
| Language study                 | \$ 2,490.00          | Publication work, Manila      | 26,820.00            | Evangelization                      | 12,900.00             |
| Children's school allowance    | 47,410.00            | State and convention papers   | 800.00               | Audiovisual aids                    | 3,600.00              |
| Msy. residence, property       |                      | WMU literature                | 1,620.00             | Seminary                            | 14,400.00             |
| operating                      | 26,500.00            | Mati Baptist Hospital         | 21,000.00            | Book store                          | 6,000.00              |
| Travel for Mission business    | 15,900.00            | Agricultural program          | 3,810.00             | Literature and tracts               | 1,440.00              |
| Direct evangelism, aid to      |                      | Mission committee expense     | 775.00               | Correspondence courses              | 2,400.00              |
| churches                       | 6,000.00             | Mission meeting expense       | 12,000.00            | Publication work                    | 18,000.00             |
| Direct evangelism, radio and   |                      | Mission office expense        | 10,500.00            | Social service                      | 1,526.00              |
| advertising                    | 920.00               | <b>Total</b>                  | <b>\$ 327,600.00</b> | Mission meeting expense             | 3,600.00              |
| Direct evangelism, television  | 1,100.00             |                               |                      | <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$ 194,666.00</b>  |
| Direct evangelism, property    |                      | <b>Thailand</b>               |                      |                                     |                       |
| operating                      | 12,600.00            | Language study                | \$ 5,300.00          | <b>Guam</b>                         |                       |
| Evangelization                 | 4,800.00             | Children's school allowance   | 51,404.00            | Msy. residence, property            |                       |
| Summer camps                   | 8,760.00             | Msy. residence, property      |                      | operating                           | \$ 1,800.00           |
| Student work                   | 1,800.00             | operating                     | 33,740.00            | Radio and advertising               | 3,500.00              |
| Penang, seminary, current      |                      | Travel for Mission business   | 21,560.00            | Mission meeting expense             | 2,100.00              |
| expense                        | 25,500.00            | Missionary journeymen exp.    | 4,000.00             | <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$ 7,400.00</b>    |
| Literature and tracts          | 750.00               | Direct evangelism, aid to     |                      |                                     |                       |
| Mission committee expense      | 8,300.00             | churches                      | 933.00               | <b>Laos</b>                         |                       |
| Mission meeting expense        | 8,000.00             | Radio work                    | 10,730.00            | Children's school allowance         | \$ 4,000.00           |
| Mission office expense         | 8,500.00             | Television work               | 7,750.00             | Msy. residence, property            |                       |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$ 179,330.00</b> | Evangelization                | 6,672.00             | operating                           | 3,000.00              |
|                                |                      | Summer camps                  | 2,650.00             | Travel for Mission business         | 1,000.00              |
| <b>Philippines</b>             |                      | Religious education           |                      | <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$ 8,000.00</b>    |
| Language study                 | \$ 15,222.00         | promotion                     | 4,700.00             |                                     |                       |
| Children's school allowance    | 35,536.00            | Audiovisual aids              | 3,600.00             | <b>Grand Total, Southeast Asia,</b> |                       |
| Msy. residence, property       |                      | Scholarship                   | 3,125.00             | <b>items by Missions</b>            | <b>\$1,167,700.00</b> |



# Missions Update . . .

Time has been made available by the SRI LANKA (Ceylon) Broadcasting Company for a music program each Saturday and Sunday sponsored by the Baptist Hospital, BANGALORE, INDIA, beginning Dec. 1. Scripture readings will be interspersed in the music format. Sri Lanka will carry the programs over its "all-Asia service"--three, 100-kilowatt stations used simultaneously, covering INDIA, PAKISTAN, and BANGLADESH. E. WESLEY MILLER, Foreign Mission Board radio-TV representative for EUROPE and the MIDDLE EAST, will assemble the taped programs at Baptist recording studio, RUSCHLIKON, SWITZERLAND.

Continuing even in blackout conditions, five weeks of revival services were held in the NAZARETH, ISRAEL, area, despite outbreak of the Arab-Israeli war. During the revival, conducted by Arab Baptist leaders, 29 baptisms were reported.

An appeal to Southern Baptists that "special projects be developed in ways that will best help our missionaries in their ministries" was made at the November Foreign Mission Board meeting by WINSTON CRAWLEY, Overseas Division director. He explained that although many fine things can be done through independent agencies or uncoordinated special projects, Southern Baptist missionaries are engaged on a continuing basis in the same kinds of ministries. "Instead of putting our designated gifts into the hands of others for independent work, let's help our missionaries do it," said Crawley.

