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EAST ASIA

**A Photographic
Portfolio by
Bob Harper**

Art Editor Bob Harper last spring conducted art exhibits at the request of Baptist missions in five countries of East Asia. He also managed to capture on film some of the flavor of each field. The photographic viewpoint displayed in this issue, he explains, is artistic, not documentary.

Almost the entire issue is devoted to this presentation with introduction by Area Secretary George H. Hays and brief text on each field by the editorial staff. This issue affords lasting visual resources for mission study on East Asia.

Missions and missionaries are rarely satisfied with how they do their jobs or the results they see. As a result, from time to time Missions engage in surveys and/or strategy studies. Too often, however, the documents end up in thick files. While there is some value in the process of study, sometimes the putting into practice of the results leaves much to be desired.

James D. Belote (secretary for East Asia until his death in March) was a man of deep compassion, genuine concern for the work and progress of his Missions, and an abiding love for each missionary. He felt there should be some way to keep Missions moving forward constructively. Thus, when Overseas Division Director Winston Crawley in May 1971 directed Missions to begin strategy studies for the 1970s, Belote and the Missions felt it was time to seek expert help.

W. L. Howse, on the Sunday School Board staff for many years, was due retirement in mid-1972. In talking with Howse, Belote became convinced that Howse would be able to propose valid concepts to the Missions. At the time, the area secretary might not have realized the full implications of his far-reaching decision.

In working with the four Missions (Okinawa did not choose to take part, since most of Southern Baptist work there is related to English-language churches), Howse dealt largely with concepts in the goal-oriented approach to long-range planning. The Missions were led to raise some basic questions, such as, "Why does a Mission exist?" For their answers they went to the Bible. They also looked at their historical roots to seek appreciation of their heritage.

When they began to apply the biblical teachings to the present situation, they developed a philosophy of missions. Human needs were seen more clearly in the light of biblical principles. To meet these needs became the basic intention of each Mission in its ministry to persons.

In the light of this foundation, what is the work of a Mission, and how is the work of a Mission done? The Missions wrestled, and are still wrestling, with these questions. Under Howse's guidance and with the strong support and encouragement of Area Secretary Belote, each Mission voted to adopt a Program Base Design, the document



IN TRANSITION

By George H. Hays

Secretary for East Asia

that emerged from the extensive studies. This became the instrument and base from which the Missions began to plan and conduct their work for their first three-year cycle, 1975-78.

The Current Scene: Each of the four Missions is coming to the end of the first full year of operation on the basis of its own Program Base Design. Some persons have revealed misgivings, and others have voiced criticisms. And there have been modifications, adaptations, and the usual frustrations that go with a new organization and approach. But each Mission has a document that forms the base for its planning process. Each document is flexible, dynamic, and certainly never meant to remain static.

What are some of the positive strengths the Missions have experienced?

Each Mission plans a two- or three-year cycle with an evaluation of the Program Base Design and an update. The Mission sets priorities and goals to which the programs of work relate to give unity. Individuals are encouraged and assisted in setting up work goals and personal goals. A program of updating missionary skills is planned and executed by the Mission administrator. Budget requests of programs are prepared according to objectives and goals; these requests

come through the programs to the Mission for forwarding to the Foreign Mission Board. Some national institutions have grasped the basic concepts and benefited by them.

The long-range planning process is constantly renewed and renewable. It keeps the Missions looking ahead and planning for the future.

The Future: The Missions of East Asia expect to continue programs of expansion, with primary emphasis on evangelism and church development. The missionary force will continue to grow as Southern Baptists make resources available.

A healthy spirit of cooperation exists between the Missions and the national Baptist bodies. Many of the churches have attained a high level of maturity and project their own programs of evangelism. The role of the missionary is undergoing change in some aspects, and missionaries in East Asia are involved in a wide variety of assignments.

No account of East Asia would be complete without mention of the deep concern we all feel for the people of mainland China. We must continue to pray for our Christian brothers and sisters behind the bamboo curtain. And we must be prepared to enter again into their labors when the Lord once more opens the door. **TC**



JAPAN



Inside cover pages: In Korea, Missionary Joe Gene Autry joins in playing flute. **Top:** Schoolboys in Tokyo. **Above:** Sign-making in Fukuoka.

Japan is a nation in crisis," writes Missionary Calvin Parker. "Her people know it, and they know precisely what 'crisis' means, for they write this word with the eye-catching ideograms for 'danger' and 'opportunity.'"

