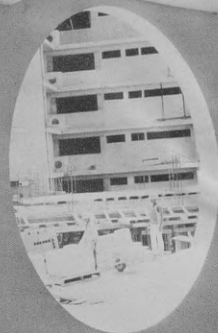
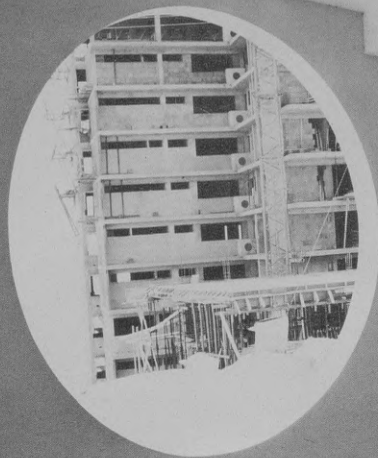




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PANAMA IN TRANSITION

What the average North American knows about Panama may be limited to the fact that the canal by that name is located there. Some may recall that Panama is an isthmus (and perhaps even be able to spell *isthmus*), but most likely have it misplaced in their mental geography. Check yourself: Is the Panama Canal southeast or southwest of Miami, Fla.?

Southern Baptists should sharpen their interest in Panama, since the Home Mission Board has stationed missionaries there beginning in 1906. And starting next January 1, Panama becomes a field served by the Foreign Mission Board. (By the way, the Canal is southeast of Miami.)

A special relationship between the United States and Panama has existed for more than 70 years because of the Canal. The Hay-Burran Varilla Treaty, signed November 18, 1903, granted to the U.S. "in perpetuity the use, occupation, and control of a zone of land and land under water for the construction, maintenance, operation, sanitation and protection" of the Canal.

Treaty signing took place slightly more than two weeks after Panama, tacitly supported by the U.S., declared separation from Colombia and became a republic (Nov. 3). In the preceding 57 years Panama had seen 53 uprisings aimed toward independence.

In today's world, however, U.S.-Panama relations have shifted. Panama has come to resent U.S. occupation of the Canal Zone and possession of the country's greatest income-producer—the Canal. The \$1.93 million the U.S. now pays to Panama annually from Canal income does not satisfy Panamanians who feel the Canal should be theirs.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s anti-American riots erupted in Panama. In 1962 the U.S. agreed that Panamanians working for the Panama Canal Company should receive wages and job opportunities equal to those received by North Americans working there. In today's emphasis on equal opportunity that appears to be a mild concession.

Perhaps the worst riot broke out in 1964, after some high school students in the Zone tried to fly the U.S. flag in a way that violated U.S.-Panama agreements about flying the American flag in the Zone. In protest over handling of the riot, Panama severed diplomatic relations with the U.S. for a time.

New agreements on the Canal were proposed in 1967. Included would be a joint governing board for the Canal (five from the U.S., four from Panama) and promise to return the Canal to Panama in 1999.

A military junta took control of the Panamanian government in 1968. Today Brig.-Gen. Omar Torrijos, commander-in-chief of the National Guard, has full



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executive powers granted to him in 1972 for a six-year period. President is Demetrio Lakas. In 1970 Panama refused to ratify the 1967 agreements, insisting that the provisions favored the U.S.

In February of this year U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Panama's Minister of Foreign Affairs Juan Antonio Teeck signed a joint statement to guide further negotiations. Among the guidelines: (1) The 1903 treaty is to be replaced. (2) The concept of perpetuity is to be eliminated, and the new treaty is to include a fixed termination date of U.S. control over the Canal. (3) The Canal Zone is to be returned to Panamanian jurisdiction, with the U.S. to receive rights to look after the Canal.

Emotions can flare easily in both the U.S. and in Panama over control of the Canal. Baptist missionaries, of course, steer away from political positions, but the Canal and tensions surrounding it affect U.S.-Panama relations and thus could have a bearing on missionary service.

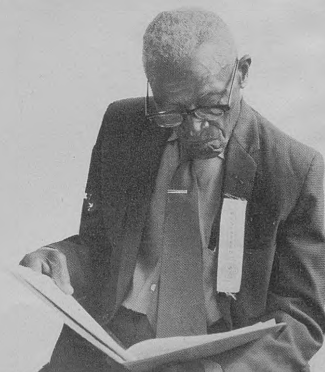
Yet the first Foreign Mission Board missionaries to reside in Panama



have not encountered hostility from the man on the street. Ervin and Ruth Hastey arrived in Panama in January after transfer from Mexico.

"In my mind I was prepared to receive slurs and any kind of mistreatment," acknowledges Hastey. "I would not have been surprised had anything been said about a North American. I found just the opposite. I have been received most courteously in the bank, in stores, everywhere. With people I meet on the street, people I have come to know, the person-to-person relationship is quite friendly.

Top: Cuna Indian mother and child on Ailigandi Island. Above: As secretary for Panama Baptist Convention, Mrs. Dawkins keeps tally of votes. Above, right, and right: Messengers to the Convention's annual meeting check over reports.





"Out of all the conversations I have had with Panamanians, and I have had conversations with many who are not Christians, less than half a dozen have expressed any hostility to the Zone," Hastey adds. "I am sure there is some hostility, but in conversing with me, very few have expressed it."

"There is some antagonism against the Zone by some of the Baptists, but it is not a burning issue that breaks the fellowship. With a North American individual who is courteous, who treats those he meets with dignity, there can be developed a very fine friendship with a lot of people."

Shaped something like an S lying on its side, Panama has about 29,848 square miles (including the Zone), slightly smaller in area than South Carolina, and a population of 1,614,000. On the Pacific Coast, Panama City, the capital, has perhaps 450,000 residents. On the Caribbean

side Colón has a population of more than 65,000.

Even before the Canal, Panama was the shortest way from eastern to western U.S. During the California gold rush of 1849 no railroads yet spanned the U.S. The safest route to California was by sailboat or steamer to Panama, then across the isthmus to the Pacific and another boat. In 1855 crossing Panama was made easier with the opening of a railroad.

By geographical fortune, Panama serves as a link between the world's nations, yet almost impenetrable jungle within Panama isolates many of the inhabitants from each other and the rest of the world. The two main roads are the Pan American Highway, joining Panama City and Costa Rica, and the highway and paralleling railroad between Colón and Panama City. The Pan American Highway is projected toward Colombia

Left: Panama City, the capital, is growing. Below: Looking over resolution by Panama Baptist Convention are, l to r, A. Clark Scanlon, Foreign Mission Board field representative; Harold E. Hurst, FMB missionary; Home Mission Board Superintendent Joe Carl Johnson and Missionaries R. G. Van Royen and L. D. Wood; FMB Area Secretary Charles W. Bryan; Ervin Hastey, first FMB missionary to reside in Panama.

to the east, but must pass through the inhospitable jungles of the Darien sector.

The tropical jungle that impedes travel also produces the exotic atmosphere that draws tourists. For example, more different types of birds—some 850 species—are found on the isthmus than in all of North America north of Mexico.

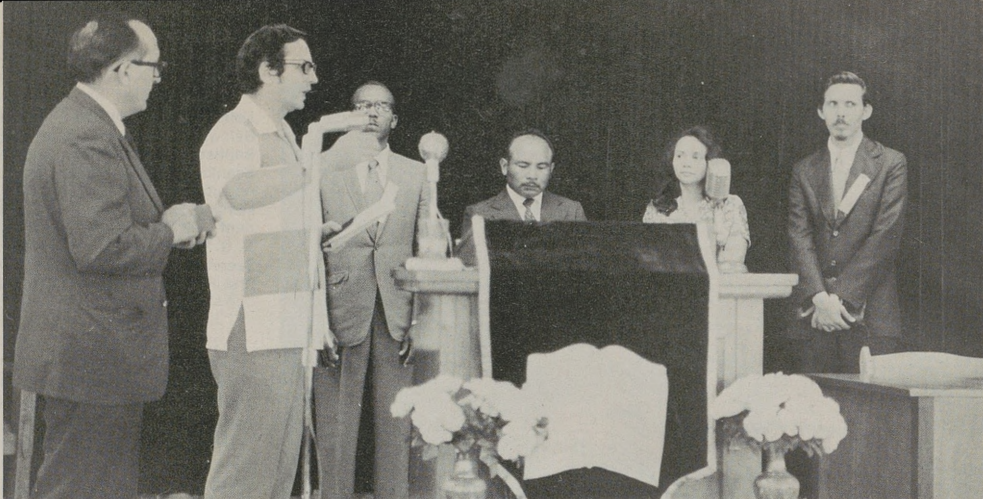
Panama is, in a favorite cliché, a melting pot, a conglomeration including Spanish-speaking Latins; English-speaking West Indian blacks (many from Jamaica); primitive Indian tribes, primarily Cuna, Choco, and Guayami. Yet another group might be considered as Spanish-speaking blacks whose heritage is West Indian but who are Panamanian in feeling. A large body of tradesmen of various nationalities is also on hand. And there is another significant group.

"This mixture of races and cultures," says the report by the Latin America Church Development Depth Study Committee, composed of Southern Baptist missionaries, "is further complicated by the presence of the affluent and highly visible North American community of technical and military people maintaining and guarding the Panama Canal and its surrounding Zone. Of the 44,000 inhabitants of the Zone in 1970, approximately 30,000 were United States citizens."

It was the Canal Zone, in fact, that prompted the Home Mission Board to send a missionary to Panama in 1906. Thousands of U.S. citizens—as well as workers from other lands—were drawn to the isthmus for Canal construction. In 1908 it was said that 50 different languages were spoken there.

When Home Missionary J. L. Wise arrived in the Zone, he found a mission work that Jamaican Baptists had begun among West Indians in Panama in 1866. Two years after his arrival the Jamaica Missionary Society asked the HMB to take over its work.

During building of the Canal, the population was transient. After Canal



completion came an adjustment period. Stephen Wilt became superintendent of the work in the late 1920s. By 1925 First Baptist Church of Balboa Heights, an English-language congregation, had become self-supporting. Because of heavy debt, the HMB had to cut back work in 1929.

In 1941 Paul C. Bell began ten years as missions superintendent. Since he could speak Spanish fluently, he led an outreach to Spanish-speaking residents. Effects of Bell's Spanish ministry extended beyond Panama's borders to Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Honduras. Missionaries from the Foreign Mission Board then entered Guatemala in 1948, Costa Rica in 1949, and Honduras in 1954.

While R. G. Van Royen was superintendent (1953-60), the HMB accepted responsibility for mission work among Cuna Indians on the San Blas Islands. Lonnie Iglesias and his wife, Marvel, had opened work there independently some years earlier.

Iglesias was a student in the school on Narganá begun by Miss Anna Coope, the first missionary to go to the San Blas Islands. Iglesias attended college in the U.S. and married Marvel Elya, from Michigan. They went to Ailigandí Island about 1930 and opened a school and later a church.

Concerned about health conditions among islanders, Mrs. Iglesias began small clinics. Doctors and dentists from the Canal Zone assisted. With support from Balboa Heights Church in the Zone, the Marvel Iglesias Medical Clinic was established later. For the work there, the HMB appointed its first medical missionary couple, the Daniel Gruvers. Hospital facilities on Ailigandí were built about 1965.

The small island, approximately a mile offshore, accommodates perhaps

Top: Clark Scanlon delivers charge to officers of the Panama Baptist Convention. Middle: Prayer time; Arthur B. Rutledge, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board executive secretary-treasurer, is in front row (light coat). Bottom: Convention President Milton Morris presides; Reynaldo Powell is at right (see box, facing page).



1,500 people in shore-to-shore housing. The hospital, built to hold 20 beds, now has nearly 60 beds. Patients come from other islands, as well as Ailigandi, and perhaps one out of every five is from neighboring Colombia.

L. D. Wood served as missions superintendent 1960-65, followed by Joe Carl Johnson, the superintendent until leaving Panama last July.

A theological seminary for leadership training was opened in 1955. It is now located at Arraijan. Cresta del Mar was secured as assembly grounds. The Panama Baptist Convention was organized in 1959.

In 1966 the Home Mission Board began exploring the possible transfer of responsibility for work in Panama to the Foreign Mission Board. With the developing self-realization of the Republic of Panama, its links to other Central American and South American countries have become more apparent. And Baptists in Panama have strengthened their relationships with Baptists in other Central and South American countries.

The HMB began work in Panama with West Indians and North Americans in and near the Canal Zone. Now these groups are gradually migrating to the U.S. and elsewhere. With the passage of time and changing events, Panama is now viewed more as a foreign mission field than a home mission field.

On March 7 of this year the Panama Baptist Convention adopted a resolution expressing deep gratitude for the 69 years of work by the Home Mission Board. In another resolution it expressed "its willingness to welcome the Foreign Mission Board as partners together in the work of the Lord on this field," and looked toward joining "in a concerted effort to win Panama for Christ."

With very few exceptions, all Foreign Mission Board missionaries in Panama will reside outside of the Canal Zone. Superintendent Johnson some years ago recognized the need to move the HMB office out of the Zone, but action was deferred when the possibility of transfer arose.

Last March the Home Mission Board voted to request the Southern Baptist Convention to transfer responsibility for work in Panama to the Foreign Mission Board. The FMB took similar action in April. The Convention approved the move in June. The transfer takes effect January 1. **TC**

For a view of the Canal, turn the page. For information about what is ahead in Baptist work in Panama, turn to page 8.



Pastor S. A. Scarlett (center) presents plaques of appreciation to Home Mission Board missionaries Oscar Romo (l) and Gerald Palmer (r).

In the melting pot that is Panama, several distinct ethnic groups can be distinguished. All are represented in the Panama Baptist Convention.

"The Baptist witness in Panama has come in four distinct waves, which have touched the different cultural streams present within the population," states the report of the Latin America Church Development Depth Study Committee.

"It is the challenge to present-day leadership to perfect the harmonious integration of these diverse elements into a stable and evangelistic whole, which will influence all of the Panamanian people for Christ."

Some of the leaders within the Convention can naturally be identified with the various groups.

Milton Morris, a Cuna Indian, is serving his second term as president of the Panama Baptist Convention. He is a general missionary for the San Blas Islands, and he and his North American wife live on one of the islands. He speaks English, Spanish, and the Cuna languages fluently, and, says Missionary Ervin Hastey, "can switch from one to the other in a meeting and never miss a note."

S. A. Scarlett, a Jamaican, uses English as his principal language, but speaks Spanish well enough to teach a course in the Baptist theological seminary. He has been pastor of First Isthmian Baptist Church, with around 300 members, for more than 30 years. It is on the Caribbean side of Panama. In his 60s, Scarlett is, according to Hastey, "integral in every sense, in honesty and spirituality and in every way a whole man." Hastey views the Scarletts as "elegant, gracious personalities."

Alcides Lozano, a Latin American, is pastor of First Baptist Church of La Chorrera, about a 45-minute drive

into the interior from Panama City on the Pan American Highway toward Costa Rica. In his 40s, he teaches school and also serves as pastor of a church that normally has 120 attending Sunday School. He is described as "very capable," and definitely holds a position of leadership.

Lewis M. Sutton, moderator of the Canal Zone Baptist Association, is pastor of La Boca Baptist Church, an English-language congregation, even though it carries a Spanish name. The church is in the Canal Zone on the Balboa, or Pacific, side. Sutton served in Panama while in the U.S. Army. Now retired from military service, he has returned as a pastor. Sunday School at the church averages between 80 and 90, and, like most Canal Zone churches, the congregation faces large turnovers in membership at intervals, since many members are military personnel.

W. D. Morgan for some 14 years has been pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Rainbow City, in the Canal Zone and on the Caribbean side of Panama. For 17 years he served as general missionary in the Boca Cetaro area and laid the groundwork for Baptist work in that sector.

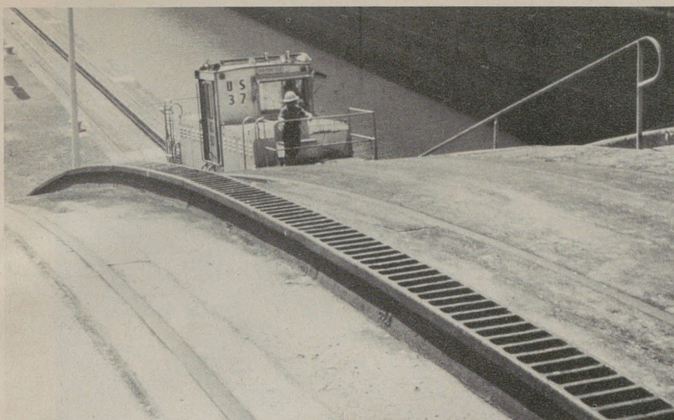
Reynaldo Powell, pastor of English-language Emmanuel Baptist Church in Panama City, is part of the group that could be described as "black Panamanians," those with roots in West Indian heritage but who have integrated fully into Panamanian thought and society. Born of parents living in Panama, Powell speaks Spanish without accent and is Panamanian in viewpoint. In his 30s, he is described as "well educated, with a winsome personality." At times, says Hastey, within the Convention's missions committee Powell serves as "the catalyst, a bridge over which we join."



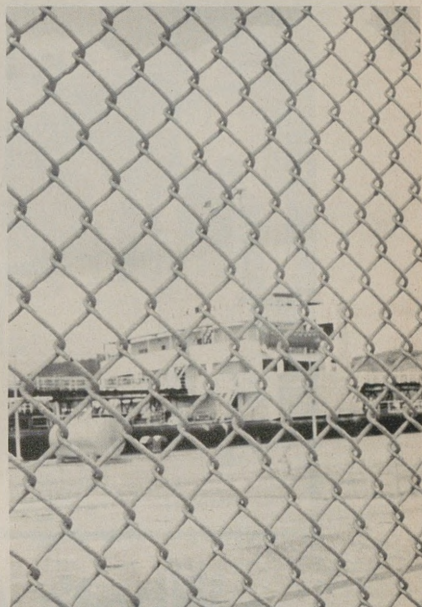
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THE EAST-WEST LINK

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Facing page and below: Ship passes through Miraflores Locks. Left: One of diesel locomotives that tow ships through locks. Below, left: Control building at Miraflores. Catwalk is raised when ships pass through.



AMONG all the fascinating facts about the Panama Canal, one seems most remarkable because it sounds illogical. The Atlantic Ocean is to the east, right? And the Pacific is to the west. Yet to go from the Atlantic to the Pacific through the Panama Canal, a ship travels northwest to southeast.

The reason, naturally, is the geographical position of Panama and the best route for the Canal across the isthmus. It is location, after all, that has given Panama world prominence as host for the Canal. Providing a shortcut between the two oceans was pondered for centuries. Vasco Nuñez de Balboa in 1513 recognized the possibility after he became the first white man to see the Pacific's eastern shore, viewing from what is now Panama. Various locations have been proposed. Today the search still goes on for an alternate route.

Meanwhile, the Canal saves each ship that passes through it more than 7,800 miles, the extra distance required to sail around "The Horn" at the tip of South America. Each ship pays a toll—90 cents a ton laden, less if not carrying cargo. The average toll: \$7,175. Sailing around the continent would cost

about ten times the amount of the toll.

The French started work on a canal in 1882, but gave up after several years due to financial woes and the ravages of disease in Panama. In 1904 the U.S. bought rights and properties from the French canal builders and began work. The project took ten years and cost the U.S. \$387 million, including payment to Panama and to the French. First official transit was made Aug. 15, 1914, by the S.S. *Ancon*.

Operating 24 hours a day, the Canal has a daily average of 40 ships passing through. During 1972 there were 15,198 transits; cargo tonnage totaled 111,076,803. Tolls amounted to \$101,488,689. Average time of transit is eight hours. The destroyer U.S.S. *Manley* holds the speed record: four hours, 38 minutes.

The largest toll was \$40,936, paid by *Hamburg Express* in 1972. The smallest: 36 cents, paid by Richard Haliburton for swimming the Canal in 1928. The largest ship to pass through was the *Tokyo Bay* and others of its class—950 feet long, 106-foot beam.

Because of the difficult course, a Canal pilot controls the movements of each ship through the passage, rather than just advising, as at other canals.

On the Atlantic-to-Pacific course one or more pilots board ship at anchorage in Cristóbal. The ship then sails seven miles south through a dredged, sea-level channel to Gatun Locks, where in three stages the ship is raised 85 feet to the level of Gatun Lake.

Water flows into locks by gravity from the lake at three million gallons a minute through a series of concrete tunnels large enough for a freight train. Locks are 1,000 feet long and 110 feet wide, but more than 1,000 ships in the world today are too large for the Canal. Towing locomotives, an exclusive feature of the Panama Canal, assist ships through the locks.

After traveling 24 miles through Gatun Lake, the ship at Gamboa begins an eight-mile run through Gaillard Cut and the Continental Divide. Banks at places tower 300 feet above the ship. At Pedro Miguel Locks there is one 31-foot step down. After moving across Miraflores Lake, the ship is lowered another 54 feet in two steps at Miraflores Locks. Now at sea level, the vessel passes through a dredged channel past Balboa harbor, under Thatcher Ferry Bridge, and to the Pacific—27 miles east of where the ship left the Atlantic. **TC**



What's Ahead in Panama?

What can be expected in the immediate future for Baptists in Panama?

"What I anticipate in the beginning is the bringing of the leadership together, explaining to them how the Foreign Mission Board functions," says Ervin Hasteley, the first Foreign Mission Board missionary to reside there (see page 12).

As a member of a Baptist church in the Panama Baptist Convention, Hasteley was named president of the Convention's missions committee.