To aid victims of a series of flash floods in three southern provinces of SPAIN in October, the Spanish Baptist Union sponsored "Operacion Manta" ("Operation Blanket"). Special offerings were received in churches to buy blankets for victims. . . . For a meeting featuring Argentine Evangelist LUIS PALAU, an estimated 3,500 persons filled the Alcala Palace Film Theatre, MADRID, SPAIN, one day in October. The city's evangelical churches sponsored the rally; local authorities granted full permission.

Delivering his second series of medical "Lectureship Tour" presentations, TIMOTHY C. PENNELL, a NORTH CAROLINA Baptist Medical Center physician, visited COLOMBIA, PERU, VENEZUELA, BRAZIL, and PARAGUAY in October. Pennell spoke to medical school students, societies, and hospital staffs in an effort to attract medical professionals to the gospel. FRANKLIN T. FOWLER, Foreign Mission Board medical consultant, accompanied Pennell. Dermatologist JAMES B. HOWELL, a DALLAS, TEX., Baptist layman, instigated the Lectureship Tour, making funds available to enable physicians to lecture overseas, combining professional merit and Christian witness. The series began in 1968, and this year's tour was the third; funds for the series have now been exhausted.

In MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, where reconstruction continues following the disastrous earthquake of late 1972, CHARLES W. BRYAN, Foreign Mission Board secretary for MIDDLE AMERICA and the CARIBBEAN, in October presented to the Nicaraguan Baptist Convention the final check of \$18,950 from Southern Baptist churches through the Board for help in the quake's aftermath. Additional funds had been provided earlier, but by previous agreement with Nicaraguan Baptists, the most recent funds were destined for unmet needs of the people after the attention focused on Nicaragua had shifted elsewhere.

More than 100 Baptist students from throughout EUROPE gathered recently at Baptist Theological Seminary, RUSCHLIKON, SWITZERLAND, for the biannual student week sponsored by the seminary. . . . For the first time in 15 years, membership of churches in the Baptist Union of SCOTLAND showed an increase this year. Total of baptisms also rose. . . . Baptists in GUAM are building a student center at the University of Guam for Student Bible Fellowship, Baptist group on campus that has gained student-body recognition.

Continuation of GRAIN, Foreign Mission Board-sponsored missions musical team, until June 1, 1974, was approved by the Board in November upon committee recommendation after evaluation of the team's ministry and effectiveness. The five-member group of young people with overseas mission experience will continue traveling to college and seminary campuses and churches, interpreting missions through dialogue, music, and personal sharing. GRAIN's performances through December will total 59 in 14 states.



## FAMILY ALBUM

Current addresses of Foreign Mission Board missionary personnel, including emeritus missionaries, are available in the Missionary Directory, published quarterly by the Board's Department of Missionary Education. The Directory is available free on request from the department, Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230.

### Arrivals from the Field

CARTER, Pat H./Evelyn (*Mexico*), 113 Brierwood Dr., Palestine, Tex. 75801.  
HAWKINS, Fred K./Jr./Marjuth (*S. Brazil*), Rt. 2, Columbia, Tenn. 38401.  
MERRITT, John W./Elizabeth (*Germany*), Rt. 1, Buckatanna, Miss. 39322.  
PARKER, G. Keith/Jonlyn (*Switzerland*), Rt. 1, Brevard, N.C. 28712.  
RICHARDSON, William L. C./Kathryn (*S. Brazil*), c/o D. A. Mallory, Buffalo, Mo. 65622.  
ROHM, Alma (*Nigeria*), 745 Wainwright, Houston, Tex. 77022.

### Departures to the Field

DYER, Audrey (assoc.), *Nigeria*.  
GRAVES, Alma O., *Japan*.  
KINNEY, Richard H./Daisy (assoc.), *Switzerland*.  
MANNEY, Jimmy K./Joy, *Ethiopia*.  
MEFFORD, Joseph W./Lib, *Spain*.  
PEARSON, F. Faye, *Taiwan*.  
RICKETSON, Bettie (Mrs. Robert F.) (emer., *China-Philippines*), *Taiwan*.  
ROMOSER, Bruce A./Sueburn, *Argentina*.  
RICHNER, William/Frances, *Paraguay*.  
STARMER, Roy F./Lillie Mae, *Italy*.

### Transfers

PARKER, Wyatt M./Cosette, *Eq. Brazil to S. Brazil*, Dec. 31.