The crisis, he says, is both economic and spiritual. Springing back bravely from crushing defeat in World War II, Japan has joined world leaders of industry. The some 110 million Japanese live in a California-sized country "severely limited in arable land and raw materials," notes Parker. How can they vie to stand near the top in global markets? "The answer," explains Parker, "lies in their energy and ingenuity."

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Tokyo street scene.



Their homeland, "a fragile chain of volcanic islands," has prompted them to become resilient in the face of typhoons and earthquakes. And they have met human challenges. In years past the mighty Chinese influence swept Japan. But the Japanese adapted. Converted to Buddhism, they still held to their Shinto faith, blending the two religions. The Japanese also mixed the Chinese language with their own.

In the early 1970s the pollution that had begun to blight the nation demanded attention. And the energy crisis pointed out that the economic boom rested on sources outside Japanese control.

The large, daily newspaper, *Asahi Shimbun*, has said in summary, "The Japanese were forced to change their sense of values." Reports Parker: "Old

and young alike started buying up religious books and discussing the meaning and purpose of life. . . . Christians realized afresh that in Christ they had the answer to the nation's dilemma."

Today evangelical Christians in Japan number fewer than one in every hundred. Evangelical Christians first began witness in Japan in the early 1860s. Northern Baptists (now American Baptist Churches) sent mission workers in 1872. Two Southern Baptist missionary couples in 1889 opened work that by World War II had grown to 2,700 members. After the war there were but 500 members.

Leaders from 16 congregations met in 1947 to reorganize as the Japan Baptist Convention. By 1974 the Convention included more than 250 churches and missions. Total membership surpassed

23,000. The Convention has sent a missionary couple to Brazil, the country with the largest Japanese community outside Japan.

Baptist work includes schools—Seinan Gakuin, a university in Fukuoka that has a theological department and an international exchange program; Seinan Jo Gakuin, a girls' school in Kitakyushu, now with a junior college division. Total enrollment exceeds 12,000.

In Kyoto is the 155-bed Baptist Hospital, including a nursing school. With its outpatient clinic, the hospital serves more than 70,000 patients each year. A Friendship House is located in Fukuoka, another in Kyoto, and a third in Kobe. The Baptist Student Center ministers among Tokyo's 700,000 university students. Jordan Press publishes Christian literature and





operates book stores in four cities.

"To reduce expenses and achieve self-support by 1977, Japanese Baptists streamlined their organization and shifted to less pretentious programs, such as home meetings," reports Parker. "Under a new agreement between the Convention and the Mission, the missionaries adopted a goal-oriented approach to their work and reorganized for more effective evangelistic outreach, still in close cooperation with the Convention."

Southern Baptist mission personnel assigned to Japan as of September 1 include 124 career missionaries, 9 missionary associates, and 15 missionary journeymen. **TC**

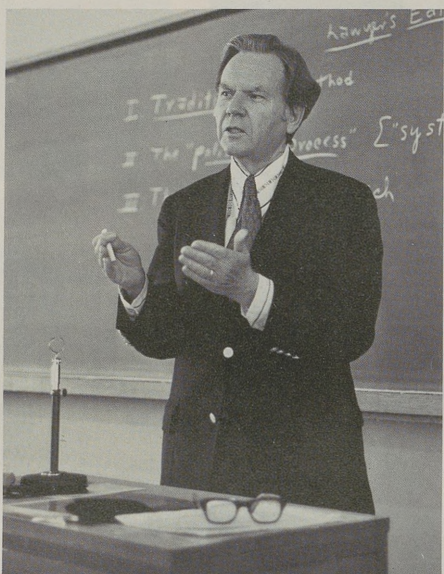
Above: Along Tokyo street Missionary Beryle C. Lovelace talks with some children.
Right: Mother, child, balloon on Tokyo subway.



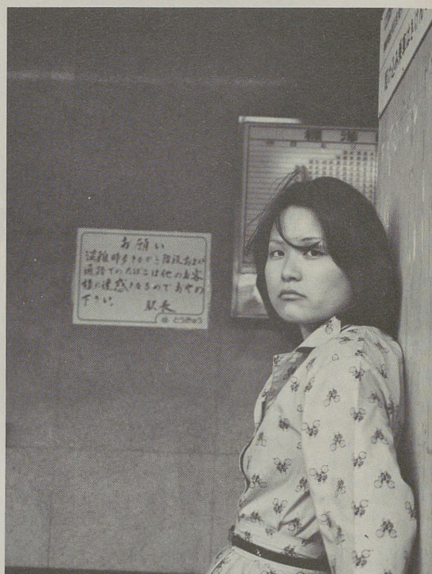


Top: Tokyo subway crowd. **Center:** Hugh and Norma Young, missionaries, at Fukuoka restaurant. **Left:** At Baptist Mission apartments Mrs. Lovelace and Mrs. Calvin Parker chat.