"We have already elaborated a plan which has been approved by the executive committee for the rest of this convention year, which will end in March," reports Hasteley. "And we have established a committee that is studying a long-range program of mission action; it will report to the Convention in March.

"But first we will need to inform the leadership and then begin planning with Panamanian Baptist leaders. This is what I'm looking forward to, and this is what I think they are anxious for."

Panama will be included in the Foreign Mission Board's Middle America and the Caribbean area,

Charles W. Bryan, secretary. A. Clark Scanlon serves as field representative.

Three Foreign Mission Board families are due to arrive in December—Ted and Sue Lindwall, who served in Guatemala; Harold and Alice Hurst, who served in Honduras; and Robert and Betty Joe Hensley, who were stationed in the Bahamas. Alex and Charleta Garner, transferred from Argentina, are to arrive in mid-January.

In addition, Naomi Page, a nurse who served under the Home Mission Board on Ailigandí Island, was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in July. Thomas (a physician) and Judi Kent were appointed in July, and the appointment of another medical couple is expected. Robert and Jeane Myers, missionary associates, have been transferred from the Bahamas.

As Panama's population is a mixture, so is the religious affiliation.

"The Roman Catholic Church claims 93 percent of the population," states the report of the Latin America Church Development Depth Study Committee, "but, as is true in most Latin American countries, the majority maintains only a nominal, tenuous

relationship to the Roman Catholic Church."

One measure of a denomination's impact on a society is the recruitment of local clergy, and in Panama only one in five of the Catholic clergy are Panamanians, the report points out.

"As a world funnel of commerce and free port, Panama has drawn business entrepreneurs from across the face of the earth," the report goes on. "These Chinese, East Indians, Arabs, Lebanese, and Jews have brought their faiths of Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Judaism into the religious milieu.

"Spiritism is strong in some sectors. One of the imposing religious structures of the Panama City area is the hilltop temple of Bahai, said to have cost more than a million dollars."

Evangelicals totaled 37,500 in Panama, according to *Latin American Church Growth* in 1967. "This would represent 2.68 percent of the population and make Panama the third most evangelical country in Latin America in terms of percentage of the population," says the study committee.

Baptists were third in numbers among Evangelicals, as reported in *Latin American Church Growth*. The

Facing page: Busy street in Panama.
Right: During pastors' conference in Panama Ervin Hastey and pastors enjoy a light moment.



leaders: Four Square Gospel, 13,288 members; Seventh-Day Adventists, 6,210; Baptists, 5,500; Episcopal Church, 4,682; other Pentecostals, 1,329; Union churches, 1,006; other churches, 2,055.

Adds the committee report: "A recent arrival in Panama is the Assemblies of God denomination, which after only five years in the country reports 800 baptized members."

A study prepared ten years ago, but the most current figures at hand, showed this breakdown of population segments among Evangelical church members: Spanish-language, 14,102; West Indians, 10,564; Indians, 3,752; U.S. citizens, 3,559.

"The question of relationships among the various cultural groups remains as one of the significant issues with which Baptists, as well as other groups, need to deal," says the committee.

Southern Baptists, of course, are not the only group sending missionaries to Panama. The most recent report shows a total of 148 Evangelical missionaries in Panama from 24 different groups outside of Panama, although several groups did not provide current reports. New Tribes Mission has the largest contingent, 32, with Gospel Missionary Union (18) second. (Figures from *Mission Handbook: North American Protestant Ministries Overseas*, 1973, prepared by Missions Advanced Research and Communication Center.)

In 1971, of the 41 Baptist churches in Panama, 15 were Spanish-language, 13 West Indian, 8 Indian, and 5 North American. In membership, however, West Indian churches had 2,317, North American 1,704, Indian 1,266, and Spanish 895. Thus, 18 of the 41 churches were English-language (West Indian and North American).

The financial picture for the 1970-71 associational year shows the North American churches giving \$241,533 in total offerings, the West Indian churches \$71,885, Spanish-language churches \$29,500, and Indian churches \$2,993.

Despite their comparative numerical and financial weight, the Canal Zone churches cooperate well within the Convention structure, says Hastey. Several of the Canal Zone churches have active mission programs, including outreach into Spanish-language areas. A majority of residents in the Zone are North Americans, although some 24,000 Panamanians are employed there and thus are allowed to reside in the Zone if they choose.

"Panama was the first country of Central America to receive the impact of Baptist witness," points out the depth study committee. "The strength of this Baptist tradition dating from the last century is especially felt in the West Indian churches."

"The West Indian churches are well organized," notes Hastey. "They have leaders who have been trained. The deacon, for example, occupies a very special place. He is there for something more than ornament. The body of deacons works; the deacons are right with the pastor."

The Indian churches "have a vitality about them that is tremendous," declares Hastey. "For example, First Baptist Church on Ailigandí Island, where the Baptist hospital is located, conducts three Sunday Schools every Sunday morning." Total attendance ranges from 800 to 1,000. (See p. 14.)

In Panama City there is a Cuna Mission, although for practical purposes it is a church. Four laymen serve as pastors. The mission began at *La Primera Iglesia*, the Spanish-language First Baptist Church. But the

number of Indians grew, and since they felt less at home in Spanish than in their own language, First Church rented a building for a mission.

"The Indians have an interesting vitality about their work," notes Hastey. "They have people who play the piano, which some of the other churches do not. They have people who lead music; they have choirs and special music of all kinds."

The Cuna Indians attending have come from the offshore islands to live in Panama City. Other Indians are joining the exodus from traditional home areas. A special emphasis is being discussed among Baptists to use all available mass media to try to locate every Baptist in Panama City who has come in from the islands.

"We would have a special meeting for them," Hastey projects. "In this way we would relate to them the work we now have there and discuss with them the need for perhaps opening other centers in Panama City that will be accessible to all of them."

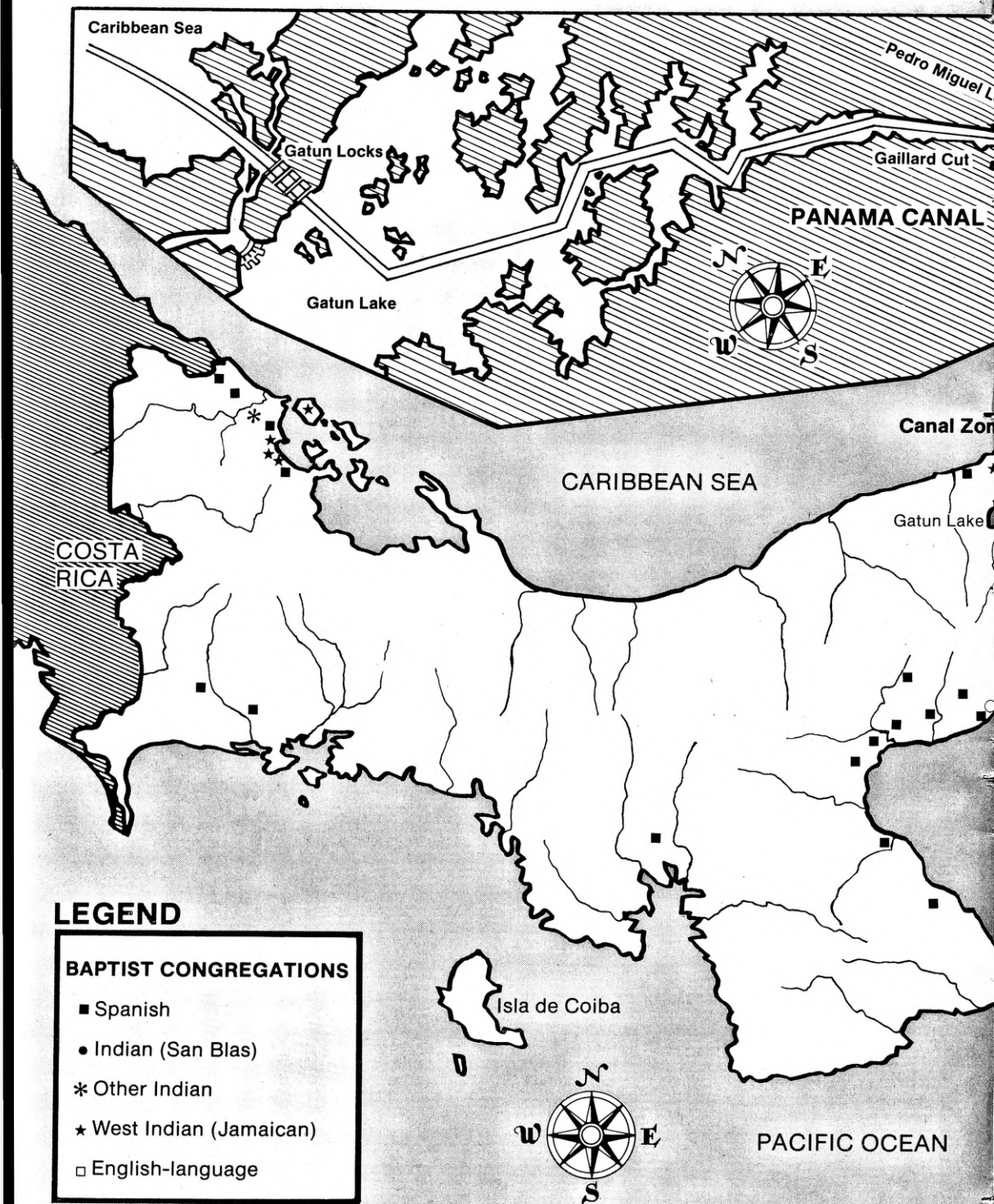
Figures reported at the Panama Baptist Convention's meeting in March offer encouragement. Baptisms for the year totaled 512—a record for one year. The 42 churches in the Convention have a total of 6,750 members.

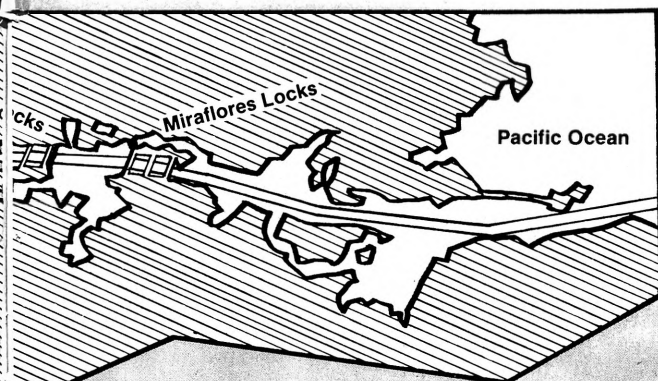
Joe Carl Johnson, the last of the Home Mission Board superintendents of mission work in Panama, once stated the mission goal in this fashion: "The primary objective of the Home Mission Board is to assist in the establishing and growth of Baptist churches in Panama."

As the administration of mission work in Panama passes from the Home Mission Board to the Foreign Mission Board, Baptists in Panama can be assured that the basic objective for mission work there will not change.

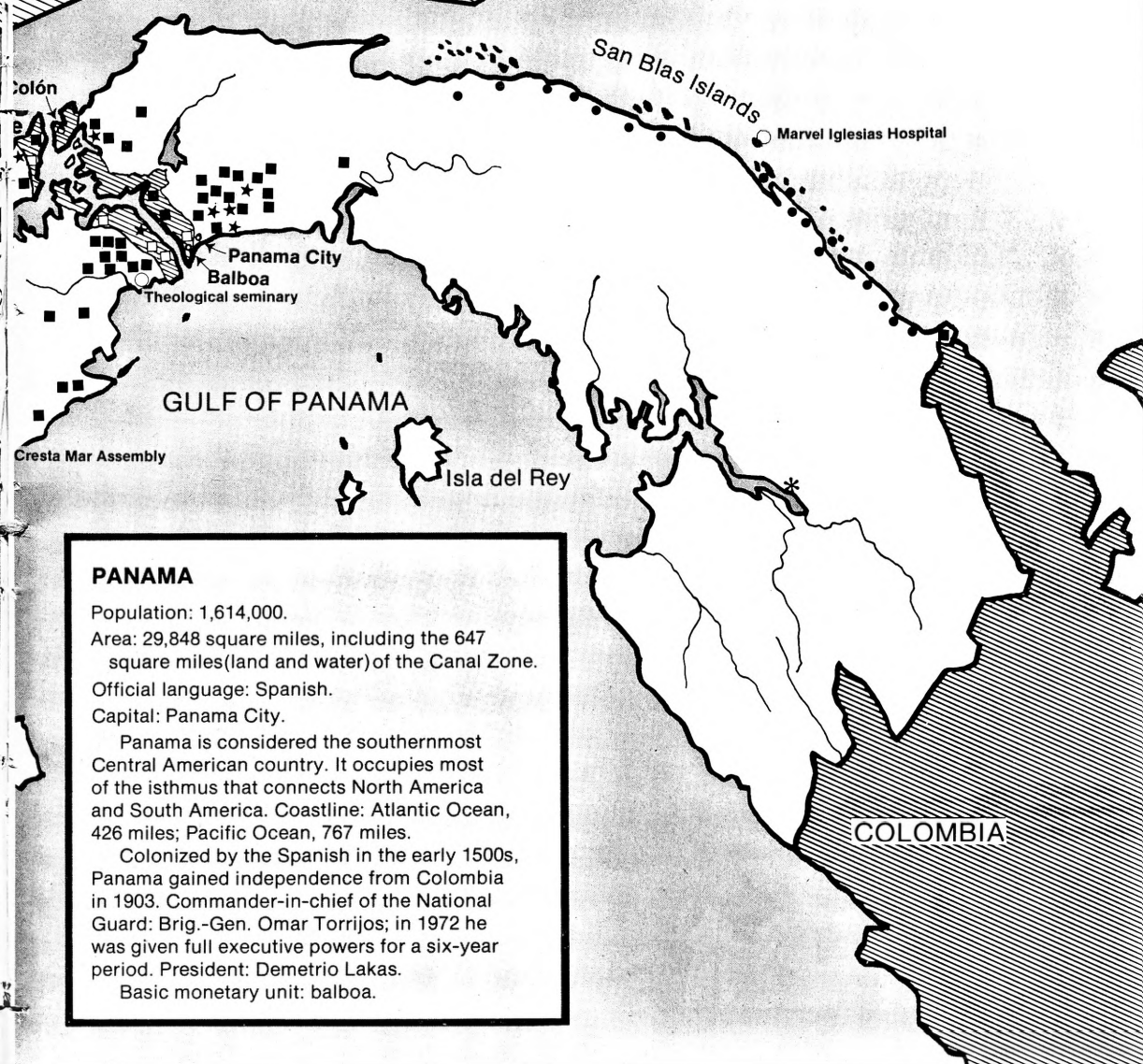
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PANAMA



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Population: 1,614,000.

Area: 29,848 square miles, including the 647 square miles(land and water)of the Canal Zone.

Official language: Spanish.

Capital: Panama City.

Panama is considered the southernmost Central American country. It occupies most of the isthmus that connects North America and South America. Coastline: Atlantic Ocean, 426 miles; Pacific Ocean, 767 miles.

Colonized by the Spanish in the early 1500s, Panama gained independence from Colombia in 1903. Commander-in-chief of the National Guard: Brig.-Gen. Omar Torrijos; in 1972 he was given full executive powers for a six-year period. President: Demetrio Lakas.

Basic monetary unit: balboa.

Even before arriving in Panama on January 7, we began to feel the warmth of Home Mission Board missionaries serving there. They wrote us with assurances that all felt the transition of the work from Home Mission Board to Foreign Mission Board was God's will. They all expressed willingness to receive us and help orient us.

Before leaving Oklahoma we had to sort through all of our belongings, shipped from Mexico where we had served since 1954, and pack them to go to Panama. With help from three of our sons, we held our first garage sale in the U.S. Thus, we felt our reentry into U.S. culture was complete.

In Panama Joe Carl Johnson, HMB superintendent, and Leslie Chambers, a Panamanian employee of the HMB, met us at the airport. They took us to the HMB apartment, located over HMB offices in the Canal Zone. Chambers then took us to look for a furnished apartment in Panama City until our furniture arrived. After a search we settled on a one-bedroom, sixth-floor, economy apartment—\$350 a month.

On our first Sunday in Panama we joined *La Primera Iglesia Bautista*, the First Baptist Church, Spanish-language. Chambers is treasurer, and HMB missionaries joked with him about the attention he paid to us. They said that once we were members, and our tithe was received, he would forget us. "Yes," Chambers replied, after a hearty laugh, "once I catch one, I put him safely away and go out looking for another."

During the week Ervin was asked to conduct a Witness Involvement Now (WIN; TEA in Spanish) school at the church in preparation for a revival. At the close of the school the church

held a special service and a GA coronation service, in which Ruth took part.

Nationwide simultaneous revivals began the last Sunday in January. Since the evangelist scheduled for the Chorrillo Mission in Panama City did not come, Ervin was asked to preach. He also attended area breakfasts and luncheons with HMB personnel and met pastors and other church leaders. Johnson purposely had planned this, and the contacts were helpful. We also did much island hopping in a small plane operated by a missionary pilot, also a Baptist but supported by another group.

The Monday following the revivals we drove to the Baptist campground, located near the Pacific Ocean about a two-hour drive from Panama City, to take part in a Panama Baptist Convention-sponsored Sunday

GETTING ACQUAINTED

By Ervin and Ruth Hastey

School camp. Ruth taught the Nursery manual to teachers, and Ervin was speaker. More than 100 attended. Again there was opportunity to meet more church leaders, these from the Interior Association. Several persons made professions of faith in Christ. One young man dedicated his life to the ministry; he is now attending the Baptist theological seminary.

Purchasing a house was ruled out until we established legal standing, so during February we sought and rented an apartment, expecting our furniture to arrive soon. When the furniture did not show up, we returned to the HMB apartment in the Zone. Meanwhile, we bought and installed the furniture we had planned to secure in Panama and applied for installation of utilities and telephone.

Scheduled to spend four weeks in the Caribbean in March for evangelism institutes, Ervin went to a phone to call Houston, Tex., to inquire about the furniture. Returning to the apartment, he asked Ruth, "Do you still believe in Romans 8:28?" Faintly she answered, "Well, yes I think I do." Then Ervin reported he had just learned that the furniture had not even left Houston. During his absence HMB personnel saw to it that Ruth had transportation to church, so that she would not have to travel alone much at night.

By the time Ervin returned the first of April, our belongings had arrived. After a few days in customs, the furniture was released. During the wait Ervin preached at four different churches for Easter services. The furniture came while he was conducting a revival at a church about a 25-minute drive from the apartment. This called for unpacking a little at a time, preparing for services, and

Missionary Ervin Hastey relaxes on the balcony of his apartment in Panama City.



driving to preach each night.

Church leaders announced that at 6:00 A.M. on the final Sunday of the revival, baptismal service would be held in a nearby stream. At first we could not believe the announcement that the city church would be using a stream, but we found the service beautiful. The young pastor baptized six new believers.

In the group attending the service was an elderly woman. While we waited for her at one point, the pastor asked the reason for our delay. We explained, and he said to the woman, "Granny, Brother and Mrs. Hastey are waiting on you." Thus, we learned that she was the pastor's grandmother. Before morning worship at the church building Ruth talked with the woman and learned that she had not trusted in Christ. Ruth explained the plan of salvation and stood beside her during the invitation; the woman smiled but did not respond. Perhaps harvest will come later.

Since there are English-language, Spanish-language, and one Indian-language (Cuna) congregations in Panama City, one must keep both his English and Spanish Bibles ready. (The Indians understand Spanish.) On many Sunday mornings we go first to the Spanish-speaking First Church, where Ruth teaches a woman's Sunday School class. At 10:00 A.M. we leave, so that Ervin can preach in another church, in either English or Spanish. At night, after Ruth leads a group at First Church, we go to yet another church, where Ervin preaches in one language or the other. This keeps the tongue limber, the Bibles free of dust, and the heart of a missionary happy.

After two HMB families left in April, Ervin began teaching in the Baptist seminary; he became interim dean in May. Ruth also has been teaching at the seminary.

In March we attended the Panama Baptist Convention meeting at the Spanish-language First Church in Panama City. Representatives from both the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board were present. We became acquainted with still other Baptists from all parts of Panama. We heard the Convention express appreciation to the Home Mission Board for all that God had used the missionaries to do. During the years of HMB work, 42 churches were organized, and 78 missions were formed. In addition, a hospital, seminary, and camp had been put into operation.

In June Ervin led a WIN school in another church. Those attending were mostly young persons. Several



Mrs. Ruth Hastey in Panama.

professions of faith in Christ resulted, and a faithful, though small, band of witnesses was organized.

In July Joe Carl Johnson left for his new work in the U.S., and we felt a bit more of the responsibility for the work fall on us. Ervin preached, as usual, twice each Sunday and some during the week. A special event for us was the arrival of our daughter to spend the summer; she teaches school in Philadelphia. This put new life in us, and she helped greatly in the work. The Alex F. Garner family from Argentina visited in our home for a few days; they will serve with us in Panama, beginning in January. Also Field Representative A. Clark Scanlon and his family came in July to help us prepare the budget for 1975.

During June and July we also were preparing for a Vacation Bible School and revival at Chorrillo Mission the first of August. When Ervin preached for a revival there in January, the mission had fewer than 25 in Sunday School. Average attendance at the VBS was 208 children, plus 12 teachers and workers. To handle the crowd, we put up a large tarpaulin on a vacant lot near the rented chapel and also used some of the facilities at First Church.

As a result of the VBS, more than ten teenagers are attending the baptismal class. About 250 persons came to the evening services during the school. Sunday School attendance reached a record high of 95. Activities for teenagers continue at the mission, such as handwork and Bible study.