### Reassignments

MASON, William C./Mona, *Tanzania to Kenya*, Oct. 10.

### Retirements

ALDERMAN, Jennie T. (*Taiwan*), Dec. 1.  
DAWDY, Lucille (assoc., *Taiwan*), Dec. 1.  
HARRIS, Josephine (*Hawaii*), Nov. 1.

### Resignations

COMPERE, W. Arthur/Doris (*Nigeria*), Oct. 31.

### Births and Adoptions

BRENT, Aaron Roy, son of Roy W./Diane (Dena) ROMOSER, (*Kenya*), Sept. 10.  
GROCE, Leslie Lee, son of V. Lynn/Suzanne Groce (*Ethiopia*), Oct. 5.  
HARRELL, Joel Lynn, son of Norman L./Gunita Harrell (*Portugal*), Sept. 27.  
SCHILLENBERG, John Paul, son of Daniel/Cathy Schellenberg (*Kenya*), Sept. 13.

### Deaths

BOSTICK, Cecil, father of Ronnie K. Bostick (*Zambia*), Oct. 23, Abilene, Tex.  
HAY, Mrs. Lilius, mother of Violet (Mrs. S. Herbert) Cockburn (*Spain*), Sept. 14, Toronto, Canada.  
HICKMAN, William Alan, son of William A., Jr./Jane Hickman (*Paraguay*), Sept. 23, High Springs, Fla.  
HUTCHINS, Mrs. Emma, mother of Betty (Mrs. Ray D.) Humphrey (*Zambia*), Oct. 20, Little Rock, Ark.  
LONG, A. B., father of Jo (Mrs. Louie T.) Scales (*Kenya*), Sept. 26, Lubbock, Tex.  
NEIL, Mrs. Ethel, mother of Lloyd H. Neil (*Nigeria*), Oct. 1, Landrum, S.C.  
POSEY, J. E., Sr., father of J. Earl Posey, Jr. (*Philippines*), Sept. 10, Pinson, Ala.  
STEWART, Richard D., father of William W. Stennett (*Guatemala*), Sept. 27, Salisbury, Md.  
TEGARDEN, Mrs. Edward, mother of Mary Lou (Mrs. James L.) Wootton (*Korea*), Sept. 23, Junction, Ill.  
WATSON, John M., father of James D. Watson (*Mexico*), July 4, Temple, Tex.  
WINCHESTER, Mrs. Beulah, mother of Mary (Mrs. Earl R.) Martin (*Tanzania*), Aug. 12, Washington, D.C.

### Marriages

HOLLIS, Martha Louise, daughter of James D./Corinne Hollis (*Hong Kong*), to George Wentzel II, Aug. 25, Nashville, Tenn.  
SCHWEER, Merilee Ann, daughter of G. William/Wanda Schweer (*Indonesia*), to Philip Minor Davidson, Aug. 17, Palatine, Ill.  
WHITTEN, David Charles, son of Charles W./Nella Dean (Indy) Whitten (*Spain*), to Sharon Ann Dennis, Aug. 25, Kingston, Jamaica.

## Executive Secretary Honored

Members of the Foreign Mission Board in October recognized Baker J. Cauthen on his 20th anniversary as executive secretary by announcing the establishment of a special endowment fund, by naming the Board's chapel in honor of Cauthen, and by presenting gifts to the Cauthens.

The chapel at Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., previously unnamed, was designated "The Baker James Cauthen Chapel." Board President W. Douglas Hudgins spoke of significant events that have taken place in the chapel—hundreds of missionaries appointed, millions of dollars approved for foreign missions, and weekly staff worship services.

"The chapel bears the mark of a great man," said Hudgins. "It reflects his leadership. He is 'Mr. Foreign Missions' to Southern Baptists."

Board members donated a sum in excess of \$6,000 for the establishment of the "Baker J. and Eloise G. Cauthen Endowment Fund." Proceeds from the fund will be used for foreign missions.

A Richmond artist has been commissioned by the Board to paint a portrait of Mrs. Cauthen to hang in the Board's parlor as a companion portrait of the one of Cauthen that now hangs there. The Cauthens were presented a new automobile on behalf of the Board, and Mrs. Cauthen was given a world clock that indicates the correct time throughout the world.

Before becoming Board executive secretary, Cauthen was Board area secretary for the Orient 1945-53, a missionary to China 1940-45, a missions professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., 1935-39, and pastor of rural and city churches 1926-32.

When Cauthen assumed the office of executive secretary 20 years ago, there were 900 Southern Baptist missionaries serving in 33 countries. Today there are more than 2,500 missionaries assigned to 77 countries.