At Seinan Gakuin, Baptist college in Fukuoka, Bob Miller, an exchange professor from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., delivers a lecture.



Left: At Friendship House in Fukuoka, Director Doris Walters, missionary, talks with Missionary Journeyman Elaine Daffern. **Above:** After teaching cooking class at Friendship House, Missionary Linda (Mrs. Ralph W.) Hollaway dines with Japanese women from the class.

Hong Kong admittedly continues a separate existence because mainland China allows it. The British Crown Colony of Hong Kong, founded in 1841, clings to the southeastern coast of mainland China. Less than one-third the size of Rhode Island, Hong Kong in 1949 counted 1.5 million residents. Today more than 4 million people live there, many of them refugees (and their children born in Hong Kong) who have fled, by one means or another, from Communist China.

The colony "is a place of extremes," according to Missionary Richard L. Lusk. "The geographical location, good hotels, and shopping opportunities have made it a must for hundreds of thousands of tourists. . . . In contrast, the colony has staggering problems in employment,

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housing, education, medical care, and moral and spiritual instruction."

Baptist influence first reached Hong Kong in 1842 with the moving from Macao of J. Lewis and Henrietta Hall Shuck, missionaries sent out from America by the Triennial Convention. The Hong Kong Baptist Association (now Convention) was formed in 1938. Cooperating in the Convention are churches assisted by American Baptists and those related to Southern Baptist mission work. Within the Convention are 38 churches (all listed as self-supporting). Membership totals more than 24,000.

Southern Baptist missionaries entered Hong Kong in 1949 with the closing of work in mainland China in the face of Communist takeover. As of September 1, Southern Baptists have assigned to Hong Kong and Macao (nearly all reside in Hong





Kong) 43 career missionaries, 15 missionary associates, and 8 missionary journeymen.

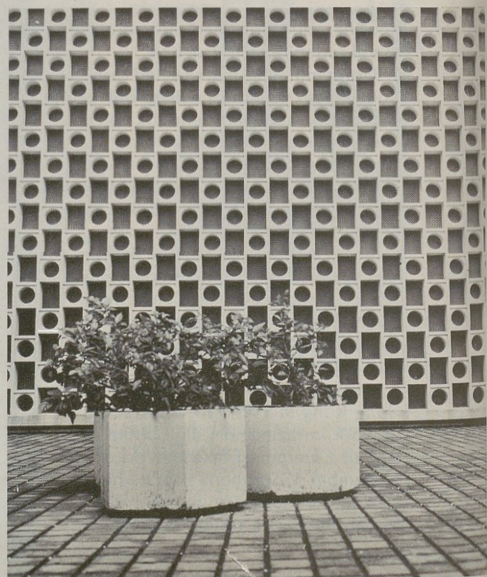
"In attempting to bear Christian witness and demonstrate Christian concern for physical and social needs," relates Lusk, "Hong Kong Baptists have started schools, medical work, a student center, a social center, and other forms of ministry."

Three schools—Pui Ching, Pooi To, and Henrietta—include kindergarten through high school. Hong Kong Baptist College, opened in 1956, boasts a modern, attractive campus. The Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary was begun in 1951. Headquarters for the Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary, sponsored by eight Baptist seminaries in Asia, also is located in Hong Kong.

The eight-story Hong Kong Baptist Hospital has grown out of a medical clinic started in 1963. Student ministries touch a number of campuses. Baptist Press, producing Bibles and other literature in Chinese, serves Chinese-speaking people throughout Asia and in 30-plus other countries. Hong Kong Baptists also sponsor a social welfare center in one of the large refugee resettlement areas.

Baptist strength in Hong Kong reflects many years of mission work in South China. There are many mature Chinese Baptist leaders. And the Hong Kong churches have not only increased gifts to local mission work year by year, but they have also provided growing aid to work among Chinese people elsewhere in Southeast Asia.