Ervin attended the Conference on Urban Evangelism in Brazil in August. On the return trip he stopped in Lima, Peru, to speak to nearly 100 pastors and workers in conference. Just after arriving back in Panama, he

started a one-week revival on the other side of the isthmus, at First Isthmian Baptist Church.

During September he preached in two revivals and led three sessions on evangelism at the national pastors' conference. Harold E. Hurst, missionary transferred from Honduras to Panama, came to prepare for his family's arrival and for his work as administrator and chaplain for the Baptist hospital in the San Blas Islands.

Some 50 persons have signed our guest book since we unpacked in April; that figure does not represent all who have passed through the door of our home. Each one has enriched our lives.

When it was first suggested that Ruth accompany Ervin to Asia in 1973 for some of the WIN schools he led, Charles W. Bryan, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, said he thought it would help prepare her for coming to Panama. Becoming acquainted with so many people in the various countries helped both Ruth and Ervin get ready for the international flavor prevailing in Panama. Just today, as we bought vegetables at a Chinese market, Ruth thanked the young saleswoman in Chinese and received a big smile in response. In our church alone are members from more than a half dozen countries.

During the conference in Brazil, Ervin saw three missionaries who are former colleagues in Mexico and two Mexican Baptists with whom he had worked closely. This stirred deep emotions within him at thoughts of not returning to Mexico. But there is no doubt that God has led us here for this transitional period. We are grateful to the Lord, to the Foreign Mission Board, and to Southern Baptists. TC



WHEN WATER CAME TO AILIGANDÍ

By
Carter
Dobbs

Photos by Bob Harper

Ammo-Sipu skillfully guided her heavy cayuco (a dugout canoe) upriver past the brackish waterline. There she bathed, laundered her family's clothes, and filled her calabash gourds with water, loading the cayuco until the ripples on the river almost spilled into the vessel. Slowly she paddled the heavy craft back to the island on the twice-a-day, two-hour mission of securing fresh water for her family on the island of Ailigandí.

About 170 years later, Ammo-Sipu's great, great (many times great) grandchildren were still making the same upriver trip, doing the same strenuous chores in the same way. Over the years visitors had marveled at the sight of these broad-shouldered, industrious women paddling upriver for the precious fresh water. Many offered ideas and plans for a better way of water supply, but, without exception, those plans and dreams never materialized. The Indians soon learned not to get their hopes up when they heard such talk.

While on a dental mission in May 1967, my wife and I were appalled at the scarcity of fresh water on the island, and especially in the Marvel Iglesias Baptist Hospital. During rainy season the hospital staff sometimes could get by—with frugal use—on the water collected from the hospital gutters. But during dry season the hospital had to depend on water from the river; there was never enough.

The author is a dentist in Calhoun City, Miss.

The hospital operated under severe difficulties at best, but trying to run any medical facility out of a calabash gourd was so absurd that something had to be done! However, many plans had been advanced and none had materialized. Strangely, too, many islanders opposed a better way of getting water.

In the face of all this, upon coming home we began to tell people in Mississippi of the need. One of those who heard and became interested was Aubrey Edmondson, a retired U.S. civil engineer. With the information he was given, he said the task was not impossible.

In early 1969 we returned on our second mission to provide dental treatment. However, dentistry was only one of our activities this time, for we busily gathered information for Edmondson. We delivered to him all the facts we could, and he began work on an organized plan he felt would work. Churches of Calhoun County Baptist Association and other friends had become intensely interested in the water project, and some money to finance the work began to come in voluntarily.

The first need: 12,000 feet of plastic pipe. When enough money was on hand, the pipe was ordered and shipped to Panama. The U.S. Army provided transportation for the pipe from Colón to Ailigandí. As the Indians watched the pipe being unloaded, they understood that the plans were real, and their enthusiasm and

anticipation began to rise. Next, a small, gasoline-driven pump was put on order. With these things on hand Edmondson believed work could begin, for other items were available in Panama.

After Edmondson had gone as far as he could with planning at home, he was ready to go to Ailigandí, at his own expense, complete the on-the-site engineering, and supervise construction of the water system. This experienced, practical, and dedicated water-system engineer would provide his services at no cost to those benefiting.

On September 18, 1969, Mr. and Mrs. Edmondson sailed from New Orleans, bound for their greatest adventure—the bringing of water to Ailigandí. Upon arriving on the island, they were captivated by the beauty of the land and the charm of the people. But they had little time to enjoy these. They had come with a purpose, and Edmondson set out to gain the information necessary to start the project many called impossible.

He sought to begin with the simplest possible system—to lay a pipeline from the fresh water source of the upper river to the island and begin pumping. He knew that the most difficult phase would be to bring the pipeline across the 1,700 feet of bay from the island to the mainland. The line would cross the shipping channel, with its currents and irregular coral bottom. Since the plastic pipe containing fresh water would float,



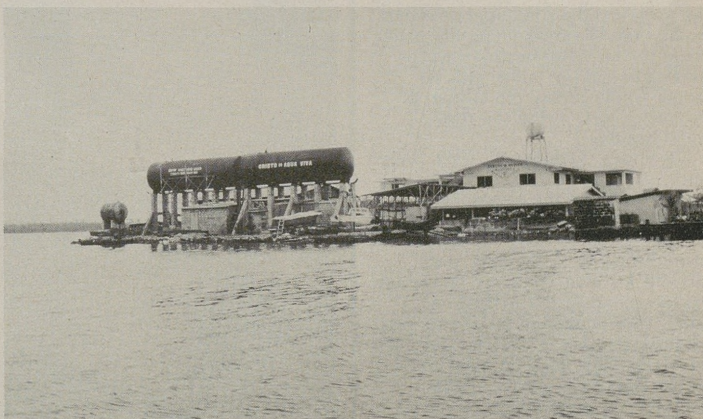
Above: Marvel Iglesias Hospital, Baptist work on Ailigandí in the San Blas Islands. Above, right: Donny Hendon, agricultural worker, and Daniel Gruver, physician at the hospital, examine plants at farm project on mainland. Water line that supplies Ailigandí can be seen behind the two men.

he had to place 40-pound weights at every six to seven feet along the pipe. The 20-foot sections of pipe had to be perfectly dry and clean when joined, and since this was during rainy season, rain and mud posed an almost insurmountable problem. But the challenge was met.

On the mainland enough weighted pipe to reach across the bay was joined and made ready to be moved across to the island and lowered into place. Here began one of the most critical and dramatic phases in the history of the island.

Through the Island Congress a request went out for 225 men and 75 cayucos to be at the mouth of the river by 10 A.M. on October 3 to assist in laying the pipe. So great was the excitement that by nine o'clock every cayuco and male, from schoolboy to grandfather, had gathered on the mainland at the mouth of the river. The first job was to select only the assistance necessary and to try to see that the extra cayucos and personnel stayed out of the way. At times this task proved quite a problem.

About 225 Indians made up the chosen group, two in each cayuco to handle the pipe and one to maneuver the canoe. Daniel Gruver, doctor at



Above, left: Pumping station supplies fresh water to Ailigandí. Above, right: Nurse Naomi Page assists Gruver in surgery. Above: Hospital and water tanks dominate view on approach to island by boat. Wording on one tank: "Christ, the living water."

the Baptist hospital, Peter Miller, Jr., trilingual national missionary, and Edmondson each had a cayuco with an operator and helpers. After much study, the best procedure was chosen. Indians would pick up the entire length of pipe and, on a signal, walk forward, feeding one section at a time onto a cayuco. As each boat moved out, another would fall in behind to receive the next section. When Edmondson, Gruver, and Miller, who knew the plan, attempted to communicate each move to the non-English-speaking Indians, matters at times reached panic stage. But after several mistakes and problems, the procedure began to work, and the cayucos moved across the bay toward the island.

Finally things seemed to function perfectly. The pipe and cayucos were in place.

Ropes had been tied around each weight while on land, with enough rope coiled on top of each weight to allow it to reach bottom, with a surplus of about three feet for handling. After the pipe was unloaded and rested on the bottom of the bay, divers examined the pipe to see that it was positioned so it would not be damaged and brought up the extra rope.

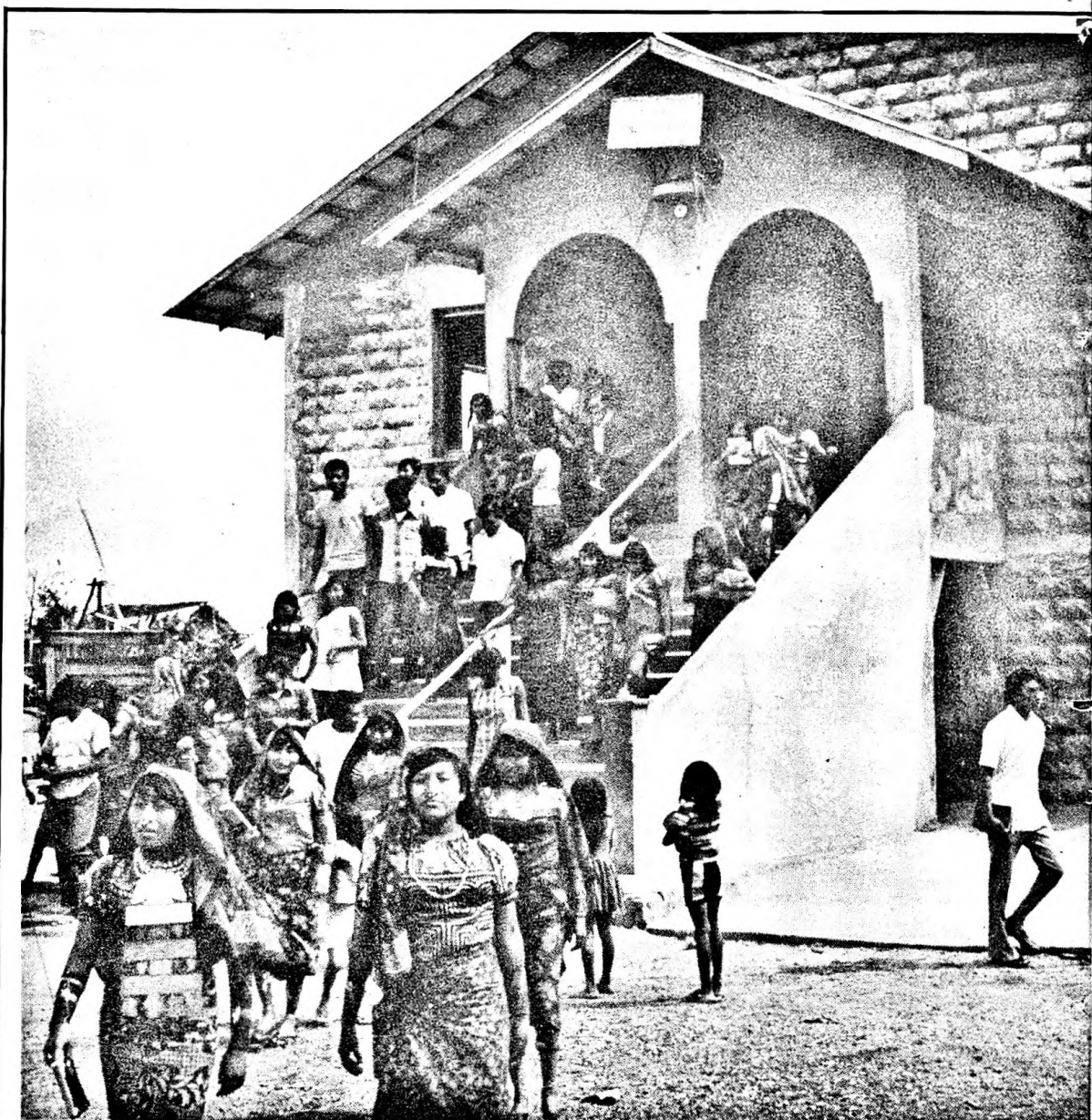
A pump had been attached to pipe already laid up river and was quickly connected to the line across the bay. As soon as someone started the pump, most of the people rushed back to the hospital to watch the muddy water and air clear from the pipes and the clean water rush out in a strong, two-inch stream.

For the first time since the island was inhabited about 1800, no swish of paddles could be heard. The cayucos were still. No ripples disturbed the river, and the chattering parakeets in the umbrella trees lining the banks could see no water-bearing cayucos moving to and fro. Indian girls no longer would follow the custom of their ancestors, plying the river as water bearers.

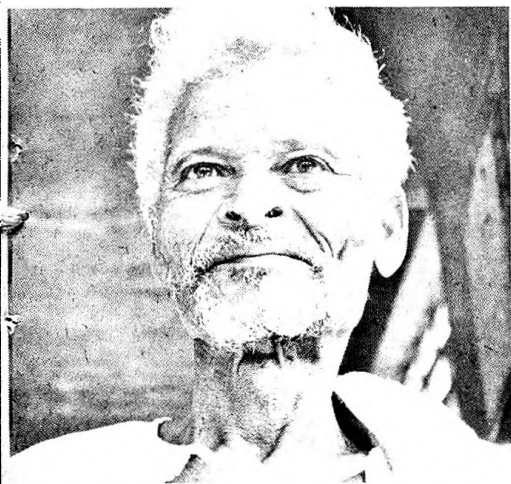
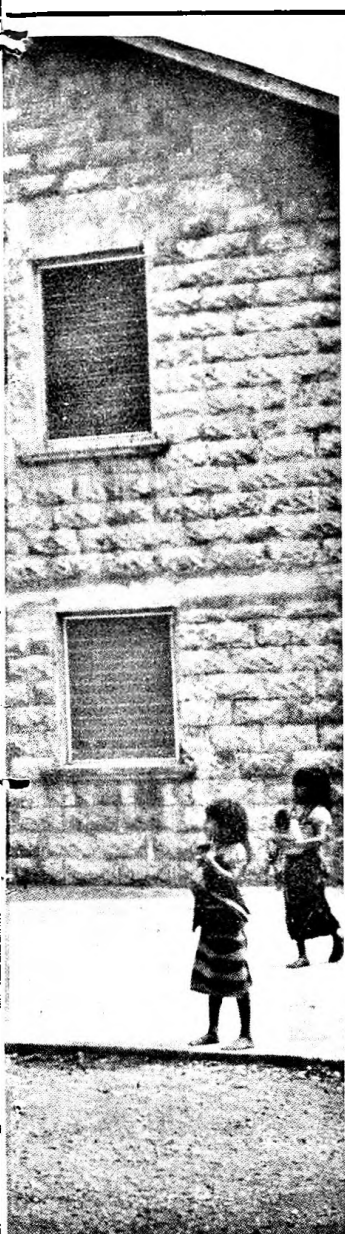
On Friday, October 3, 1969, water came to Ailigandí!

On the island the atmosphere became carnival. Around the end of the pipe gathered every resident of the island, shoulder to shoulder, each carrying his own container to capture the newfound luxury of flowing water. They learned to be patient, each following another in line, not wasting the liquid. They lined up night and day for two days before realizing that from now on there would be plenty of pure water.

Under the most primitive conditions, in less than ten days had been accomplished what others had spent



People on Ailigandí. At top, Sunday crowd leaves Baptist church building on island.



months and years planning—bringing fresh water to the hospital and the people on Ailigandí. Edmondson was not alone in this. His wife, Mary, was by his side, helping and praying for success. Christians in the U.S. who could not be there in person were there in spirit and prayer. And people of the island united to assist.

"Of course, the prayers of many, many dedicated Christians were with us, and I firmly believe God was guiding all of our hands throughout the project," says Edmondson.

Edmondson, the Indians of Ailigandí, and many others from the States and Panama, working together, proved that water could be brought to the island. The hospital, instead of struggling along on 250 gallons a day, enjoyed a supply of 25,000 gallons, more than it could use at any time. And in its missionary spirit, the hospital offered to share with the people of the island. Distribution lines were laid out, and families began signing up for connections that consisted of a single faucet and shower in each home. Under Edmondson's direction, Miller soon became skilled in making connections and repairs and in the overall supervision of the system.

Even though tired from work that would have taxed a younger man, Edmondson would not consider leaving until he felt he had done all he could with his presence and efforts, not only to install the system, but also to train persons in proper maintenance. He stayed almost two months.

"My wife and I got more real satisfaction out of the project than out of any other work we have ever done," he states. "We thank God for permitting us to have small parts in bringing fresh water to Ailigandí."

Rarely do these Indians rise to heights of expression, but the night before the Edmondsons were to depart, the entire population of the island gathered to pay them homage. Island leaders made speeches, the people brought gifts, and they made the Edmondsons one of them—"The Golden People." They conferred upon Edmondson the title of honorary chief, a rare happening indeed!

With tears in their eyes, the Edmondsons boarded the small plane to start home the next morning, satisfied that they had done well the job they had come to do.

Since 1969, the Edmondsons have made two return visits to Ailigandí to update and improve the original system, staying three months on each visit. Additional storage facilities, an additional line across the bay, more island installations, and improved pumping facilities and equipment have been added to the system. TC



BITTER DAWN

By Samuel M. James

"Perhaps Christians in America will remember that the war in Vietnam is still vicious and prayer is still needed," writes Missionary Samuel M. James in a note accompanying this article. "More than 50,000 people have been kidnapped by the Communists in the past four weeks [written Sept. 9]. Evangelical churches have lost three entire congregations, along with three pastors."

In the center of the crowded, bustling Saigon market the young Vietnamese Christians found just the right place. They worked hard to build and decorate a stall where Bibles were sold and tracts distributed.

The time was last lunar new year. The young man overseeing the project was Lanh, a first-year student at the Baptist theological seminary.

Suddenly the sickening thud of a bomb pierced the atmosphere of music and new year's gaiety. In the mass confusion and panic that followed, Lanh began to read from the Bible over the loudspeaker. He read the twenty-third Psalm again and again.

Soon people were listening quietly, as if by some miracle the hand of the Lord was again stretched over the stormy sea to hush the tumult. When Lanh bowed his head to pray, dozens of people in the marketplace bowed with him in silence. Lanh pled with God for peace within, at a time when there is no peace without.

But Lanh is gone now.

With final exams over, the seminary in recess, and Vacation Bible Schools ended, Lanh wanted to return home to Thuong Duc. There he wished to

witness for the gospel to his own village. Among the residents were his aged grandfather, his parents, his young sisters, and his young brother, recently married, with a new baby, and a member of the local defense force.

Lanh had not been home in a long time. The first year of study at the seminary and his work as assistant pastor had given him a new and fresh burden for persons lost without Christ. Now he had some knowledge and tools with which to serve God.

For some reason, he delayed an extra week in his home village. So he was there for the night of horror. The Viet Cong came in massive waves, with tanks, mortar fire, artillery, and human sacrifice.

When dawn broke over Thuong Duc, all was quiet. Lanh's young brother lay dead in the mud just outside the rubble that had been a village. The entire population was missing. Every living thing had been carried away. Into the darkness 20,000 people had vanished.

Under cover of darkness the following night, survivors straggled in, each seriously wounded. A count revealed that only 900 had been able to drag their battered bodies to safety.

Their account was chilling. Villagers surviving the battle had been divided into three groups, with several thousand in each group, to be herded to an unknown destination. Anyone who showed the slightest resistance was executed on the spot. The rest were carried away into the darkness.

Lanh, the brave, 19-year-old minister, must have shepherded his aging par-

ents and five small sisters into the darkest night of his life.

As Lanh's pastor and seminary teacher, I have been gripped by this experience. The urgency of the Great Commission is upon me. Short of a miracle, I will not again be able to help mold this God-called young servant into the Lord's chosen vessel. What was done in that one year is all that can be done. Somehow Jesus' words will never be the same to me: "Work while it is yet day, for the night cometh. . . ."

War is still reality in Vietnam. Perhaps it would be more correct to say wars. There is war involving flesh and blood. There is war involving ideologies and economics. It would be comforting to report that the church of the Lord is making spectacular gains on all fronts in the battle, with righteousness, holiness, and justice on one side and the powers of corruption, darkness, and sin on the other.

Would to God I could say our 17 Baptist missionary families are rapidly winning this nation to Christ in our race against time. But the challenge is keenly felt with the realization that there are 17 Baptist missionary preachers for 19,000,000 souls. For these millions, any night can bring a march into darkness.

Training Vietnamese is the answer, we say. But where are the God-called, equipped pastors and teachers who will come to help train them? Will it ever happen that the Lord's church will accept with compelling seriousness the fact that Jesus is Prince of Peace and take him into the darkening hours of a lost world? **TC**

Report
by
Leland
Webb

The Moneda in Santiago,
Chile, where President
Allende died during
military takeover of
government in September
1973. Battle damage has
been repaired outside;
the building's interior
is being restored.



Santiago, with
snowcapped Andes
Mountains in background.



CHILE

The young factory worker turned around in the front passenger seat as the car moved along a residential street in Santiago, Chile, in August. "A year ago I dreamed on this street," he said in his best English to the North American sitting in the back.

He meant "slept" instead of "dreamed," of course. He was referring to the waning days of the regime of President Allende of Chile. In those days it was common for people to sleep on the street, building small fires to keep warm, in order to be early in line for meager food supplies at stores the following morning.

The ever-present lines were but one symptom of the troubles besetting Chile in those days. Recent revelations—including a statement by President Ford—of American CIA involvement in Chile during Allende's time in office have somewhat further clouded the picture for Americans. But the dozen or so missionaries who talked to me in Santiago in August are seemingly of one mind on at least two counts: (1) life in Chile today is a vast relief from the tense days of 1970-73; (2) the international press badly garbled the story of events in

Chile, displaying bias and at times fabrications.