"My 20 years are a part of a ministry of advance that began 40 years ago when the Board was in a difficult financial struggle," Cauthen said. "This is part of a vision that God put in the hearts of many Southern Baptist leaders."

A number of Southern Baptists in leadership positions attended the luncheon at which the Cauthens were honored.

## Two Former Missionaries Die

Ray P. Ingram, 57, who served as a Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria 1944-51, died October 7 in Edmond, Oklahoma. He was a native of North Carolina. Survivors include his wife, a son, a sister, and his mother.

Mrs. Robert F. (Edna) Goldie, 57, a former missionary to Africa, died in Columbia, South Carolina, September 28. With her husband she served in Nigeria 1947-59 and 1962-68 and in Ghana 1960-62. A nurse, she worked at medical centers in those countries. At the time of her death she was serving as staff nurse at the Mental Health Center in Columbia. Survivors include her husband, two daughters, and five sons.



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## FOREIGN MISSIONS HOTLINE III

24-hour service  
through Dec. 31

Missions Hotline III will be in operation through December 31 on a 24-hour-a-day basis. Every Tuesday the recorded message will be changed to include current news, personal information about missionaries, and urgent prayer requests. Two telephone lines have increased the accessibility of the message for station-to-station callers from anywhere in the United States.

You may be  
the only one

in your church who sees *The Commission* every month. Surely you know of others who ought to have this foreign missions publication regularly—mission group leaders, Sunday School teachers, deacons—the list could go on and on.

Since you know about *The Commission*, you could help others become acquainted with it. Mention the magazine's contents in Sunday School class or at mission study. Let other members borrow copies. Post an issue on the bulletin board, along with subscription information.

Subscription rates for individuals: \$1.50 a year; \$2.75 for two years; \$3.50 for three years. Lower rates are available for groups (see information inside back cover).

Help others become informed.



# The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

By  
Baker  
J.  
Cauthen

**T**HE WEEK of Prayer for foreign missions, followed by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, brings a time of special blessing in Southern Baptist life.

This year marks 100 years since Miss Lottie Moon went to China as a missionary. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board on July 7, 1873. She gave herself with full abandon to the work to which God called her. She spent 14 years in China before taking her first regular furlough.

In 1888 she wrote a moving appeal to Southern Baptist women calling for reinforcements. The result was the first Christmas offering in 1888, through which three additional missionaries were provided.

She served lovingly and sacrificially throughout her entire career. Her heart was particularly burdened by the starving of Chinese people in the great famine of 1912, and she shared everything she had with the needy. Because of depriving herself of food, she grew steadily weaker. She started back to America in the company of Miss Cynthia Miller, a missionary nurse, but died on Christmas Eve aboard ship in the harbor at Kobe, Japan.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering appropriately bears the name of this heroic missionary. It not only provides a means of bringing reinforcement to a worldwide ministry, but also holds aloft a high standard of service and love as a challenge to other Christians.

**T**HE Lottie Moon Offering is of major importance. It makes possible twice as much work on mission fields as otherwise could be done.

Basic planning for all mission work rests upon the Cooperative Program. This primary channel of giving provides for work in each state, in the Southern Baptist Convention, and throughout the world. Because this

channel provides the basic money upon which the foreign missions enterprise must rest, it makes possible delivering to the fields for support of missionaries and ministries of work the entire amount given through the Lottie Moon Offering.

The year 1973 has been one of heavy financial demands. Inflation in this country has been linked with escalating inflation in many countries throughout the world. This problem has been compounded by the devaluation of the American dollar abroad, so that costs have risen in a shocking manner in many lands. The budget for foreign missions for 1974 is the largest in the history of the Foreign Mission Board and has been made necessary by the great upsurge of costs being confronted everywhere.

**T**HE Lottie Moon Offering is more than money. It produces resources for support of missionaries, ministries of work on the fields, and necessary buildings, but it is much more. It is a summons to prayer, whereby the hearts of millions of people are united in intercession. It becomes an occasion of identifying with missionaries in 77 countries, so that all Southern Baptists can stand alongside them in support and intercession.

Most of all, it becomes a time when hearts earnestly seek the guidance of God concerning his will. Just now, calls are before the Foreign Mission Board for 900 new missionaries. Many young adults, including pastors, doctors, teachers, business managers, agriculturists, student workers, publication and radio personnel, and social workers, as well as many others, are urged to ask God for insight as to whether they personally should become a part of the answer to this urgent need.