The "most important factor," according to Lusk, "is that, in the purpose of God, doors are still open for the sharing of the good news." **TC**



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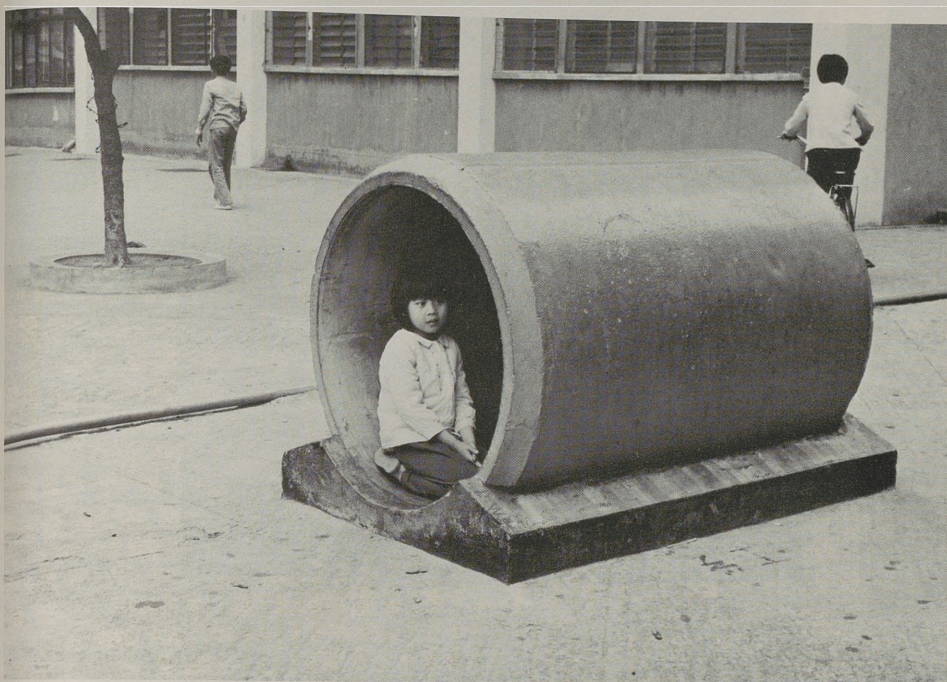
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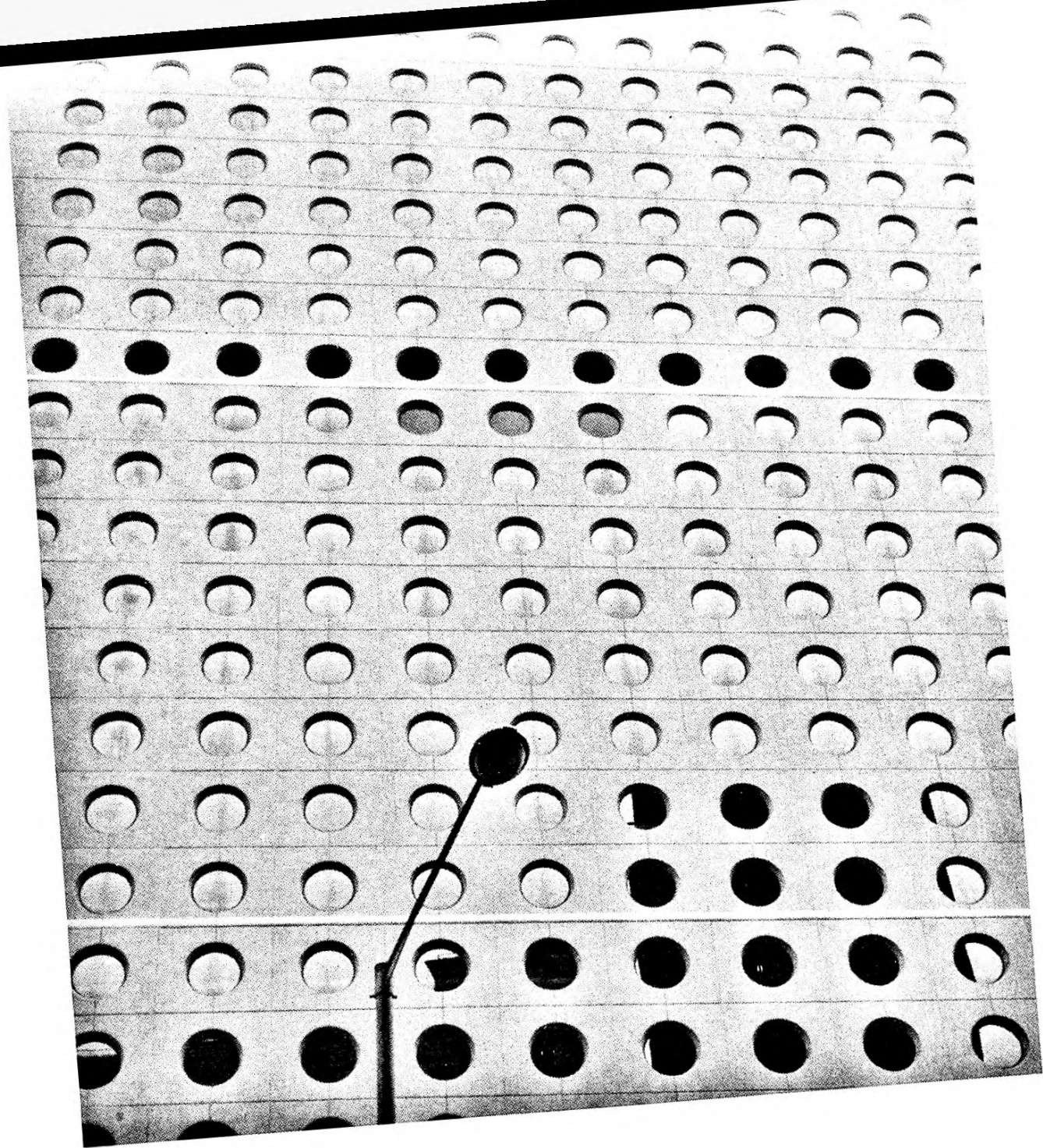