"One who was not here could never grasp what it was like," insists Missionary James H. Bitner.

What it was like was revealed in the aftermath of the action led by a military junta that ended the Allende government on September 11, 1973.

"You certainly moved quickly," Missionary Gerald F. Riddell said to a friend in the military a short time later.

"You should be glad we did," came the reply. "You had only six days to live!"

September 17 was said to be the day that Communist elements planned to initiate "Plan Zeta" (Z), in which all opposition would have been eliminated by force.

A pastor told Missionary Frank Coy, "Thank God this has happened, because had the 17th passed, you probably wouldn't be here now."

Bitner received a first-hand report of the "death list," reputed to be a part of Plan Z.

"If I hadn't seen it with my own eyes, I wouldn't have believed it," a public employee in Vina del Mar, Chile, said to Bitner not long after the coup. "I've had the list in my hands."

Hesitantly inquiring, Bitner said, "I guess that after you got past the military and political names you came to my name."

"You know it!" the man exclaimed.

What it was like was Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, a veteran missionary, by chance driving into a demonstration that was boiling toward a riot. A young man ran up to her car and warned, "Close the window, or somebody will spit on you." She followed his suggestion—just in time.

Although the mob beat on her car with fists, she was lucky—the rioters forgot their chains that day.

John H. McTyre, Mission treasurer, ran the demonstration gamut most of all, because he traveled back and forth to his office downtown twice a



Missionary James H. Bitner in Chile.

day. Large demonstrations erupted at least three times weekly on the average, he recalls. "Many times I had to run to get away from water cannons when the police were chasing someone."

Rumors made the rounds that Bitner and Coy were American CIA agents. The gravity of such an absurd charge robbed it of any humor. A leftist newspaper announced that the Chilean Baptist Theological Seminary was a training ground for CIA agents.

"Every morning when Frank would go to the seminary, I didn't know whether there would be a bomb waiting in the front door or not," recalls Coy's wife, Betty.

Those days included the repeated nightmare that startled awake the Bitners' young daughter, Debbie. More than once she dreamed that police had arrested her father and Coy and that her father had been killed.

As background din to the tensions, a continual assault of broadcast hate against the U.S. could be heard over many radio and television stations.

For everyone there were the lines—for sugar, cooking oil, bread, meat, or almost any other commodity, as supplies grew scarce.

"You might stand in line three hours for bread and not get any," recalls Mrs. H. Cecil McConnell. Coy once stood in line an hour to buy a pound of sugar.

Miss Ogburn, following the prudent custom of joining any line in the hope of finding food, met great disappointment one day. Nearly to the counter after a long wait, she

Street scene in busy Santiago.





Above and right: Young adults crowd into top-floor room and cluster into groups for Bible study at Young People's Sunday School department of First Baptist Church, Santiago. At right, woman in center is department director.



discovered what was on sale—cigarettes.

Even amid tensions, the Chilean sense of humor came to the rescue of citizens. "You would stand in line for hours," reports Missionary Betty Hart, "but the sense of humor among Chileans is so good, you would actually go home in a better mood than before."

The Allende years began in September 1970 when Chile elected what has been widely characterized as the first freely elected Marxist government in Latin America.

Bitner has concisely summarized those years:

"The platform presented was appealing to those who had long seen their hopes for a better life postponed. The government promised to change the society and economy into a socialist one through democratic processes.

"By September 1972 it was evident that many of the promises had been violated. There were land seizures and factory takeovers without due process of law. Terrorism was mounting. Consumer goods were in short supply.

"Unrest was evident on all levels. Labor unions were divided between democratic and Marxist forces. Whenever a democratic union seemed powerful enough to have influence, the government sought to create a

parallel union of Marxist orientation. The campaign of hate was dinned in day and night by radio, press, and television.

"When the nationwide strike began in July 1973, it was apparent that the crucial hour was at hand. Some felt the long night of Marxism was ahead, with no hope of being stopped. Others felt the Chileans, known for their love of freedom and democracy, would stand against a dictatorial government. The lines were drawn, and the decision was near."

"At this time a year ago," Coy said last August, "as missionaries we were counting the days when we would have to leave."

"We were never restricted in any activities under the Marxist government," states Bitner. "There was total freedom in the churches, open-air meetings, and the like. We knew it would not continue. It hasn't anywhere else."

Agrees McConnell, "They didn't try to force us out and didn't try to keep missionaries from coming in. But we didn't know when we might be put out, not because we were

missionaries, but because we were North Americans."

The situation grew so taut that in 1973 the Chile Mission voted to advise that no new missionary personnel come to Chile. The principal factor was that the new missionaries assigned all had small children. The parents, new in the language and culture, would find it difficult to secure proper food. In addition, Marxist orientation was making its way into the schools, and the constant anti-American propaganda was bound to weigh more heavily on persons not already established in the culture.

Missionaries asked the president of the Chilean Baptist Convention point blank whether new missionaries with small children should come to Chile. He advised against it.

"He also advised that none of us leave," adds Coy. "He felt that since we were here, we should stay. And because we did, I feel that was a positive testimony."

After the change in government the Mission reversed its position on



new missionaries. Three new couples arrived in Chile during the first year after the coup, and others are under appointment.

The question is put to Coy: "Can missionaries continue to function under a Marxist government?"

"I think they could," he answers, "if that government would let them, if it was tolerant toward anyone who believed and practiced his faith in God.

"A Christian's first responsibility is to God, and as a missionary I am first a Christian; I shouldn't bring North American culture or politics to another country. I should not go to any country to preach against the politics of that country but to proclaim Christ.

"If there are moral problems involved, as atheism certainly would have, then I think a missionary should voice his conviction, but it should not be politically oriented but spiritually oriented."

If any missionary has a hard time recognizing the difference between being a Christian and being a North American, Coy continues, he would have difficulty.

"In the U.S. much of our Christianity is culturally oriented," adds Coy.

"Sometimes we forget that Christianity—preaching Christ—does not mean that we have to bring North American culture to another society.

"We must remember not to wed the gospel to any political system, Marxist or otherwise. Christ and his gospel transcend all cultures and governments."

Missionaries living in Chile at the time of the coup are convinced the death toll reported by the international press was exaggerated beyond all reason. And, they believe, had a change not come, a far greater number would have died.

"There would have been a massacre," states Bitner. "The military commanders, political and labor opposition, and an unknown number of civilians were to have been executed."

Baptist church members were among those arrested at the time of the military takeover. Some happened to be in a suspicious place at the time; other were sympathetic to the Allende regime. There were some churches in which members represented both the far left and the far right.

Stories of abuse of prisoners at the stadium in Santiago are doubted.

"We went to the stadium and gave out tracts," says McTyre. "We didn't get inside, but we talked with people who had been inside. Without exception they all told us they had been treated well. We've talked to many since—some of whom are in our churches—and none has said he was treated badly."

(According to an Associated Press report in late October, the Chilean government announced it would soon release about 2,000 political prisoners. Some 500 of those are to be deported.)

What is the situation today?

The government is still a military one, and it maintains order. From time to time newspapers report the discovery of arms caches hidden by dissidents. There is a 1:00 A.M. to 5:30 A.M. curfew. Occasionally shots can be heard.

Inflation, part of a worldwide sickness, has cut Chile deeply. The government index shows the cost of living increase between July 1973 and July 1974 at 704 percent. In September 1973 there was little food available to buy. Today food

stocks are sufficient, but prices are brutal.

Chile's history of inflation is long, a missionary explains. In 1955 it took 335 Chilean pesos to equal U.S. \$1.00. In 1960-61 devaluation made 1,000 pesos equal to one escudo, which equalled U.S. \$1.00. In August of this year U.S. \$1.00 equalled 950 escudos, or 950,000 pesos.

"As bad as it is," comments McTyre, "it's nothing to what we went through."

Church meetings may be held freely in church buildings. Gatherings in private homes have been forbidden, but Baptists are now holding some home meetings without problems. For a time outdoor meetings, since they are considered political, were not allowed, but current word is that street preaching is being carried on again. Baptist young people sponsored an evangelistic meeting in Nathaniel Stadium in Santiago October 31-November 2. Television reporters covered this event.

Naturally, no one can safely predict the future. But Baptists in Chile are concerned about taking advantage of today's opportunities.

Today there is greater interest in religion reported, especially among young persons. The demonstrations, indoctrination, and other activities that sapped the strength of young people during the days of turmoil are gone, and youths have time for other matters.

"We face an opportunity now that in many respects is unparalleled," declares McConnell. "Quite a number of people have been bewildered. They put their confidence in a form of government. Since the change, what they've heard about that government has left them not knowing what to believe."

Adds a young professor at the University of Chile, "People who are disoriented are looking for something."

"We have more response to the gospel now than I have ever seen," reports Bitner.

And Miss Ogburn offers a comparison based on long experience. "In my 34 years in Chile I have never seen such a hunger on the part of people for spiritual things," she says. "They want to know the Bible. They want to study it." TC

1974 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

How the Gifts Will Be Used

Each year Southern Baptists give millions of dollars through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. For example, the total given for the 1973 offering was \$22,232,757. It is fitting that Southern Baptists should know the ways those dollars are spent on the fields where their missionaries serve.

On these eight pages are presented in detail the allocations for the majority of the funds anticipated from the 1974 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

These figures are presented to meet the concerned interest expressed by many persons to know the ways Lottie Moon Offering funds are used. In addition, this listing illustrates the wide variety of causes assisted by the offering. Also, this information should help more Southern Baptists to begin to comprehend the massive financial needs for foreign mission work.

Goal for the 1974 offering is \$23 million. Specific allocations of the anticipated first \$14.5 million of that amount were made several months ago. Further allocations will be made for the additional offering funds received and will not be completed until the final total for the 1974 offering is tallied, after the books close April 30, 1975.

Requests made by Baptist Missions (organizations of missionaries) on the various fields began the allocation

process. Next, the Board secretary for each of the seven administrative areas (geographical groupings of countries) carefully weighed the requests from his area. Then the requests from all the areas were evaluated 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 allocations list. The Woman's Missionary Union sponsors and promotes the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

It must be kept in mind that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering represents a once-a-year, seasonal opportunity for providing additional financial support for foreign missions. It is through the Cooperative Program that the continual, year-round support is received for foreign missions—and for every other mission program of Southern Baptists. The Cooperative Program provides the constant stream of support for missions. The Lottie Moon Offering must always be understood as supplemental to the month-by-month support that comes through the Cooperative Program.

The listing of allocations begins with a general category, matters that deal with all areas or with several areas jointly. Following this come listings, area by area, of allocations for each field.

Salaries for 700 missionaries		\$1,400,000.00
Supplement to salaries, children's allowances		850,000.00
Education of missionary children (Margaret Fund)		425,000.00
American Bible Society		20,000.00
Advanced training in the United States for experienced Baptist workers from the foreign fields		15,300.00
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	
Europe	5,000.00	
Latin America		\$5,000.00
Africa		5,000.00
Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial, current expenses		81,826.00
WMU Training School, Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil		\$34,826.00
WMU Training School, Rio de Janeiro, GB, Brazil		47,000.00
Mrs. W. J. Cox Memorial Fund for WMU Work on Foreign Fields		67,634.15
Hong Kong-Macao	\$ 1,715.00	
Korea	3,300.00	
Philippines	800.00	
Taiwan	1,000.00	
Gaza	50.00	
India	700.00	
Israel	1,050.00	
Italy	1,800.00	
Jordan	500.00	
Lebanon	500.00	
Portugal	1,500.00	
Spain	5,000.00	
Yugoslavia	\$ 1,000.00	
Egypt	500.00	
Angola	300.00	
East Africa	3,000.00	
Ghana	700.00	
Liberia	5,400.00	
Malawi	1,000.00	
Nigeria	5,700.00	
Rhodesia	2,500.00	
Zambia	1,000.00	
Bahamas	200.00	
Bermuda	120.00	
All-Brazil	17,700.00	
Chile		\$ 1,000.00
Costa Rica		600.00
Dominican Rep.		625.00
Ecuador		1,950.00
Guatemala		981.00
Honduras		750.00
Paraguay		553.15
Uruguay		2,340.00
Peru		200.00
Guyana		300.00
Argentina		700.00
Eq. Brazil		600.00
WMU Publications and Literature		29,438.00
Hong Kong-Macao	\$ 3,000.00	
Korea	2,400.00	
Philippines	1,500.00	
Argentina	1,000.00	
Bahamas	\$ 100.00	
Bap. Span. Pub. House	15,750.00	
Chile	208.00	
Ecuador		\$ 100.00
Paraguay		200.00
Nigeria		4,700.00
Portugal		480.00
Grand Total, General		\$4,579,198.15

Europe and the Middle East

Austria			Scholarships	2,500.00	Evangelization	9,000.00
Property operating require. . . \$	10,000.00		Hospital	70,000.00	New work	1,000.00
Youth work	6,100.00		Social service	700.00	National convention	3,000.00
Evangelization	1,100.00		Total	\$ 77,400.00	Beirut school	5,000.00
Contingent fund	1,000.00		Israel		Seminary	29,000.00
Total	\$ 18,200.00		Property operating require. . . \$	35,000.00	Publication work	26,000.00
Bangladesh			Travel for Mission business	26,000.00	Total	\$ 140,000.00
Language study	\$ 2,000.00		Aid to churches	8,000.00	Portugal	
Children's school allowance	15,000.00		Property operating require. . .	5,000.00	Property operating require. . . \$	10,000.00
Property operating require. . .	15,000.00		New work	1,500.00	Aid to churches	12,000.00
Travel for Mission business . .	9,000.00		Conferences, conventions, and		Radio	6,000.00
Aid to churches	5,000.00		retreats	8,000.00	Property operating require. . .	5,000.00
Property operating require. . .	10,000.00		Student work	9,000.00	Evangelization	1,200.00
Evangelization	6,500.00		Baptist Farm, Petah Tiqva . .	5,000.00	New work	1,200.00
Industrial school	6,000.00		Baptist Center, Petah Tiqva	27,000.00	Conferences, conventions, and	
Scholarships	1,000.00		Nazareth schools	58,000.00	retreats	1,500.00
Literature	4,000.00		Scholarships	3,000.00	National convention	2,400.00
Publication work	6,000.00		Baptist Training Center	5,000.00	Scholarships	3,600.00
Agricultural program	2,000.00		Book stores	6,000.00	Seminary	6,000.00
Total	\$ 81,500.00		Literature	4,000.00	Book store	3,600.00
Belgium			Publication work	6,000.00	Publication work	1,200.00
Aid to churches	\$ 5,000.00		Convention papers	5,000.00	Mission treasurer's expense .	1,000.00
Evangelization	1,500.00		Social service	6,000.00	Total	\$ 54,700.00
Conferences	500.00		Total	\$ 217,500.00	Spain	
Total	\$ 7,000.00		Italy		Children's school allowance . \$	15,000.00
Egypt			Children's school allowance . . \$	14,000.00	Property operating require. . .	28,000.00
Aid to churches	\$ 9,000.00		Property operating require. . .	20,000.00	Travel for Mission business .	23,000.00
Property operating require. . .	3,000.00		Travel for Mission business	14,000.00	Aid to churches	24,000.00
Scholarships	1,500.00		Aid to churches	64,000.00	Radio	17,000.00
Literature	700.00		Radio	12,000.00	Property operating require. . .	2,000.00
Contingent fund	500.00		Property operating require. . .	38,000.00	Promotion: evangelism,	
Mission treasurer's expense .	500.00		Evangelization—Mission ...	8,000.00	stewardship, music	2,600.00
Total	\$ 15,200.00		Baptist Center, Rivoli ...	21,000.00	New work	36,000.00
France			Linguistic school, Rivoli ...	5,000.00	Conferences, conventions, and	
Aid to churches	\$ 11,950.00		Publication work	32,000.00	retreats	1,500.00
Radio	19,000.00		Mission treasurer's expense .	5,000.00	National convention	2,000.00
New work	1,000.00		Legal fees and taxes	8,000.00	Seminary	26,000.00
European Bap. Press Service	5,800.00		Total	\$ 241,000.00	Mission treasurer's expense .	5,000.00
Publication work	1,000.00		Jordan		Legal fees and taxes	2,400.00
Mission office expense	1,200.00		Children's school allowance . \$	14,870.00	Total	\$ 184,500.00
Total	\$ 39,950.00		Property operating require. . .	8,000.00	Switzerland (Baptist Ctr., Rüschlikon)	
Gaza			Travel for Mission business	12,000.00	Property operating require. . . \$	5,000.00
Aid to churches	\$ 2,000.00		Aid to churches	13,000.00	Travel for Mission business .	12,000.00
Property operating require. . .	500.00		New work	1,500.00	Evangelization	1,500.00
Conferences, conventions, and			Conferences, conventions, and		Seminary	185,000.00
retreats	500.00		retreats	1,600.00	Total	\$ 203,500.00
Gaza Baptist Hospital	128,000.00		Boy school, Ajloun	5,000.00	Yemen	
Total	\$ 131,000.00		Girls secondary school,		Baptist Hospital	\$ 60,000.00
Germany			Ajloun	15,000.00	Contingent fund	600.00
Aid to churches	\$ 12,000.00		Elementary school, Ajloun .	13,000.00	Mission treasurer's expense .	600.00
Property operating require. . .	1,600.00		Scholarships	4,000.00	Total	\$ 61,200.00
Conferences, conventions, and			Book store	6,000.00	Yugoslavia	
retreats	1,000.00		Literature	1,000.00	Aid to churches	\$ 5,000.00
Literature	400.00		Ajloun hospital	88,000.00	Sunday School and Training	
Entertainment	500.00		Contingent fund	1,000.00	Union work	1,000.00
Mission committee expense .	400.00		Mission treasurer's expense .	5,000.00	Novi Sad seminary	6,000.00
Mission treasurer's expense .	800.00		Total	\$ 188,970.00	Publication work	1,000.00
Mission office expense	600.00		Lebanon		Total	\$ 13,000.00
Total	\$ 17,300.00		Language study	\$ 8,000.00	Grand Total, Europe and the	
India			Property operating require. . .	25,000.00	Middle East, by Missions	
Aid to churches	\$ 2,000.00		Aid to churches	12,000.00		\$1,691,920.00
Evangelization	2,200.00		Radio	22,000.00		

Eastern and Southern Africa

Angola			Rungwe Bible school	2,000.00	New work	1,000.00
Language study	\$ 2,000.00		Kisumu Bible school	2,000.00	Gwelo camp	6,000.00
Property operating require. .	6,000.00		Kitale Bible school	1,000.00	Audiovisual aids	1,000.00
Travel for Mission business .	1,000.00		Kigoma Bible school	1,000.00	Sanyati, secondary school ..	32,000.00
Aid to churches	1,000.00		Theological Education by		Sanyati, central school	8,000.00
Radio and advertising	3,000.00		Extension	1,000.00	Seminary, Gwelo	11,000.00
Evangelization	1,000.00		Literature and tracts	3,000.00	Book stores	2,000.00
Conferences, conventions, and			Publication work	10,000.00	Literature and tracts	2,000.00
retreats	1,000.00		Clinics	5,000.00	Correspondence course	4,000.00
Student work	550.00		Nyanza Baptist clinics	2,000.00	Publication work	12,000.00
Primary school	1,000.00		Mbeya hospital	30,000.00	WMU literature	3,000.00
Seminary	1,000.00		Social service	20,000.00	Gokwe medical work	15,000.00
Book store	2,000.00		Agriculture program	3,000.00	Sanyati Baptist Hospital	41,000.00
Mission treasurer's expense .	1,000.00		Mission office expense	10,000.00	Mission committee expense .	3,000.00
Total	\$ 20,550.00		Mission meeting expense ..	3,000.00	Mission meeting expense	2,000.00
Botswana			Total	\$ 496,644.00	Mission treasurer's expense .	2,000.00
Children's school allowance . \$	1,000.00		Malawi		Station expense	25,000.00
Property operating require. .	3,000.00		Children's school allowance \$	4,000.00	Sundry expense—contract	
Travel for Mission business .	6,000.00		Property operating require. .	10,000.00	workers	2,000.00
Travel for local leave	450.00		Travel for Mission business	18,000.00	Total	\$ 269,186.00
Missionary journeymen	3,000.00		Missionary journeymen	4,000.00	South West Africa	
Evangelization	1,000.00		Aid to churches	4,000.00	Language study	\$ 200.00
New work	2,000.00		Property operating require. .	4,000.00	Property operating require. .	2,000.00
Dental clinic	1,000.00		Evangelization	1,000.00	Travel for Mission business	1,200.00
Total	\$ 17,450.00		New work	1,000.00	Travel for local leave	200.00
Ethiopia			Conferences, conventions, and		Aid to churches	1,000.00
Language study	\$ 1,000.00		retreats	1,000.00	New work	500.00
Children's school allowance .	11,000.00		National conventions	1,000.00	Total	\$ 5,100.00
Property operating require. .	11,000.00		Seminary—Bible school,		Uganda	
Travel for Mission business	21,000.00		Lilongwe	7,000.00	Children's school allowance . \$	2,000.00
Radio and advertising	\$ 1,439.00		Correspondence course	1,065.00	Property operating require. .	4,000.00
New work	1,000.00		Audiovisual aids	2,000.00	Travel for Mission business	4,000.00
Handicraft school, Menz ..	2,000.00		Book store	1,000.00	Property operating require. .	4,000.00
Publication work	1,000.00		Publishing house	3,000.00	Travel for nationals	3,000.00
Menz clinic operation	5,000.00		Lakeshore medical clinics ..	1,000.00	Evangelization	4,000.00
Agriculture work—community			Agricultural work	1,000.00	New work	1,000.00
and veterinarian	2,000.00		Station operating expense ..	3,000.00	Bible schools	7,000.00
Mission office expense	1,000.00		Total	\$ 67,065.00	Literature and tracts	1,000.00
Station expense	1,000.00		Mozambique		Publication work	1,000.00
Total	\$ 58,439.00		Children's school allowance . \$	300.00	Contingent	1,000.00
East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania)			Property operating require. .	2,200.00	Mission meeting expense	1,000.00
Medical allowance	\$ 15,000.00		Travel for Mission business .	1,200.00	Mission treasurer's expense .	1,000.00
Language study	7,000.00		Aid to churches	2,000.00	Total	\$ 34,000.00
Children's school allowance .	60,000.00		Evangelization	500.00	Zambia	
Property operating require. .	40,000.00		Student work	500.00	Children's school allowance	
Travel for Mission business	126,284.00		Scholarships	500.00	(including MK home) . . . \$	20,000.00
Travel for local leave	6,000.00		Seminary	300.00	Property operating require. .	12,000.00
Missionary journeymen	35,000.00		Literature and tracts	200.00	Travel for Mission business	50,000.00
Moving missionaries on the			State and convention papers .	500.00	Missionary journeymen	6,000.00
field	5,000.00		Contingent	300.00	Radio and advertising	5,000.00
Aid to churches	25,000.00		Mission treasurer's expense .	300.00	Television	2,000.00
Radio work, Nairobi	6,000.00		Total	\$ 8,800.00	Evangelization	6,000.00
Property operating require. .	7,000.00		Rhodesia		Student work	2,000.00
Travel for nationals	3,000.00		Medical allowance	\$ 6,000.00	Audiovisual aids	2,000.00
Evangelization	10,000.00		Language study	1,000.00	Seminary	10,000.00
New work	4,000.00		Children's school allowance .	15,000.00	Petauke Bible school	3,000.00
Conferences, conventions, and			Property operating require. .	10,186.00	Correspondence course	7,000.00
retreats	3,000.00		Travel for Mission business .	40,000.00	Publication work	10,000.00
National conventions	3,000.00		Travel for local leave	3,000.00	Social service	2,930.00
Student work	4,360.00		Missionary journeymen	1,000.00	Agricultural ministry	
Miscellaneous—Bible Society	1,000.00		Moving missionaries on the		(Petauke and Serenje)	7,000.00
Mombasa, secondary school	10,000.00		field	2,000.00	Mission committee expense .	1,000.00
Nyeri Baptist High School .	6,000.00		Radio and advertising	1,000.00	Mission meeting expense	2,000.00
Scholarships	2,000.00		Property operating require. .	6,000.00	Mission office expense	4,000.00
Baptist seminary, Arusha ..	25,000.00		Evangelization	12,000.00	Station expense	5,000.00