May God bless all who share in the Lottie Moon Offering. It is far more important than words can express.



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## People as They Are

I have never been so sad and shocked as when I read the letter lambasting your July cover showing the Ethiopian man just as God made him and as Jesus loves him. Too long have we made missions a pretty word for GAS, RAS, and our church families. We show slides of gleaming little chapels and shining children playing in the mission yard. Yet when you had the courage and love to print a beautiful portrait which almost seems to seach the soul, it seems our sisters and brothers would rather see the missionaries in coat and tie.

I opt for hearing of the work our wonderful missionaries do in the heat, dust, and disease of many places in the world, and seeing the people they work with. I thank God for your work and your brave editorial policy, one of the most outstanding in all our Baptist publications.

By the way, in comparison to our other publications, your printing and layout is superb.

Stephen D. Cook  
University, Mississippi

## October 'One of Best'

I think the October issue was one of the best ever. I am not sure just why I think that unless it might be that I knew so many of the missionaries who were featured. I thought Jesse Fletcher's lead article was one of the best single things you have published. I intend to keep it on file, so that when persons express an interest in a missionary career, they can get a real good positive view of what it means to really be called of God to another country to serve the Lord.

Perry R. Sanders  
LaFayette, Louisiana

## Votes 'No' on TC

Please do not use TC instead of Commission. There is something really thrilling to my soul as I think of the Great Commission and see the name written across the top of our own foreign mission magazine. I hope it will always be that way.

F. Maurine Johnson  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

## Kind Words

Thank you again for every issue of THE COMMISSION and for the inspiration which it brings.

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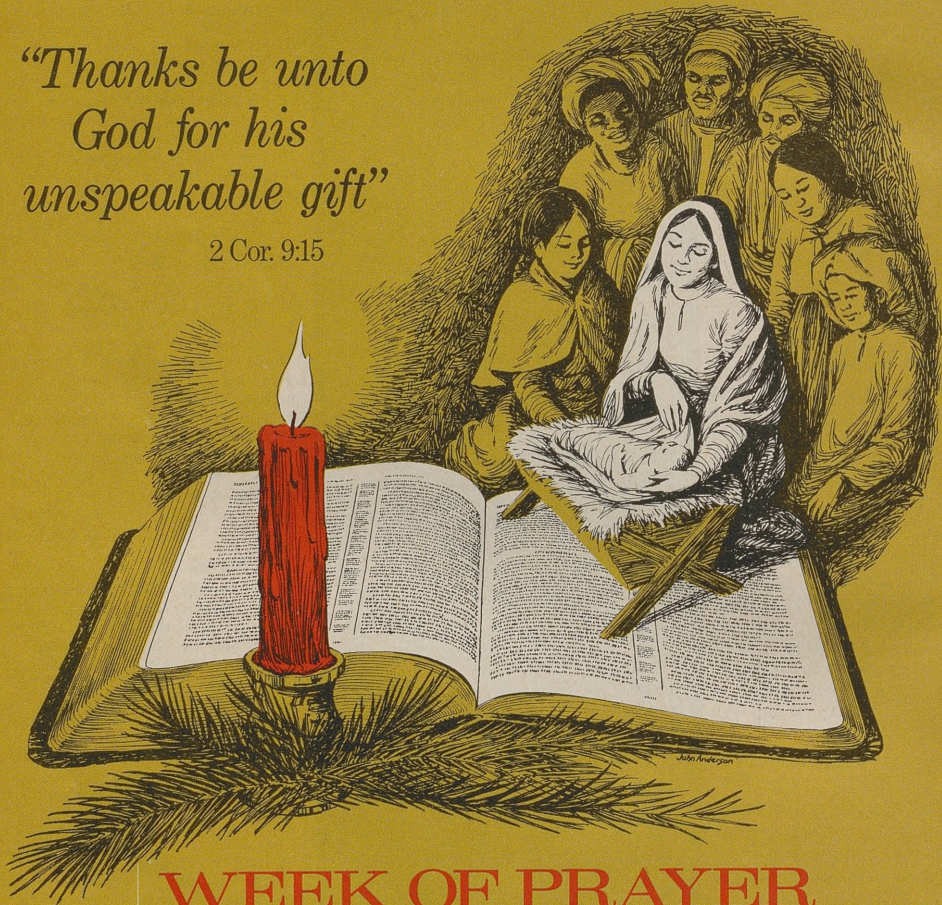
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# God's gift ...unspeakable

*"Thanks be unto  
God for his  
unspeakable gift"*

2 Cor. 9:15



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