Legal fees and taxes	2,000.00
Total	\$ 158,930.00
Field Representative	
Property operating require.	\$ 1,200.00
Travel for Mission business	2,000.00
Total	\$ 3,200.00

Radio-TV Representative	
Children's school allowance	\$ 400.00
Property operating require.	2,200.00
Travel for Mission business	1,200.00
Seminary extension	100.00
Publication work	100.00

Mission office expense	1,000.00
Station expense	200.00
Total	\$ 5,200.00
Grand Total, Eastern and Southern Africa, items by Missions	\$1,144,564.00

West Africa

Nigeria	
Children's school allowance	\$ 33,605.00
Property operating requirements	72,000.00
Travel for Mission business	75,500.00
Aid to churches (for pastors and other church workers)	63,305.00
Radio and advertising	13,361.00
Evangelization	9,003.00
Student work	10,623.00
Sunday School and Training Union work	13,260.00
Miscellaneous—Department of Architecture	2,200.00
Iwo Baptist College	44,256.00
Jos Baptist High School	32,000.00
Abeokuta Baptist Women's Training College	34,175.00
Baptist Pastors School, Kaduna	30,175.00
Scholarships	10,000.00
Ogbomoshos seminary	40,150.00
Ahoada, home craft center ..	1,453.00
Religious knowledge in schools	9,115.00
Adult literacy	5,737.00
Agriculture program	1,283.00
Publication work	7,952.00
Okuta Baptist Welfare Center ..	1,619.00
Eku Baptist Hospital and Nursing School (includ. Lab. School)	85,000.00
Ogbomoshos Hospital and Maternity Center	10,000.00
Ogbomoshos Kersey Children's Home	3,000.00
Contingent fund	4,000.00
Hostel Lagos (Baptist Mission House)	4,000.00
Mission meeting expense ..	5,000.00
Mission treasurer's expense . .	10,000.00
Mission office expense	3,752.00
Audiovisual aids	547.00
Ogbomoshos Baptist Health Service	9,600.00
Dental clinic	4,340.00
Mid-West Baptist Pastors Bible School	7,000.00
Total	\$ 657,011.00

Ghana	
National conventions and mission board	\$ 400.00
Children's school allowance . .	14,901.00
Property operating require. . .	13,681.00
Travel for Mission business . .	26,883.00
Aid to churches (for pastors and other church workers)	2,830.00

Missionary journeymen	6,725.00
Radio and advertising	7,893.00
Property operating require. . .	4,885.00
New work	618.00
Sunday School and Training Union work	400.00
Student work	1,580.00
Audiovisual aids	400.00
General Pastors School, Tamale	1,550.00
Scholarship fund	500.00
Ghana Baptist seminary, Kumasi	9,500.00
Book store	2,217.00
Literature and tracts	1,153.00
WMU literature	500.00
Nalerigu center and leprosy work	58,835.00
Contingent fund	2,000.00
Mission treasurer's expense . .	5,200.00
Mission office expense	968.00
Accra Day Center and Kumasi reading room ...	5,600.00
Evangelization	100.00
Publication work	100.00
Convention publications	400.00
Total	\$ 169,819.00

Togo	
Travel for local leave	\$ 450.00
Language study	600.00
Property operating require. . .	3,000.00
Travel for Mission business . .	3,000.00
Good will centers (social service)	1,110.00
Children's school allowance . .	3,600.00
New work	600.00
Aid to churches	1,000.00
Correspondence courses	1,000.00
Seminary	1,200.00
Literature and tracts	1,200.00
Missionary journeymen	4,000.00
Total	\$ 20,760.00

Liberia	
Children's school allowance \$	13,000.00
Property operating require. . .	12,000.00
Travel for Mission business . .	9,667.00
Missionary journeymen	2,000.00
Aid to churches (for pastors and other church workers).	5,100.00
Evangelization	2,820.00
Conferences, conventions, and retreats	200.00
Audiovisual aids	500.00
Sinoe County schools	3,600.00
Ricks Institute	44,809.00
Scholarships	7,600.00
Seminary (pastors' schools) . .	20,700.00

Literature and tracts	1,500.00
Contingent funds	1,000.00
Entertainment	300.00
Mission meeting expense . . .	200.00
Mission office expense	3,600.00
Mission treasurer's expense . .	1,000.00
Sunday School and Training Union (men and boys' work)	3,000.00
WMU literature	500.00
Student' work	1,080.00
Total	\$ 184,176.00

Ivory Coast	
Property operating require. \$	8,900.00
Travel for Mission business . .	5,000.00
Social service	500.00
Language study	1,560.00
Travel for local leave	500.00
Children's school allowance . .	2,040.00
Aid to churches	2,000.00
Property operating require. . .	4,400.00
New work	2,000.00
Correspondence course	4,000.00
Literature and tracts	1,000.00
Mission treasurer's expense . .	1,200.00
Total	\$ 33,100.00

Senegal	
Travel for Mission business \$	3,500.00
Property operating require. . .	8,000.00
Literature	500.00
Missionary journeymen	4,000.00
Aid to churches	2,000.00
Property operating require. . .	4,000.00
Audiovisual aids	1,000.00
Correspondence course—printing	1,000.00
Social service	1,000.00
Mission treasurer's expense . .	1,200.00
Total	\$ 26,200.00

Upper Volta	
Property operating require. \$	6,000.00
Language study	600.00
Children's school allowance . .	1,200.00
Travel for Mission business . .	2,000.00
Total	\$ 9,800.00

Dahomey	
Property operating require. . . \$	2,400.00
Travel for Mission business . .	1,800.00
New work	900.00
Aid to churches	900.00
Correspondence courses	2,420.00
Property operating require. . .	2,000.00
Total	\$ 10,420.00

Grand Total, West Africa, items by Missions	\$1,061,286.00
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Middle America and the Caribbean

Bahamas			Literature and publications .	300.00	Rural medical	10,000.00	
Travel for Mission business . \$	9,038.00		Mission meeting expense . .	1,600.00	Mission meeting expense . .	3,000.00	
Aid to churches	1,200.00		Mission treasurer's expense .	1,225.00	Mission treasurer's expense .	700.00	
Radio evangelism	3,525.00		Mission office expense . . .	1,400.00	Mission office expense	1,500.00	
Evangelism and new work . .	5,000.00		Total	\$ 36,663.00	Correspondence course . . .	500.00	
National convention	8,000.00		Guatemala			Total	\$ 51,250.00
Student work	500.00		Travel for Mission business . \$	13,296.00	Jamaica		
Promotional work (SS, TU)	7,500.00		Aid to churches	400.00	Travel for Mission business . \$	900.00	
Audiovisual aids	200.00		Radio and TV evangelism . .	4,350.00	Radio and TV evangelism . .	2,000.00	
Nassau, seminary	14,070.00		Property operating require. .	2,460.00	Evangelization	2,000.00	
Literature and publications .	1,100.00		Travel for nationals	120.00	Conf., conventions, retreats	1,000.00	
Mission meeting expense . . .	1,400.00		Evangelization	3,999.00	Student work	1,000.00	
Mission office expense	600.00		Conf., conventions, retreats	800.00	Promotional work (SS, TU)	4,000.00	
Mission treasurer's expense .	500.00		Audiovisual aids	960.00	Audiovisual aids	1,000.00	
Total	\$ 52,633.00		National and convention		Literature and publications .	500.00	
Baptist Spanish Publishing House			boards	66.00	National publications	200.00	
Audiovisual aids	\$ 5,000.00		Christian education and		Mission meeting expense . . .	100.00	
Travel for Mission business .	2,043.61		brotherhood	3,350.00	Mission office expense	800.00	
Current expense			Scholarships	3,200.00	Total	\$ 13,500.00	
(publication work)	169,500.00		Guatemala City, theological			Leeward Islands	
Mission meeting expense . . .	1,200.00		seminary, current expense	14,760.00	Travel for Mission business . \$	1,400.00	
Mission office expense	1,000.00		Lake Atitlán, Indian institute,		Radio evangelism	3,600.00	
Total	\$ 178,743.61		current expense	3,900.00	Television	1,500.00	
Bermuda			Book store	1,500.00	Aid to churches	10,150.00	
Travel for Mission business .	2,640.00		Literature and publications .	550.00	Property operating require. .	4,800.00	
Radio and television			National publications	770.00	Evangelization	4,550.00	
evangelism	4,310.00		Mission meeting expense . .	2,400.00	Evangelistic equipment	200.00	
Evangelization (SS, TU) . . .	1,100.00		Mission treasurer's expense .	1,068.00	Audiovisual aids	300.00	
Promotional work (SS, TU)	300.00		Mission office expense	2,400.00	Literature and publications .	250.00	
Literature and publications .	200.00		Total	\$ 60,349.00	Mission treasurer's expense .	300.00	
Mission meeting expense . . .	180.00		Guyana			Mission meeting expense . . .	550.00
Mission office expense and			Children's school allowance .	2,200.00	Total	\$ 27,600.00	
equipment	450.00		Property operating require. .	3,000.00	Mexico		
Total	\$ 9,170.00		Travel for Mission business .	2,600.00	Travel for Mission business . \$	42,703.30	
Costa Rica			Aid to churches	7,000.00	Aid to churches	60,817.56	
Property operating require. . \$	4,100.00		Radio and television		Radio and TV evangelism . .	22,860.75	
Language study	12,180.00		evangelism	2,500.00	Property operating require. .	5,678.90	
Travel for Mission business	10,800.00		Property operating require. .	2,500.00	Evangelization	11,808.96	
Children's school allowance	7,200.00		Evangelization and new work	5,180.00	Conf., conventions, retreats	6,560.00	
Radio and TV evangelism . .	6,000.00		Conf., conventions, retreats	2,500.00	Student work	4,739.40	
Property operating require. .	10,800.00		Promotional work (SS, TU)	1,500.00	Promotional work (SS, TU,		
Evangelization	3,600.00		Audiovisual aids	800.00	Brotherhood)	2,624.03	
New work	3,600.00		Georgetown, theological		Audiovisual aids	1,167.03	
Audiovisual aids	600.00		school, current expense . .	3,500.00	Torreón, theol. sem., cur. exp.	48,906.44	
San José, theological			Scholarships	900.00	Student homes, current exp.	26,027.00	
institute, current expense .	3,000.00		Literature and publications .	3,000.00	(Chihuahua, \$6,500; Gua-		
Scholarship	1,800.00		Mission meeting expense . .	400.00	dalajara boys', \$4,517; Gua-		
Book store, current			Mission office expense . . .	700.00	dalajara girls', \$3,534; Mex-		
expense	4,800.00		Mission treasurer's expense .	300.00	ico City home and student		
National publications	600.00		Medical work	1,000.00	ctr., \$11,476)		
Mission meeting expense . . .	1,100.00		Total	\$ 39,580.00	Book store	11,280.00	
Mission treasurer's expense .	480.00		Honduras			Literature and publications .	2,200.00
Mission office expense	600.00		Aid to churches	\$ 3,600.00	Guadalajara, Baptist Hospital,		
Total	\$ 71,260.00		Radio and TV evangelism . .	4,900.00	current expense	17,500.00	
Dominican Republic			Property operating require. .	3,000.00	Mission committee expense .	750.00	
Children's school allowance \$	1,400.00		Evangelism and new work . .	3,250.00	Mission meeting expense . . .	5,500.00	
Travel for Mission business .	8,150.00		Conf., conventions, retreats	600.00	Mission treasurer's expense .	3,000.00	
Aid to pastors	980.00		Promotional work (SS, TU)	1,000.00	Mission office expense	12,863.00	
Radio and TV evangelism . .	3,825.00		National conventions	400.00	Total	\$ 286,986.37	
Property operating require. .	2,488.00		Student work	500.00	Panama		
Evangelism and new work . .	2,950.00		Audiovisual aids	100.00	Evangelism	\$ 2,000.00	
Conf., conventions, retreats	1,200.00		Tegucigalpa, theological		Ministry through arts	1,200.00	
Student work	5,995.00		institute, current expense .	7,000.00	Audiovisual aids	250.00	
Sunday School, Training Union,			Literature and publications .	500.00	Literature and publications .	150.00	
Vacation Bible Schools . .	400.00		Book store	2,400.00	Total	\$ 3,600.00	
Seminary	1,050.00		National publication	300.00	Surinam		
Scholarship	700.00		El Porvenir, medical clinic,		Radio and advertising \$	700.00	
Book store	3,000.00		current expense	8,000.00	New work	1,500.00	

Confs., conventions, retreats . . .	1,050.00	Aid to churches	2,800.00	Mission office expense	2,000.00
Promotional work (SS, TU) . . .	1,375.00	Radio and TV evangelism . . .	4,600.00	Total	\$ 28,769.02
Literature and tracts	700.00	Evangelism and new work . . .	4,250.00	Windward Islands	
Mission treasurer's expense . . .	300.00	National conventions	1,000.00	Property operating require. . . \$	4,145.00
Mission office expense	300.00	Promotional work (SS, TU) . . .	1,500.00	Mission treasurer's expense . . .	100.00
Mission meeting expense	300.00	Visual education equipment . .	669.02	Total	\$ 4,245.00
Total	\$ 6,225.00	Theol. institute, current exp. . .	2,650.00		
Trinidad		Literature and publications . . .	650.00	Grand Total, Middle America	
Property operating require. . . \$	650.00	Medical clinic	500.00	and the Caribbean, items by	
Travel for Mission business . . .	4,500.00	Mission meeting expense . . .	3,000.00	Missions	\$ 870,574.00

South America

Argentina		Architect dept., current exp. . .	100.00	Mission committee expenses . . .	500.00
Language study \$	600.00	Audiovisual aids	968.00	Mission meeting expenses . . .	4,000.00
Children's school allowance . . .	40,000.00	Schools, current expense: . . .	95,614.00	Mission treasurer's expense . . .	6,000.00
Property operating require. . .	43,000.00	(Bahia domestic, \$3,288;		Mission office expense	2,175.00
Travel for Mission business . . .	45,000.00	Aracajú primary, \$879; Maceio		Legal fees	1,200.00
Travel for local leave	6,000.00	academy, \$5,815; Jaguaquara		Total	\$ 115,749.00
Aid to churches	50,000.00	academy, \$2,689; Feira institute,		Colombia	
Radio and advertising	7,000.00	\$20,646; Natal, \$1,025; scholar-		Language study	551.50
Television	7,000.00	ships, \$2,480; Recife seminary,		Children's school allowance . . .	22,396.70
Property operating require-		\$51,923; Corrente institute,		Property operating require. . .	26,469.36
ments—evangelism	14,500.00	\$6,869)		Travel for Mission business . . .	20,578.73
Evangelization	11,000.00	Literature and publications . .	5,452.00	Travel for local leave	4,974.75
New work	1,500.00	Medical clinics, current exp.: .	1,797.00	Missionary journeymen	8,323.57
Confs., conventions, retreats . .	6,800.00	(Sergipe, \$233; Feira de		Moving missionaries on field . .	357.45
Nat'l. convs., mis. boards . . .	11,300.00	Santana, \$715; Pernambuco,		Radio and advertising	19,150.00
Student work	5,600.00	east, \$804; Pernambuco,		Evangelization	3,314.90
Promotional work (SS, TU) . . .	7,600.00	west, \$45)		Ministry through arts	425.53
Audiovisual aids	3,700.00	Social service (good will ctrs.) .	20,970.00	Confs., conventions, retreats . .	4,000.00
Buenos Aires, international		Total	\$ 307,725.64	Nat'l. convs., mis. boards . . .	51,063.83
seminary, current expense . . .	59,000.00	South Brazil		Promotional work (SS, TU) . . .	500.00
Buenos Aires, publications		Language study \$	5,000.00	Cassette ministry (SS, TU) . . .	500.00
board, current expense	18,800.00	Children's school allowance . . .	111,184.00	Scholarships	7,902.98
Social service (good will ctr.) .	7,500.00	Radio and advertising	26,000.00	Calí, int'l. sem., cur. exp. . . .	39,268.17
Total	\$ 345,900.00	Evangelization	13,500.00	Book store, current expense . .	10,600.00
Equatorial Brazil		Nat'l. convs., mis. boards . . .	189,420.00	Barranquilla, Baptist hospital,	
Language study \$	600.00	Audiovisual aids	3,504.00	current expense	44,500.00
Children's school allowance . . .	15,500.00	Schools, current expense: . . .	90,970.00	Social services (good will	
Property operating require. . .	24,660.00	(Curitiba institute, \$20,000;		ctr.)	1,000.00
Aid to churches	63,120.00	Baurú institute, \$2,250;		Contingent fund	1,500.00
Radio and advertising	9,190.00	Goias agric., \$5,000; Rio		Entertainment	238.30
Property operating require-		seminary, \$63,720)		Mission committee expense . .	3,000.00
ments—evangelism	5,418.00	Literature and publications . .	55,100.00	Mission meeting expense . . .	7,000.00
Evangelization	5,900.00	Social service (good will ctrs.) .	14,000.00	Mission treasurer's expense . .	2,238.30
Confs., conventions, retreats . .	3,900.00	Total	\$ 508,678.00	Mission office expense	1,557.45
Nat'l. convs., mis. boards . . .	17,662.00	Chile		Legal fees	3,000.00
Student work	1,000.00	Language study \$	150.00	Total	\$ 284,411.52
Promotional work (SS, TU) . . .	8,360.00	Children's school allowance . . .	11,200.00	Ecuador	
Schools, current expense: . . .	35,480.00	Property operating require. . .	14,050.00	Language study \$	400.00
(Seminary, Belém, \$25,000;		Travel for Mission business . . .	30,425.00	Children's school allowance . . .	8,934.50
Santarém, \$2,000; scholarships,		Travel for local leave	3,660.00	Property operating require. . .	4,025.00
\$5,230; annex schools,		Moving missionaries on field . .	500.00	Travel for Mission business . . .	9,800.00
\$1,000; São Luiz, \$2,250.)		Aid to churches	8,333.00	Travel for local leave	1,893.75
Literature	2,400.00	Radio and advertising	8,617.00	Missionary journeymen	7,200.00
Medical clinics, current exp.: .	3,700.00	Television	216.00	Moving missionaries on field . .	150.00
(North Piauí, \$3,000; Porto		Property operating require-		Sundry expenses	
Velho, \$700.)		ments—evangelism	700.00	(missionary)	300.00
Social service (good will ctr) . .	3,000.00	Evangelization	3,875.00	Aid to churches	17,685.00
Total	\$ 199,890.00	Confs., conventions, retreats . .	638.00	Radio and advertising	4,480.00
North Brazil		Promotional work (SS, TU) . . .	1,025.00	Television	5,500.00
Language study \$	500.00	Audiovisual aids	63.00	Property operating require-	
Children's school allowance . . .	36,870.32	Temuco, Baptist academy,		ments—evangelism	14,552.00
Property operating require. . .	35,085.00	current expense	7,292.00	Evangelization	5,750.00
Missionary journeymen		Santiago, seminary, current		New work	2,450.00
expense	16,000.00	expense	7,896.00	Ministry through arts	2,000.00
Radio and advertising	6,500.00	Literature and publications . .	1,909.00	Confs., convs., retreats	1,950.00
Nat'l. convs., mis. boards . . .	80,993.00	National publications	625.00	Evangelistic equipment	1,750.00
Student work	5,586.00	Contingent fund	500.00	Student work	4,617.00
Religious education	1,290.32	Entertainment	200.00	Promotional work (SS, TU) . . .	850.00

Allocations from the Offering

South America (cont.)

Audiovisual aids	300.00
Quito, pri. school, cur. exp.	8,835.00
Scholarships	5,990.00
Guayaquil, theological institute, current expense	3,925.00
Literature and publications	3,585.00
National publications	400.00
Dental clinic, upper coast, current expense	100.00
Quito, medical and dental clinic, current expense	500.00
Adult literacy program	100.00
Agricultural program	1,000.00
Mission committee expense	800.00
Mission meeting expense	2,400.00
Mission treasurer's expense	1,050.00
Mission office expense	3,218.00
Total	\$ 126,490.25

Paraguay

Language study	\$ 1,200.00
Aid to churches	6,188.87
Radio and advertising	6,240.12
Television	1,282.67
Property operating requirements—evangelism	4,719.50
Evangelization	5,700.00
Evangelistic equipment	1,300.00
Conf., convens., retreats	1,000.00
Camps	6,000.00
Nat'l. convens., mis. boards	4,536.21
Audiovisual aids	2,800.00
Asunción, primary school, current expense	1,192.80
Asunción, theological institute, current expense	6,136.76

Book store, current expense	481.00
Publication work	1,000.00
Asunción, Baptist hospital and Nurses' School, exp.	50,500.00
Total	\$ 100,277.93

Peru

Language study	100.00
Children's school allowance	14,055.00
Travel for Mission business	6,598.00
Missionary journeymen	4,606.00
Moving of missionaries on field	1,000.00
Aid to churches	15,750.00
Radio and advertising	6,000.00
Television	4,000.00
Property operating requirements—evangelism	13,025.00
Evangelization	3,900.00
Ministry through arts	250.00
New work	1,000.00
Conf., convens., retreats	3,450.00
Evangelistic equipment	2,850.00
Student work	6,250.00
Promotional work (SS, TU)	1,200.00
Audiovisual aids	400.00
Scholarships	5,170.00
Trujillo, theol. inst., cur. exp.	7,475.00
Book store, current expense	5,500.00
Literature and tracts	2,700.00
National publications	200.00
Social service (good will ctr.)	2,500.00
Adult literacy program	350.00
Total	\$ 108,329.00

Uruguay

Children's school allowance	\$ 11,000.00
Property operating require.	8,400.00
Travel for Mission business	11,000.00

Travel for local leave	1,645.00
Aid to churches	13,560.00
Radio and advertising	7,520.00
Property operating requirements—evangelism	5,224.00
Evangelization	1,200.00
Conf., convens., retreats	500.00
Nat'l. convens., mis. boards	7,932.00
Promotional work (SS, TU)	324.00
Audiovisual aids	60.00
Montevideo, sem., cur. exp.	9,240.00
Literature and tracts	3,300.00
Mission meeting expense	1,000.00
Mission treasurer's expense	1,200.00
Mission office expense	600.00
Legal fees and taxes	500.00
Total	\$ 84,205.00

Venezuela

Children's school allowance	\$ 30,516.78
Aid to churches	18,493.44
Radio and advertising	8,014.08
Property operating requirements—evangelism	2,473.33
Evangelization	770.64
Ministry through arts	308.40
Conf., convens., retreats	154.20
Nat'l. convens., mis. boards	1,900.44
Student work	462.36
Promotional work (SS, TU)	185.04
Audiovisual aids	1,500.00
Los Teques, sem., cur. exp.	23,425.20
Book store, current expense	3,600.00
National publications	2,157.72
Agricultural program	554.88
Total	\$ 94,516.51

Grand Total, South America, items by Missions **\$2,276,172.85**

East Asia

Hong Kong-Macao

Aid to churches	\$ 40,200.00
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
Medical work	15,000.00
Scholarships	12,450.00
Seminary	30,100.00
Literature and tracts	2,000.00
Publication work	35,250.00
Good will 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	35,000.00
Mission residence, property operating	43,000.00
Travel for Mission business	20,000.00
Missionary journeymen expense	10,000.00

Music publication	3,600.00
Medical allowance	8,870.00
Total	\$ 359,824.00

Japan

Medical allowance	\$ 8,400.00
Language study	44,340.00
Children's school allowance	100,000.00
Missionary residence, property operating	100,000.00
Travel for Mission business	83,000.00
Missionary journeymen expense	10,000.00
Moving missionaries on field	8,000.00
Aid to churches	12,800.00
Evangelization (includes special projects)	18,000.00
Committee travel, convention	4,800.00
Evangelism, convention	41,400.00
Office expense, convention	37,600.00
Seinan Gakuin University	10,000.00
Seinan Gakuin High School	7,000.00
Seinan Jo Gakuin	10,000.00
Seminary	43,200.00
Training school	5,200.00
Student work	3,600.00
Publication work	16,250.00
Hospital	40,000.00

Nursing school	6,000.00
Mission meeting expense	14,500.00
Mission office expense	37,500.00
Entertainment	2,000.00
Contingent fund	2,215.00
Mission committee expense	5,000.00
Radio and advertising	40,000.00
Total	\$ 710,805.00

Korea

Aid to churches	\$ 7,100.00
Radio and advertising	21,425.00
Correspondence courses	6,975.00
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	37,000.00
Mission meeting expense	4,000.00
Mission office expense	19,700.00
Children's school allowance	42,400.00
Travel for Mission business	33,600.00
Language study	22,000.00

Missionary residence, property operating	18,000.00	Total	\$ 9,780.00	Student work	2,200.00
Missionary journeymen expense	7,000.00	Taiwan		Sunday School, Training Union, and music	4,000.00
Servicemen's Center	8,170.00	Medical allowance	\$ 2,116.00	Audiovisual aids	1,600.00
Aid to conventions and associations	6,400.00	Language study	15,000.00	Seminary	32,500.00
Medical allowance	4,620.00	Children's school allowance	22,000.00	Book store	4,500.00
Literature and tracts	2,000.00	Missionary residence, property operating	21,000.00	Literature and tracts (library)	5,250.00
Moving missionaries on field	1,500.00	Travel for Mission business	20,000.00	Mission treasurer's expense	4,200.00
Total	\$ 316,960.00	Aid to churches	6,900.00	Moving missionaries on field	1,800.00
Okinawa		Radio and advertising	18,000.00	Mission committee expense	3,400.00
Children's school allowance	\$ 4,500.00	Television	31,000.00	Publications, Taiwanese-student	2,100.00
Missionary residence, property operating	1,800.00	Direct evangelism, property operating	7,450.00	Mission meeting expense	2,700.00
Travel for Mission business	2,700.00	Correspondence courses	2,500.00	Total	\$ 221,216.00
Radio work	780.00	Evangelization	4,000.00		
		Conferences, conventions, and retreats	7,000.00	Grand Total, East Asia, items by Missions	\$1,618,585.00

Southeast Asia

Guam		Evangelization	4,800.00	Travel for local leave	7,035.00
Missionary residence, property operating	\$ 1,800.00	Summer camps	8,760.00	Journeymen expense	8,500.00
Radio and advertising	3,500.00	Student work	1,800.00	Sundry expenses (alien fee)	1,134.00
Mission meeting expense	2,100.00	Penang, seminary, current expense	25,500.00	Direct evangelism, radio work	11,663.00
Total	\$ 7,400.00	Literature and tracts	750.00	Direct evangelism, television work	7,750.00
Indonesia		Mission committee expense	8,300.00	Evangelization	6,672.00
Language study	\$ 3,000.00	Mission meeting expense	8,000.00	Summer camps	2,650.00
Children's school allowance	73,450.00	Mission office expense	8,500.00	Religious education promotion	8,106.30
Missionary residence, property operating	15,725.00	Total	\$ 195,330.00	Audiovisual aids	3,600.00
Travel for Mission business	24,900.00	Philippines		Scholarship	1,875.00
Radio and television	3,150.00	Language study	\$ 15,222.00	Seminary, Bangkok	6,842.00
Direct evangelism, property operating	1,450.00	Children's school allowance	29,714.00	Seminary extension program (TEE)	1,250.00
Evangelization	6,850.00	Missionary residence, property operating	35,484.00	Publication work, Bangkok Hospital, Bangkok	6,775.00
Student work	9,400.00	Travel for Mission business	35,562.00	Leprosy clinic, Cholburi	1,500.00
Semarang, seminary, current expense	18,000.00	Travel for local leave	6,398.00	Contingent fund	1,937.70
Literature and tracts	2,775.00	Journeymen expense	4,548.00	Mission committee expense	2,800.00
Publication work	18,000.00	Moving missionaries on field	5,000.00	Mission meeting expense	9,000.00
Kediri Baptist Hospital	32,000.00	Direct evangelism, aid to churches	3,093.00	Mission office expense	12,000.00
Sumatra clinic	20,000.00	Direct evangelism, radio and advertising	18,699.00	Total	\$ 232,004.00
Mission committee expense	6,000.00	Direct evangelism, television	30,842.00	Vietnam	
Mission meeting expense	16,000.00	Evangelization	10,693.00	Language study	\$ 5,100.00
Mission office expense	9,000.00	Summer camps	2,518.00	Children's school allowance	30,960.00
Total	\$ 259,700.00	Student work	14,935.00	Missionary residence, property operating	24,000.00
Laos		Religious education promotion	6,262.00	Travel for Mission business	15,000.00
Language study	\$ 400.00	Audiovisual aids	1,894.00	Travel for local leave	17,500.00
Children's school allowance	3,600.00	Dayao Bible school	8,640.00	Journeymen expense	8,000.00
Missionary residence, property operating	8,000.00	Southern Baptist College, M'Lang	3,810.00	Moving missionaries on field	1,200.00
Travel for Mission business	6,000.00	Seminary, Baguio	21,325.00	Sundry expenses	2,040.00
Evangelization	3,000.00	Literature and tracts	1,649.00	Direct evangelism, radio and advertising	12,000.00
Student work	4,000.00	Publication work, Manila	26,820.00	Direct evangelism, property operating	12,600.00
Total	\$ 25,000.00	WMU Literature	1,620.00	Evangelization	11,400.00
Malaysia-Singapore		Mati Baptist Hospital	21,000.00	Audiovisual aids	3,600.00
Language study	\$ 2,490.00	Agricultural program	3,810.00	Seminary	14,400.00
Children's school allowance	47,410.00	Mission committee expense	5,562.00	Book store	5,700.00
Missionary residence, property operating	42,500.00	Mission meeting expense	12,000.00	Literature and tracts	1,440.00
Travel for Mission business	15,900.00	Mission office expense	10,500.00	Correspondence courses	2,400.00
Direct evangelism aid to churches	6,450.00	Mission treasurer expense	6,000.00	Publication work	18,000.00
Direct evangelism, radio and advertising	470.00	Total	\$ 343,600.00	Social service	5,726.00
Direct evangelism, television	1,100.00	Thailand		Mission meeting expense	3,600.00
Direct evangelism, property operating	12,600.00	Language study	\$ 5,300.00	Total	\$ 194,666.00
		Children's school allowance	42,135.00	Grand Total, Southeast Asia, items by Missions	\$1,257,700.00
		Missionary residence, property operating	31,600.00		
		Travel for Mission business	20,300.00		

J'MEN '74



In the backyard of the president's home at Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C., Jesse C. Fletcher (standing, left), director of the Foreign Mission Board's Mission Support Division, moderates a discussion with denominational workers, including Meredith President John E. Weems (right), while new missionary journeymen listen.

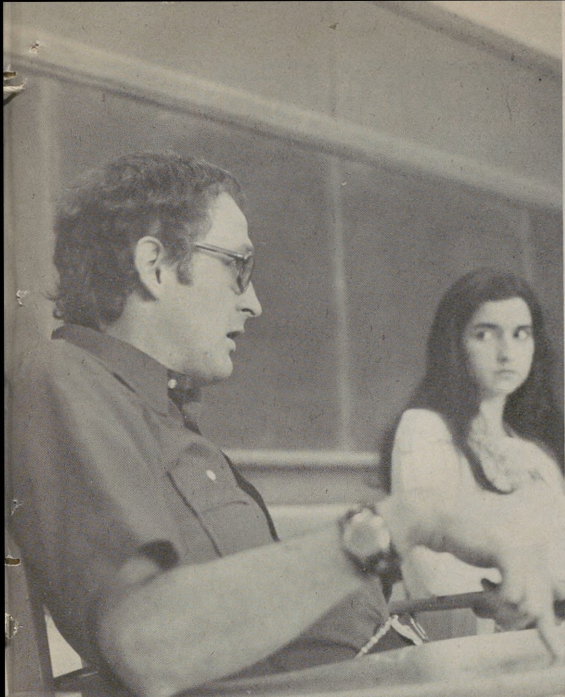
THE 77 young persons commissioned as missionary journeymen in July at Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va., became the tenth group to serve under the Missionary Journeyman Program. They also made up the largest contingent of journeymen since the first group was commissioned in 1965. The 1974 journeymen brought the total number commissioned to 628.

Journeymen are college graduates no older than 26 who go overseas for two years to work alongside career missionaries in specific job assignments. These assignments include teaching, preaching, communications, nursing, youth and student work, agricultural work, business administration, bookkeeping, and secretarial work. (See listing on page 34.)

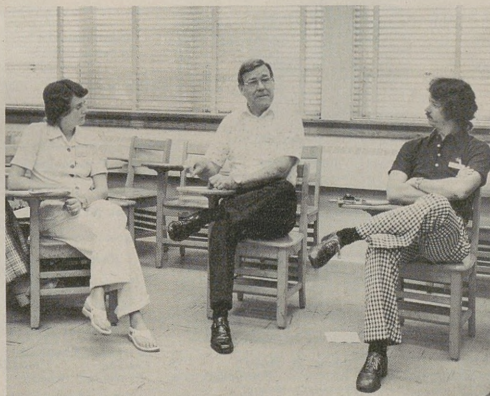
Prior to commissioning, the journeymen completed seven weeks of special training at Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C. One feature of the training period was "denominational weekend," when representatives of state Baptist conventions and Southern Baptist agencies met with the journeymen to interpret to them the way Baptists work. Some of the scenes from that weekend are shared on these pages. **TC**



Two journeyman trainees pay close attention during class.



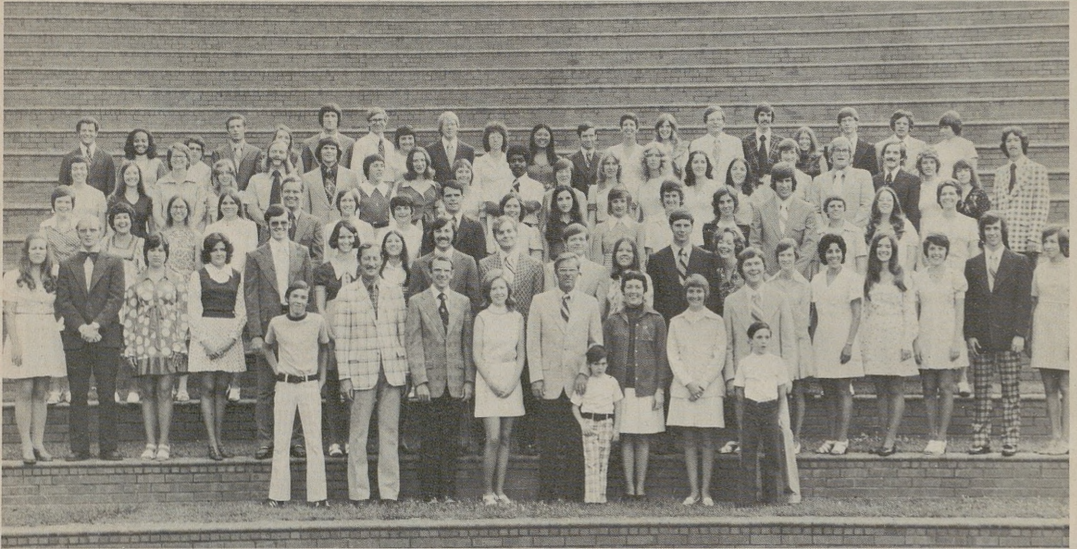
Left: Bill Boatwright, on the staff of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, meets with journeymen. Below: Charles Roselle (right), secretary of National Student Ministries at the Baptist Sunday School Board, talks with group.



Above: Facing questions from journeymen is Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Southern Baptist Convention's Brotherhood Commission. Left: John E. Roberts, editor of *The Baptist Courier*, state Baptist paper in South Carolina, ponders inquiry during an informal meeting.

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NEW MISSIONARY JOURNEYMEN



Deborah (Debbie) Barger
Florida *Dominican Rep.*
Teacher for MKs

Erene Bashaw
Texas *Kenya*
Office worker

John S. Basham
Virginia *Tanzania*
Evangelist

Andrea Bass
Texas *Laos*
English teacher

Kenneth W. Bowie
Kansas *Peru*
Student worker

Linda (Mrs. K. W.) Bowie
Kansas *Peru*
Teacher for MKs

Suzanne Branham
Texas *Gaza*
Nurse

Stephen F. Brown
Illinois *Vietnam*
Youth worker

Joseph D. (Joe) Caldwell
Kentucky *Taiwan*
Student worker, teacher

Steven D. Childers
Oklahoma *Zambia*
Eng. teacher, seminary asst.

Constance (Connie) Cleaver
Florida *Argentina*
Teacher for MKs

E. Eugene Cook, Jr.
Missouri *Ghana*
Agriculturist

Melanie Cooke
Tennessee *Rhodesia*
Nurse

Linda Dillworth
Kentucky *Philippines*
Nurse

Margaret (Margie) Escalera
New York *Taiwan*
Student worker, Eng. teach.

Connie (Mrs. Phillip) Fleming
Mississippi *Japan*
English teacher

Cathy Forman
Kentucky *Gaza*
Hosp. recreation director

Jack D. Gatewood
Oklahoma *S. Brazil*
Student worker, Eng. teacher

Glenda Hannah
Georgia *Mexico*
Teacher for MKs

Jane Harris
N. Carolina *Taiwan*
Student worker, Bible teacher

Melba Hernandez
Texas *Mexico*
Secretary

Rebecca Hill
Virginia *Peru*
Teacher for MKs

Michael Lee Hoffman
Texas *S. Brazil*
Teacher for MKs

Jimmy M. Huey
Texas *Philippines*
Secondary teacher

Sylvia (Mrs. J. M.) Huey
Texas *Philippines*
Elementary teacher

Stanley L. Hughes
Texas *Hong Kong*
College Bible teacher

Jean (Mrs. S. L.) Hughes
Texas *Hong Kong*
College English teacher

Sharon James
Virginia *Dominican Rep.*
Elementary teacher

Jerry Ann Jones
Arkansas *Tanzania*
Pharmacist

Marsha Keller
Alabama *Argentina*
Mission office secretary

Sherrill Keown
Alabama *Korea*
Hospital secretary

Diane Lace
Pennsylvania *Thailand*
Medical technologist

Commissioned to serve 1974-76

Native state *Field*

Work assignment

Byron F. Lemoine III
Louisiana *Israel*
Agricultural youth worker

Anna Mae Looney
Oklahoma *India*
Elementary teacher

Karen Lotz
Texas *N. Brazil*
Teacher for MKs

Mary Mangrum
Tennessee *Costa Rica*
Teacher for MKs

Margaret Mashburn
N. Carolina *Venezuela*
Elementary teacher

Jan Meares
Texas *Ecuador*
Teacher for MKs

Tress Miles
Georgia *Angola*
Office worker

Judith (Judy) Morgan
Tennessee *Eq. Brazil*
English, MK teacher

John L. Parsons
Tennessee *Vietnam*
Student worker

Robert H. Phillips
Texas *Okinawa*
Youth and music worker

Jane (Janie) Pruitt
Missouri *Japan*
Elementary teacher

Polly Reed
Texas *Colombia*
Medical technician

Charlene Robinson
Tennessee *Japan*
English teacher

Mikel F. Robinson
Missouri *Ghana*
Bible teacher

Kathryn (Kay) Rodgers
Tennessee *Taiwan*
Music and youth worker

Harriet Roper
Texas *Mexico*
Teacher for MKs

Judy Russell
Arizona *N. Brazil*
Teacher for MKs

Susan Sanders
Arkansas *Indonesia*
Teacher for MKs

Camille Sawyer
Arkansas *Japan*
Weekday ministry worker

Karen Schaffner
Texas *Ghana*
Asst. to MK houseparents

Joe Mack Schmidt
Texas *Costa Rica*
Student worker

Timothy G. Seelig
Texas *Austria*
Youth center worker

Vicki (Mrs. T. G.) Seelig
Texas *Austria*
Youth center worker

J. Neil Sherouse, Jr.
Florida *Japan*
Music and youth worker

Marsha (Mrs. J. N., Jr.) Sherouse
Florida *Japan*
Music and youth worker

Charles B. Sloan
Georgia *Kenya*
Student worker

Gloria Smedley
Colorado *Colombia*
Nurse

Peggy Smith
Indiana *Korea*
Elementary teacher

Fred H. Sorrells
Texas *Kenya*
Agriculture teacher

Trenta Stapleton
Georgia *Venezuela*
Teacher for MKs

Paul L. Stevens
Oklahoma *Singapore*
Youth worker

T. Matthew Stevens
Kansas *Ghana*
Book store assistant

Teresa Strength
Alabama *S. Brazil*
Organ, piano teacher

Richard V. Summerall
Texas *Colombia*
Youth and music worker

Kathleen (Kathy) Swiney
Texas *Colombia*
Teacher for MKs

Linda Tamashiro
Hawaii *Honduras*
Secretary, office worker

David F. Upshaw
Virginia *Kenya*
Secondary teacher

Deborah (Debbie) Wall
Georgia *Korea*
Secondary teacher

Carol Whitaker
Iowa *Japan*
Elementary teacher

J. R. (Jim) Willis II
Kentucky *Ethiopia*
Assistant business manager

Charles E. (Charlie) Wilson
Alabama *Spain*
Asst. book store manager

Diane Yarbrough
Alabama *India*
Secondary teacher

Kerry C. Yeakey
Mississippi *Indonesia*
Student worker

Ted E. York
N. Carolina *Liberia*
Bible teacher

Kathy Young
Tennessee *Tanzania*
Med. records librarian, teacher

FOLLOWING FIFI

When Hurricane Fifi lashed Honduras in mid-September, Southern Baptist missionaries were among the first to respond. Every missionary in Honduras became involved somehow; some reside in the hurricane-ravaged area; others went there to assist. Among sources for relief funds were Honduran Baptist churches, the Foreign Mission Board (\$10,000 appropriated as of the October FMB meeting), and the Baptist World Alliance. Missionary Dr. W. David Harms coordinated relief supplies from the Medical Assistance Program. Six Baptist physicians and one nurse (all but one residing in the U.S.) volunteered for several weeks of relief work. After the immediate crisis had passed, long-range relief became the priority concern. The Baptist Mission, cooperating with the Honduran government and other Evangelical groups, may focus its attention on a single area, helping people to rebuild and engaging in a medical ministry.



Young Honduran seems bewildered at activity around her.



Missionary Dr. W. David Harms makes contact by radiophone.



On the scene in the aftermath of Hurricane Fifi, Missionary Nurse Frances Crawford prepares to give a shot.

Information is received from hurricane victims seeking assistance.



Photos by A. Clark Scanlon

NEW

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Except where an address is given at the end of the biographical sketch, these new missionary personnel can be addressed until Dec. 13 at Missionary Orientation Center, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822.

Missionaries Appointed

July 1974



KOREA: Joe G. Autry; born: Dallas, Tex., Aug. 12, 1941. Graduate: University of Texas; SWBTS (M.R.E., Ed.D.). He was a Baptist Student Union summer missionary in Michigan in 1961 and has been youth director for churches in Texas. He was a missionary journeyman under the Foreign Mission Board 1967-69, serving in Pusan, Korea. He has worked as a pharmacist in Texas for seven years. Expected type of service: student work. **Kathlene McMeekin Autry;** born: Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 26, 1936. Graduate: Oregon State College (now Univ.). Attended SWBTS. She has taught school in Oregon, California, Guam, and Turkey, and was a teacher's aide in Ft. Worth 1973-74. She was director of a camp for girls in Turkey in the summer of 1971. Marriage: April 28, 1973. Child: Shannon, April 6, 1974.



VIETNAM: James J. (Jim) Bobo; born: Ft. Worth, Tex., Aug. 18, 1942. Graduate: Texas Wesleyan College; attended SWBTS. He was a Home Mission Board summer missionary in Northwest Baptist Convention in 1962 and served as a missionary journeyman in Dalat and Danang, Vietnam, 1967-69. He taught school in Texas for seven years. Expected type of service: book store manager. **Linda Stansberry Bobo;** born: Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 27, 1949. Graduate: Central State University; SWBTS (M.R.E.). She was a staffer at Falls Creek Baptist Assembly in Oklahoma the summer of 1966, unit director at the state Ateen camp in Oklahoma the summers of 1971 and 1972, and counselor at a summer church youth camp in Memphis, Tenn., in 1971. She has worked as a secretary and as a teacher's aide. Marriage: Aug. 12, 1973.

TAIWAN: Michael H. Clendenen; born: Miami, Fla., Sept. 23, 1940. Graduate: Vanderbilt University; University of Ala-

bama (M.S.Ch.E.); attended SWBTS. He was engineer/senior engineer for a chemical company 1963-73, stationed in Tennessee and Virginia. Expected type of service: secondary education. **Annette Smith Clendenen;** born: Kirksey, Ky., Sept. 3, 1939.



Graduate: Bethel College; Belmont College. She was a Home Mission Board summer missionary in North and South Dakota in 1961 and has taught school in Alabama and Virginia. Marriage: Aug. 18, 1962. Children: Stephanie Anne, July 10, 1963; Jon Michael, April 13, 1965.



DAHOMY: Bobby M. Coutts; born: Springfield, Tenn., Mar. 30, 1945. Graduate: Middle Tennessee State University; SWBTS (M.Div.). He and Mrs. Coutts served as Home Mission Board summer missionaries in Pennsylvania in 1969 and in Ohio in 1971. He has been a church youth director, and was pastor of Eighth Street Church, Massillon, Ohio, 1972-74. Expected type of service: general evangelism. **Rebekah (Becky) Haltom Coutts;** born: Altus, Okla., July 11, 1944. Graduate: Oklahoma Baptist University (B.S.N.); attended SWBTS; achieved R.N. standing in Oklahoma in 1966. Her parents, the William E. Haltoms, served under the Foreign Mission Board as missionaries in Hawaii (1947-61) and in the Bahamas (1961-66). She has worked as a staff nurse at hospitals in Oklahoma, North Carolina, Texas, and Ohio. Marriage: Dec. 28, 1968.

HONG KONG: Raymond H. Hite; born: Charlottesville, Va., June 21, 1947. Graduate: Bluefield College; East Tennessee State University; attended SEBTS. He has worked as a book-keeper and accountant and has taught school in Virginia. He served on active duty with the U.S. Army Reserve in South Carolina 1970-71. Expected type of service: business management and education.

ANGOLA: James V. Holland; born: Liberty, Tex., Jan. 10, 1942. Graduate: Dallas Baptist College; SWBTS (M.Div.). He served in the U.S. Air Force 1962-64 as microwave operator and repairman, stationed in France. He was an associate pastor and pastor in Texas and was pastor of Ragland Memorial Church, Sandy Hook, Va., 1973-74. Expected type of service: general evangelism. **Carolyn Roach Holland;** born: Pittsburg, Tex., Jan. 26, 1945. Graduate: East



Texas State College (now Univ.); Tarleton State College (M.Ed.). She taught school in Texas 1966-72 and in Virginia. Marriage: Aug. 26, 1966. Child: Loren Anthony, Aug. 30, 1972.

INDONESIA: Barbara Lawson; born: Roanoke, Va., Dec. 1, 1945. Graduate: Virginia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing; University of Virginia (B.S.N.); attended SBTs. She served as a WMU summer camp nurse in Virginia in 1970, was public health nurse in Virginia, and has served as staff nurse at hospitals in Tennessee and Virginia. Expected type of service: nursing.



INDIA: John L. McNair; born: Magee, Miss., Sept. 12, 1942. Graduate: William Casey College; University of Mississippi School of Medicine (M.S., Ph.D.); attended NOBTS. He has served as minister of music or music assistant at churches in Mississippi and Georgia. He has taught high school and has been on the faculty at Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Ga., and at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, Jackson. Expected type of service: medical education. **Kathlene (Kathy) Lee McNair;** born: Poplarville, Miss., June 26, 1945. Graduate: William Carey College. She was a counselor at Gulf Shore Baptist Assembly in Mississippi the summer of 1963, and has served as youth director, organist, or minister of music for churches in Mississippi, Arkansas, and Georgia. She has been a secretary, has taught music in public school, and was associate in the Mississippi Baptist Church Music Department 1973-74. Marriage: June 26, 1964. Children: John Mark, Sept. 24, 1967; Heather Kathleen, June 22, 1972.

HONDURAS: Marina Menzies; born: Los Angeles, Calif., July 3, 1939. Graduate: University of California; GGBTS (M.R.E.). She has worked as statistician for a manufacturing firm. She served in the U.S. Air Force 1963-72 with the rank of captain as meteorologist and lecturer, stationed in the U.S. and Panama and traveling extensively in the Western Hemisphere. Expected type of service: WMU work.



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EPiSTLES

SUFFERING CALLS FOR ACTION

The huge, jet, cargo planes touch down easily at the airport in Dacca, Bangladesh. Their load is heavy and precious, because people around the world are again responding to national tragedy in this new country.

Ships are departing from ports around the world and are making their way to Bangladesh with food supplies.

The sounds of helicopters ring out over the city of Dacca as the Bangladesh Air Force flies to remote sections to drop food supplies to thousands of the victims of recent floods.

Less than four years ago, in November 1970, the coastal areas of this land suffered greatly when ocean water swept over the low-lying areas, causing the deaths of an estimated 500,000 people. Present-day Bangladesh was then East Pakistan. While the helicopters of the Pakistan Air Force sat on their pads in West Pakistan, helicopters of the United States, France, and West Germany carried food supplies to remote areas.

Slightly more than four months following the 1970 tragedy, suppression by West Pakistan over East Pakistan brought on a struggle for independence which, after almost nine months, left an estimated 3,000,000 persons dead.

Free Bangladesh is still in the midst of trying to find itself, following these two great tragedies. Now another national disaster has struck forcefully in the form of flooding water. The severity of the destruction is being debated, but most people agree this is the worst flood they can remember. And this land often faces great floods.

The flood is certainly bad enough to have affected 30,000,000 people, with two-thirds of the country under excessive water. This means that much of the rice crop of this season has been badly damaged, if not destroyed. It also means that much of the next harvest will be delayed, and in some sectors impossible, since the water will not recede in time for planting. In some areas, if the water does not go down in time, there will not be sufficient rice seedlings for transplanting.

Informed people agree that the tragedy is tremendous. The question is only how great. Recently missionary friends whose organization leads all evangelical missionaries in this part of God's world said they are preparing to feed 50,000 people from Christian families and an additional 150,000 from Muslim and Hindu families in one area. Of course, they cannot do this alone, but others will aid them.

As Southern Baptist missionaries, we will add our lot, whether great or small. The size of our contribution at this time of crisis will be determined by Southern Baptists.

At first, we waited to see what the need might be. We also hesitated because we were well aware that Southern Baptists had responded beautifully following the tidal wave and war. But heavy hearts compel us to pass on the cry we hear. Whatever is given will be administered personally by us.

Already James E. Young has distributed four truckloads of rice seedlings in one area where a crop would have been impossible without help.

Tom E. Thurman has purchased medicines that will be distributed by Faridpur Baptist Church and Tom Kirkpatrick.

Carl F. Ryther has supplied 1,000 baby ducks. These ducks grow quickly and will soon become food for hungry stomachs. Carl also has purchased and distributed 3,000 baby fish of a fast-growing species that will soon ease suffering for some. Orders have been placed for an additional 50,000 baby fish.

R. T. Buckley began work immediately, assisting the Salvation Army and local organizations.

We are here to plant churches, but the death call of God's creatures rings out for us to help in relieving physical human suffering. We want to alleviate as much as possible. How much will be determined through the amount of money made possible by Southern Baptists.

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James F. McKinley, Jr.
Dacca, Bangladesh

'WE THANK YOU'

In a meeting of Southern Baptist missionaries from ten European countries I am sitting in the beautiful Mrs. George R. Martin Chapel at Rüschiikon, Switzerland. This chapel at the international Baptist Theological Seminary is a result of dreams and plans of concerned Southern Baptists. The seminary celebrates its 25th anniversary this fall.

We missionaries are meeting to plan our work in Europe—planning strategy for future years.

Reports are given. Voices drone on. Occasional humorous remarks spark the cool, July, evening air. Each moment the day's light—which has been flooding in through the skylight—is diminishing.

Pride in achievement, frustration in failure, uncertainty of Europe's materialistic attitudes—but hope in the future—mark our reporting and planning.

Reference is made to the youth center in Salzburg, Austria; to the Baptist Book Store in Madrid; to the linguistic institute in Rivoli, Italy; to Portugal's theological seminary; to English-language work in Athens; to the radio center at Rüschiikon; to almost 40 English-language churches in the European Baptist Convention (English-language), mostly in Germany; to the French Bible School at Massey; to struggling work in eastern Europe.

As reports go on, we are constantly aware that all of these missionary efforts are dependent upon the continued concern of Southern Baptists. Surely everything that has been mentioned has benefited in some way from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings of other years.

We continue to plan, conscious of "the folks at home," aware of the prayerful commitment of Southern Baptists, confident that the work which has begun will be able to continue.

We think of you, and thank you, Southern Baptists.

Helen (Mrs. William C., Jr.) Ruchti
Rome, Italy



LETTERS

Letters to the editor with comments, suggestions, or criticism about this magazine or its contents are welcome. Letters must be signed in order to be used, but the name will be withheld from publication upon request.

Better Informed

I want to thank you for many excellent articles which appear in each copy of the magazine. I had a dozen subscriptions started to the members of the church I pastor, and it has caused them to be better informed about the work of the missionaries as they serve our Savior in other parts of the globe.

I believe this simple act has caused the members to want to do more toward their prayers for, and gifts to, mission causes. When I went to the church, there had not been a gift to any mission cause, nor was it common knowledge among the people what missions was and is all about. Through God's leadership and power the people are now praying daily for mission causes and missionaries, they give freely to support the work around the world, and look forward to the opportunity to learn more about the witness outreach. The greatest thing which I can say about this matter is that it has caused the people to begin to share and witness locally, which many of them had not done for years.

One of the prior pastors had told them about the program and had not bothered to learn of the works as an outreach opportunity instead of "another program," hence, he was able to get the people to discontinue their support for our missionaries. The members looked upon the missionaries as "someone else's members," and they were not taught the way their money was being put into efficient use to lend support equally in many parts of the world at the same time. I was thrilled to see the look on the people's faces when I explained to them that each dollar they gave went to support over 2,200 people, and they told me they didn't realize the way their money was being spent before.

Claude B. Williamson
pastor in Texas

Echoes from July

"Doorway to Dialogue" in the July issue of THE COMMISSION has meant so much to me. . . . I am so enthused about the idea of sharing Christ through this art form. Many major cities in the Carolinas have spring art festivals, which are attended by thousands who are unsaved. What an exciting opportunity for Christian artists!

Mrs. Charles W. Overstreet
Wake Forest, N.C.

Over the years I feel as though I had become quite accepting of the fact that, as a Canadian Southern Baptist, I was *persona non grata*, but on reading the July THE COMMISSION, "Joint Venture" by Kenneth Glenn in particular, acceptance flew out the window and in its place some rather strong feelings of indignation.

Be it known now and forever that orga-

nized Southern Baptist work had its beginnings in Canada in October of 1953, when the sixth annual Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington voted to receive into affiliation and membership the Kingcrest Southern Baptist Church of Vancouver, B.C., Canada. There are now more than 34 Southern Baptist churches and missions in Canada. It is unimportant whether the Kingcrest Church has the distinction of being "the first," but Southern Baptists were and are there.

I am continually dismayed, as my family and I travel, first in Malaysia, now here in Colombia, and meet missionaries, denominational leaders, of the ignorance that Canada exists, let alone supports these same missionaries. Mission giving through the Co-operative Program and Lottie Moon since 1954 has been \$284,500.

And to think we are neighbors! This is what really hurts!

Ann Buntain
Cali, Colombia

In her letter Ms. Buntain also made reference to the Darrell F. Osbornes, whose membership is in Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Kamloops, B.C., Canada. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in October as missionary associates to serve in Nigeria. Osborne is a physician.

I was delighted to see in your July issue part I of a series on Adoniram Judson. We hope that in the years to come you will be able to publish more of this kind of historical biography, for the annals of Southern Baptist foreign missions are filled with thrilling stories of God at work in the lives of men and women through the years. Our Southern Baptist people need to know more of this rich heritage.

Lynn E. May, Jr.
Historical Commission, SBC
Nashville, Tenn.

Echoes from September

The "Missionary Dictionary" in the September issue is both interesting and helpful. The quotes from various individuals are tremendous!

Eula Mae Henderson
Dallas, Tex.

You and your staff are to be commended for the September issue. First, the format makes for easy reading. Second, for providing, off the cover, a place for the mailing label. Third, for including the "Missionary Dictionary." I also appreciate "Missions Update," for the information and brevity.

D. E. Strahan
(Associational Supt. of Missions)
Champaign, Ill.

Thank you for the quick return to sanity in the selection of cover designs for the great journal on world missions. . . . The September issue came today and was a breath of fresh air which drove away the depression I had felt for a month.

With all the beauty God has given in his world, and particularly in the areas of the world where we seek to deliver the gospel, I was dumbfounded by the horrible cover design on the August issue. I don't know what you were seeking to create or say, but I can tell you that I and my people were completely "turned off" by that cover design. My first impression was that you had

been in company with Walter [sic] Knight.

Please, if it is in the realm of possibility, do not return to such grotesque, horrible designs.

W. M. Shamburger (pastor)
Tyler, Tex.

Sharing the Magazine

Enclosed is \$1.50 for year's subscription to THE COMMISSION. A friend gave me two outdated copies, and they have greatly blessed my life.

Mrs. Charles Lutz
Louisville, Ky.

I would like to subscribe to your magazine. I am a second-year medical student at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. . . . I have read your magazine at the BSU here in the medical center, and I have really received a blessing many times.

Rick Seifert
Houston, Tex.

I have subscribed to THE COMMISSION for years and do not wish to miss a single issue. . . . I am sending a check [for a subscription] for my twin sister. . . . I could think of nothing she would enjoy better than joining us each month in this wonderful book.

Mrs. Edgar L. King
High Point, N.C.

Please accept this check in payment for a subscription. It is a present for my daughter-in-law's birthday. . . . I have been a subscriber for many years.

Kate McCall Powers
Orlando, Fla.

I received tremendous blessings, encouragement, and challenges in my Christian life upon reading THE COMMISSION. I want to pass this on, so I am sending \$3.00 for one-year subscriptions for [two persons in Canada].

My eldest sister was a part of the mission work in Mati, Davao, Philippines. She served as pharmacist in Mati hospital for a year. Thanks to the Lord for giving us the Great Commission. It was through the missionaries that my father and family had encountered Christ and had seen him move in the lives of missionaries that led us to invite him in our lives and in our house.

Mrs. Marilyn Nieves
Langin, Sask., Canada

Geometric Suggestion

It was challenging to read Dr. Winston Crawley's figure of 500,000 people per Southern Baptist missionary ("Mission Fields in Microcosm," Sept.). Though there are numerous strategies to accomplish the Great Commission, I am intrigued that Jesus completed his ministry in three years after discipling only 12 men. His primary emphasis was on building the 12, though he also healed the sick, spoke to the multitudes, etc.

If each missionary would set as his ministry priority to train and disciple one individual every year, such that this individual after a period of one year could himself train a third person, at the end of one year we would have two disciple-makers (one missionary plus one individual); at the end of two years we would have four disciple-makers (one missionary plus three individ-

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Missions Update . . .

From January until November of 1974 \$371,575 was made available for relief from gifts by Southern Baptist churches and individuals and Foreign Mission Board appropriations, reported FMB Executive Secretary BAKER J. CAUTHEN at the Board's November meeting. The amount includes \$100,000 appropriated by the Board in October from Cooperative Program Challenge Funds. Of the total, \$280,880 has been appropriated for relief efforts in various countries where Southern Baptist missionaries work. The rest is available for appropriation as field recommendations receive approval.

Cauthen explained: "When disasters occur, the Foreign Mission Board ascertains from the missionaries the circumstances they are facing and what they believe can be done. Based on recommendations from the Missions, funds are appropriated, and relief steps are taken."

The FMB in November appropriated an additional \$25,000 for relief and reconstruction in HONDURAS, bringing the total Honduran appropriations to date to \$35,000. Of the amount voted in November, \$14,631.35 came from the donations Southern Baptists designated for Honduras. The Board also voted \$8,000 of relief funds to repair church buildings and other structures damaged by earthquakes in PERU in October. The FMB commended TEXAS Baptists for their "prompt and compassionate" response to the suffering of the people of Honduras following Hurricane Fifi.

Current requests from the fields for 1,014 new foreign missionaries were examined during the annual review of missionary personnel needs by the Foreign Mission Board's administrative staff. Secretaries for the seven overseas administrative areas briefed personnel secretaries on the requests, many the result of recently opened opportunities and increasing evangelistic response in such countries as KOREA, MALAWI, BRAZIL, and the PHILIPPINES. New openings in LAOS, TOGO, and UGANDA also press for consideration. Calls for field evangelists dominated the list.

Strong support for foreign missions was revealed by a telephone survey among a sampling of church members throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. "However, the study also reveals areas of deficiency in missions education and information," noted JESSE C. FLETCHER, director of the Foreign Mission Board's Mission Support Division. "We accept the challenge of this report along with the encouragement."

An independent research firm employed by the Board conducted 1,022 interviews among members of 105 churches, randomly selected on basis of membership, geographic location, and urban-nonurban categories. The survey related to a Convention mandate for a missionary education study. Purpose: to determine awareness level about foreign missions, ascertain basic attitudes toward missions, and identify vital sources of information and influence relative to the Convention's overall foreign missions program. Results will be shared with other agencies involved in missionary education.

To increase emergency compensation in 11 of the 81 countries where Southern Baptists have work, the Foreign Mission Board in November appropriated \$28,600. This reflects further inroads of inflation overseas. "Cost-of-living adjustments are handled through a supplement known as emergency compensation," said WINSTON CRAWLEY, Overseas Division director for the Board. The intention "is to provide for each field roughly the same basic purchasing power for missionaries," in light of currency exchange rates, availability of goods, varied living patterns, and rates of inflation.

In view of recent Board action dividing South America into two administrative areas, the Board approved shifting field representative responsibilities. DON R. KAMMERDIENER, now the representative for Southern Spanish-speaking South America, will so relate to Spanish Eastern South America (ARGENTINA, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY). J. BRYAN BRASINGTON, now representative for Northern Spanish-speaking South America, will serve Western South America (CHILE, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, PERU, VENEZUELA).

New Missionary Personnel

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IVORY COAST: Buddy V. Norville; born: Munday, Tex., Dec. 31, 1940. Graduate: Hardin-Simmons University; attended SWBTS. He served in the U.S. Air Force 1962-65 as airman and data computer, stationed in the U.S. and Japan. He worked as a printer for newspapers in Texas 1965-74. He has been interim pastor and pastor and was managing editor of the *Stanton* (Tex.) *Reporter* 1971-72. Expected type of service: publication work. **Brenda Conwell Norville;** born: Knox City, Tex., June 7, 1948. Attended Texas Tech University. She has worked as a proofreader, teletypist, and secretary. Marriage: June 5, 1966. Children: Scotty Vance, Aug. 10, 1967; Douglas Todd, May 12, 1971.

PANAMA: Naomi Page; born: Dallas, Tex., Jan. 10, 1943. Graduate: Mid-State Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Nashville, Tenn.; Belmont College. She has worked as a staff nurse at Baptist Hospital, Nashville. She served as nurse in the San Blas Islands of Panama under the Home Mission Board's US-2 program 1968-70 and as an associate missionary for the HMB 1970-74, stationed at Marvel Iglesias Baptist Hospital on Ailigandi in the San Blas Islands. Expected type of service: nursing.



MALAWI: Dudley A. Phifer; born: Houston, Tex., Oct. 20, 1934. Graduate: Decatur Baptist College; University of Corpus Christi; SWBTS (B.D. and additional study). He served under the Home Mission Board Tentmaker program in California the summer of 1956 and in Oregon the summer of 1957. He has been a pastor in Texas and Wyoming, including from 1966 to 1974 at Tilden (Tex.) Church. Expected type of service: general evangelism. **Rebecca Reagan Phifer;** born: Houston, Tex., Oct. 9, 1939. Graduate: Texas Wesleyan College. She was a Home Mission Board summer missionary at Friendship House, New Orleans, La., in 1959. She has taught school in Texas. Marriage: May 28, 1960. Children: Melanie Elizabeth, Feb. 12, 1962; Charles Hamilton, Aug. 7, 1964; Rachel Ruth, June 30, 1967; Kirk Reagan, July 19, 1972.

ECUADOR: W. Stewart Pickle; born: Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 17, 1941. Graduate:



University of Oklahoma; **NOBTS** (Th.M.). He served on the staff of a camp in Watts, Okla., the summers of 1960 through 1964. He has worked as a chemist for a chemical firm and chromatography department chief for a testing laboratory. He has been associate pastor and was pastor of First Church, Grand Isle, La., 1971-74. Expected type of service: general evangelism. **Clara Louise (C. L.) Smith Pickle;** born: Coxsackie, N.Y., Aug. 27, 1940. Attended Keuka College. She has worked as a typesetter, typist, and secretary. Marriage: Aug. 28, 1961. Children: William Stewart, Jr. (Skipper), Oct. 22, 1963; Susan Louise, Sept. 19, 1965; Scott Andrew, Feb. 22, 1971.

UPPER VOLTA: Marilyn Pinson; born: Huntington, W.Va., Nov. 16, 1946. Graduate: Georgetown College; SBTS (M.R.E.).



She was a missionary journeyman under the Foreign Mission Board 1968-70, serving as youth worker in Greenville, Liberia. She has been a service worker under the Kentucky Department of Economic Security, a YMCA Teen Night youth worker in Kentucky, and was family crisis minister for Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville, Ky., 1973-74. Expected type of service: social work.



UPPER VOLTA: Charles F. (T) Thomas; born: Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 18, 1949. Graduate: Furman University; SBTS (M.Div.). He has been a cameraman for a television station, a guidance counselor for a boys club, and from 1972 to 1974 was associate pastor at Salem Church, Apex, N.C. Expected type of service: general evangelism. **Kathie Brown Thomas;** born: Cynthia, Ky., Feb. 3, 1948. Graduate: Furman University. She was camp counselor and art instructor at Camp Crestridge for Girls, Ridgecrest, N.C., the summer of 1967 and has worked as a keypunch operator and insurance coder. Marriage: May 31, 1969. Children: Lindsai Allen, Nov. 20, 1970; Whitney McIntosh, Aug. 18, 1973.

Missionaries Reappointed

July 1974

ANGOLA: Curtis L. Dixon; born: Stroud, Okla., Nov. 14, 1932. Graduate: Oklahoma Baptist University; SWBTS (B.D.). He served as pastor of churches in Oklahoma from 1952 to 1966, when he and Mrs. Dixon

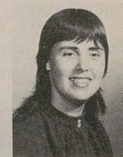
were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board for service in Brazil. After a year of language study, they were stationed in Goiânia, beginning in 1967. They resigned Feb. 29, 1972. He has recently been serving as pastor of First Church, Drumright, Okla. Expected type of service: general evangelism and radio-TV. **Betty Sue McCown Dixon;** born: Jay, Okla., Dec. 30, 1934.



Graduate: Oklahoma Baptist University. She was a schoolteacher in Oklahoma before missionary appointment. Marriage: Aug. 12, 1956. Children: Sheri Lynn, Oct. 24, 1957; Richard Kent, Oct. 8, 1959; James Mark, June 15, 1961; Jay Clark, Feb. 10, 1963. The Dixons went to Angola in September.

Missionary Associates

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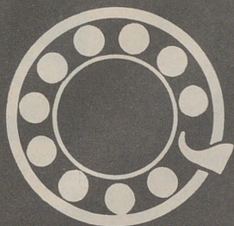


ECUADOR: Ralph L. Blair; born: Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 7, 1935. Graduate: Tennessee Temple College; NOBTS (Th.M.). He served in the U.S. Navy 1952-56 as an engineman. He and Mrs. Blair were missionaries in Trinidad 1963-64, supported by various Baptist churches. He served as missionary among Spanish-Americans in Texas 1965-66, with support from individual churches. He has been pastor in Missouri and in Germany (1971-73) and was chaplain with Jail Ministries, Petersburg, Va., in 1974. Expected type of service: English-language pastorate. **Nancy Sorrow Blair;** born: Monroe, Ga., Feb. 9, 1940. Attended Tennessee Temple Bible School. She has worked as a bank teller, as secretary, and as clerk. Marriage: Aug. 15, 1958. Children: Janet Dianne, Oct. 19, 1963; Nora Joan, June 7, 1966; Jena, April 6, 1971.



FRANCE: Everett H. Croxton; born: Kershaw, S.C., Oct. 4, 1920. Graduate: Furman University; SBTS (B.D., Th.M.). He served as pastor in Indiana 1945-46 and in South Carolina 1948-74, including 1964-74 at Cooper River Church, North Charleston, S.C. Expected type of service: English-language pastorate. **Bereniece Bell Crox-**

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JOHNSTON, Juanita (Thailand), 2000 S. Gimon Cr., Mobile, Ala. 36605.
MARBLE, Elmo R./Elizabeth (assoc., Ecuador), 206 Garrison St., Leland, Miss. 38756.
MASON, William C./Mona (India), 7004 Ferris, Bellaire, Tex. 77401.
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WALKER, Catherine B. (Indonesia), 2001 18th St., W. Bradenton, Fla. 33505.

Departures to the Field

CARPENTER, John M./Betty, Liberia.
CASEY, J. Kenneth/Frances (assoc.), Bermuda.
COLE, J. Phillip/Lorella (assoc.), Liberia.
CONGDON, Wilfred H./Easter, Nigeria.
COX, Theodore O./Patricia, Japan.
DIXON, Curtis L./Bettye, Angola.
HILLIARD, Russell B./Edith, Spain.
HUMPHRIES, Carol Leigh, Nigeria.
LINDSTROM, Dale C./Janet, Venezuela.
McCULLOUGH, Nita R., Nigeria.

Transfers

CADWALLADER, Chester S., Jr./Dorothy, Guatemala to El Salvador, Jan. 15.
SIMON, Jerry G./Carol, Uganda to Taiwan, Oct. 8.

Retirements

ALLEN, Olive P. (Vietnam), Nov. 1.
COOPER, W. Lowrey/Katherine (Argentina), Nov. 1.

Resignations

HAYNES, Henry P. III/Betty Sue (Venezuela), Sept. 30.
JOHNER, Garreth E./Elaine (Ecuador), Sept. 30.
LEWIS, William E., Jr./Nina (Ethiopia), Oct. 31.

Births and Adoptions

ERWIN, Julia Denise, daughter of Robert S./Veronica Erwin (Brazil), Sept. 20.
RINGER, Steven Douglas, son of Douglas G./Brenda Ringer (Laos), Sept. 21.
WORTEN, Stephanie Ann, daughter of H. Von/Marjorie Worten (Indonesia), Sept. 28.

Deaths

BUTTEMERE, Mrs. Clive R., Sr., mother of Clive R. Buttremere (Costa Rica), Oct. 10.
EMANUEL, Paul A., father of B. P. Emanuel and Wayne E. Emanuel (Japan), Oct. 9, Muskogee, Okla.
ERCANBRACK, H. F., father of Audie (Mrs. E. Preston) Bennett (Japan), Sept. 14, Irving, Tex.
SAGE, Wade D., stepfather of Lois (Mrs. W. Guy) Henderson (Philippines), Sept. 17.
STUDDARD, Henry A., Sr., father of Mary (Mrs. Tom D.) Gullatt (Japan), Sept. 25, Warm Springs, Ga.
SUTTON, Mrs. Maude H., mother of Lawrence D. Ingram (Hong Kong), Sept. 22, Gainesville, Fla.
WATKINS, J. C., father of Kenneth H. Watkins (Paraguay), Oct. 20.

Marriages

COX, Robert John, son of Theodore O./Patricia Cox (Japan), to Martha Glenn Miller, Oct. 3, Cambridge, Mass.
SKINNER, Glenn Earl, son of William/Frances Skinner (Paraguay), to Lola Sale Hill, Aug. 25, San Antonio, Tex.

Degrees Conferred

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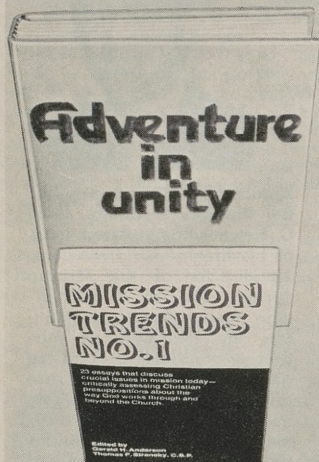
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ton; born: Wichita Falls, Tex., Jan. 21, 1925. Graduate Southern Methodist University; WMU Training School (now merged with SBTS), Louisville, Ky. (M.R.E.). She has worked as a church secretary, has taught school, and was an executive secretary for firms in South Carolina. Marriage: June 3, 1949. Children: Everett Hubert, Jr., July 15, 1950; Eleanor Ann, Oct. 20, 1952. Present address: 111 France Ave., North Charleston, S.C. 29406.



YEMEN: **Raymond L. Odle;** born: West Frankfort, Ill., April 2, 1931. Graduate: Southern Illinois University; University of Illinois (B.S., D.D.S.); attended SBTS. He served in the U.S. Army 1955-57 and has been employed as a chemist. He has served as interim pastor, associate pastor, minister of education, and pastor of churches in Illinois. From 1967 to 1974 he was in private practice as a dentist in Rockford, Ill. Expected type of service: dentist. **Mildred Peebles Odle;** born: Carlinville, Ill., Feb. 11, 1930. Graduate: Southern Illinois University. She was a summer missionary for Illinois Baptists the summers of 1949-51. She was a children's writer on part-time basis for a publishing firm 1953-68. She has taught school for several years and has taught piano privately. Marriage: Oct. 14, 1951. Children: Phillip Ray, Nov. 22, 1954; Cheryl Lee, Dec. 21, 1956; Ellen Marie, June 23, 1961.



RHODESIA: **Bobby L. Twiford;** born: Norfolk, Va., Jan. 5, 1935. Graduate: SWBTS (dip.theol.). He served in the U.S. Air Force 1954-58, stationed in the U.S. and in North Africa. In Norfolk, Va., he was a salesman for a business forms company and then vice-president of a printing company. He was owner-manager of a firm in Virginia Beach, Va., producing business forms 1966-74. Expected type of service: book store manager. **Joahn (Jackie) Berryman Twiford;** born: Long Beach, Calif., May 29, 1935. She has been employed as a clerk-typist and as assistant purchasing agent. Marriage: Dec. 31, 1955. Child: Barri Leigh, April 20, 1963.

Reemployed July 1974

LIBERIA: **J. Philip Cole;** born: Oak, Ill., April 18, 1930. Graduate: Southern Illinois University (B.S.Ed., M.A.). He served in the U.S. Air Force 1952-56 and taught school in Illinois 1956-69, when he and Mrs. Cole



were employed as missionary associates to serve in Liberia in education in Monrovia. They resigned July 31, 1973, after one term. Expected type of service: education. **Mary Wesley Cole;** born: Raleigh, Ill., Dec. 14, 1932. Graduate: Southern Illinois University (B.S.Ed., M.S.Ed.). She was a staffer at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly (now Conf. Center) the summer of 1953. She was a teacher in Illinois 1954-68, before going to Liberia. Marriage: June 16, 1956. The Coles were to arrive in Liberia in October.

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uals), with the figure doubling every year. After 19 years that missionary would have personally trained 19 individuals, and indirectly would have contributed to the building up of 524,288 individuals into disciple-makers. The missionary could now come home.

Daniel L. Wolfard
(MK from Brazil)
Norman, Okla.

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Tony W. Cartledge (pastor)
Lincolnton, Ga.

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C. F. Harwell
Ventura, Calif.

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Tommy Mills (pastor)
Woodsfield, Ohio

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Mrs. T. J. Stamey
Canton, N.C.

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Jim McAllister (pastor)
Lawton, Okla.

Christmas

1974

By Baker J. Cauthen

Christmas is coming again! It comes with gladness. Not only with the laughter of children, the lights on Christmas trees, and the sweet times of family re-gathering, but to many thousands of hearts, Christmas also will come with the thrill of knowing the Prince of Peace for the first time as personal Savior and Lord.

Throughout the world many people have heard the good tidings of great joy during this year. Thousands of hearts have turned believingly to the Savior and have found the blessed assurance of his presence and peace. Their joy is rivaled only by that of the ones who have prayed and worked for the happy day of their coming to know Jesus.

It also comes with longing. There is longing anticipation in the hearts of many of God's people in lands behind the Iron Curtain that they may know the full liberty to express their faith in Christ in joyful public testimony and witness. No governmental regulations can force Jesus out of their hearts, but those regulations can prevent the gathering of people joyfully into churches with ringing bells, singing choirs, and rejoicing people. They must gather quietly, and in some places secretly, although the

measure of their liberty varies from land to land.

People who love China and long for her millions of people to know of the love of Jesus Christ await longingly the time when it will be possible to move freely again throughout that country and share the good news with everybody. That time will surely come! The time will again be known when Chinese Christians and missionary friends can mingle together in love, joy, and service. In the meantime, the coming of Christmas binds our hearts anew at the throne of grace in prayer of God's blessing and help.

Christmas comes with compassion. In many lands there will be no heavily laden Christmas table, but the stark reality of hunger will be grim on Christmas Day. Little children, as well as parents and older people, will find the grinding limitation of their circumstances just as hard to bear as ever. Saddest of all is that millions of them will know nothing at all of Jesus Christ, who is able to bring peace and joy in the heart, even amid the most difficult circumstances.

Many will have experienced disasters such as flood, hurricane, or drought. Others endure the long-continuing grind of poverty,

homelessness, and illness.

Because so many do not know the Lord Jesus, we find that Christmas comes to us with a deep sense of challenge. We are prompted in our hearts to reach out as far as possible to tell the whole world that Jesus loves and saves. It makes us want to reach a helping hand to the sick, needy, and hard-pressed. It makes us want to do everything possible to bring about education for children, encouragement for young people, and training for Christian workers who aspire to tell the story of Christ and his love to their fellowman.

This challenge makes us eager to do everything possible to make the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering glorious and triumphant. It also makes us want to strengthen the Cooperative Program, so that throughout the whole year the flow of Christian giving may continue. It makes us want to look up to God more earnestly in prayer that his power may rest upon his people.

Christmas comes with hope. It tells that our Lord is King and that he will win the victory. The Bible assures us that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Thank God for Christmas!

Grand Lady

Special significance is attached every year to the Foreign Mission Board's October meeting. Officially identified as the annual business meeting, it is the time when a budget is adopted for the following year. The load of business matters is usually heavier in October than in any other month of the year. Even so, the Board conducts a session totally given to the acclaim and honor of all missionaries who have reached retirement during the year.

And this time the entire closing session, October 9, was conducted as a tribute to the honored guest of the hour, Miss Alma Hunt. It was on her fifth day of retirement from 26 years as First Lady of Southern Baptist missionary education and support—more specifically, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union.

This editor had the privilege of attending that luncheon and observing Miss Hunt as she received the numerous ex-



At the Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting in Dallas, Tex., in June, after giving her final report as WMU executive secretary, Miss Alma Hunt receives congratulations from Baker J. Cauthen, Foreign Mission Board executive secretary.

pressions of loving acclaim by members of the Board and its staff. Everything said was but a small portion of what should have been said if sufficient time had been available.

This comment is somewhat an extension of that event. It at least allows us to say there is much evidence that God was leading, back in 1948, when Alma Hunt was chosen to lead Southern Baptist women. Her tireless, keen-minded devotion to our Lord's Great Commission was her hallmark all the way through those 26 years. Her executive and administrative skills were notable, as well as her ability to articulate her deep persuasion regarding the primary place of missions in all of Southern Baptist life.

At that October luncheon an invitation was extended to Miss Hunt by Foreign Mission Board Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen. It was the text of an official Board action:

"That Miss Alma Hunt be invited to serve overseas on mission fields as special adviser on women's work for a period of one year or longer, following her retirement, with the timing and schedule to be worked out in consultation with Miss Hunt."

After hearing the full reading of the invitation, Miss Hunt responded with expressions of deep personal gratitude for her almost continuous involvement and fellowship across 26 years with missionaries and national Baptist leaders around the world. She closed her response with an indication of her delight in anticipation of continued opportunities to represent the Board wherever she will go.

We're glad that she can continue in this way to enrich the cause of foreign missions with her skills, experience, and love. In the fellowship of our Lord we love her for who she is and for what she is, confident that what she has meant to the greatest cause she will continue to mean for many more years.

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They Went Together

IMAGINE our chagrin when we received a brief letter from Missionary Laverne Gregory informing us that his wife, Betty, has also transferred with him from Costa Rica to Mexico. On page 34 of the September issue we published only his name, for what reason we are not sure. Gregory's letter was needed, and the good spirit in which it was written is appreciated. The least we can say to them both is that we regret the goof and hope that it caused no anxiety among the readers who know them personally.

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GHANA: *Secondary teacher and school chaplain* for Kumasi Academy, a boarding school with about 600 students. Should have Bible knowledge and teaching ability. Chaplain is responsible for religious activities on campus and is head of the religion department. School has a Baptist background, but is now government-operated, with Baptists in charge of the religion department. Baptist Mission plans for a Ghanaian to fill the chaplain's post within a few years, with the missionary then assisting in Bible classes and perhaps branching out into other student work. Language: English is used entirely for teaching, but students do use local languages, mostly Twi.

SURINAM: *General evangelist* to work in and around the city of Paramaribo. Would need language adaptation and keen interest in varied cultures, as well as skills in church planting and development. People of the area are very friendly; large segments of racial groups make it mandatory to work within these groups separately, for the most part. Language: Dutch is required; study would be in Paramaribo with local tutors and practical learning situations.

COLOMBIA: *General evangelist* to work in upper valley of Cali area, most densely populated section of Colombia. Would need college and seminary degrees and experience as pastor or associational missionary. Would locate either in Manizales, Pereira, Armenia, or Tulua. A Baptist church is located in each city, but a missionary is needed to cooperate with and encourage each local pastor. Language: Spanish; one year of study in Costa Rica.

BAHAMAS: *Theological teacher* for institute in Nassau, the capital, and to travel to Family Islands to provide theological extension courses. Individual's primary training should be in theological education, and must be flexible to adjust to students of all academic levels. Must be willing to spend time with the people, aware that much of the teaching is done outside the classroom. Mission has good working relationship with Bahamas Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, through which the work is carried out. Language: English, but missionary must recognize cultural differences that produce a variety in thought patterns.

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