Right and below: At Hong Kong Baptist College, badminton in progress and fine arts building.
Below, center: R. H. Falwell, missionary associate, aboard ferry in harbor.







Top: Example of
modern architecture
in Hong Kong.
Right: Laboratory
building under
construction at the
Baptist college.



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MACAO

Just 21 years after Columbus discovered the New World, a Portuguese explorer set foot on the coast of South China," relates Missionary E. Carter Morgan. Jorge Alvares "had made contact with one of the oldest civilizations on earth." At that spot the Portuguese formally established the city of Macao in 1557.

"Today Macao is very much like a museum, with its cobblestone streets, statues, monuments, Mediterranean architecture, and even some authentic, old, Chinese

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Opening page, top: Ancient cannon in Monte Fort on Macao overlooks the mainland of China. **Facing page, top, right:** Great staircase and façade of the Basilica of St. Paul, noted landmark in Macao. **Left:** Missionary Britt E. Towery, Jr., negotiates with local taxi driver. **Above:** School yard in Macao.



temples," says Morgan. "One of the most famous relics is the façade of the church of St. Paul (see page 18), begun in 1602 by a band of Japanese Christians who were forced to flee their homeland or recant. And with this, Macao unwittingly took on the role it has played off and on for several centuries—a city of refuge."

Only six square miles in area, Macao, on the fringe of the bamboo curtain, now provides a residence or refuge for 262,000 people.

Catholic priests were on board the first ships to land on the island. The first Protestant missionary to China, Robert Morrison, resided in Macao in the early 1800s. The Triennial Convention's missionaries, J. Lewis and Henrietta Hall Shuck, brought the first Baptist influence to the colony. They opened a school before moving on to Hong Kong.

Representatives of the Bible

Missionary Society formed the Macao Baptist Church in 1904. Some of these missionaries became Southern Baptist missionaries in 1910. "Since 1910," relates Missionary Richard L. Lusk, "Southern Baptists have helped to strengthen the Baptist-laid foundation by establishing chapels, schools, and, most recently, a youth center and the Evangelical Baptist Bookstore."

In 1964 the Macao Baptist Association was formed. It has three affiliated churches with a total of 620 members. Macao has a branch of Hong Kong's Pui Ching school and a Baptist youth center.

"It is difficult to keep qualified leadership, since many young people leave," says Lusk. "Their leaving provides a blessing in one way, however, for when the young people are committed Christians, they take a strong, positive witness with them and become missionaries wherever they go." TC



TAIWAN

What had been a tropical farmland for 50 years of Japanese occupation has become since 1945 an arsenal of industrial growth," writes Charles L. Culpepper, Jr., missionary in Taiwan. "The country has shown amazing growth potential and courage against enemy attack or political reverses."

Taiwan ("Terraced Bay"), also known as Formosa ("Beautiful Island"), refers to the Republic of China. Nationalist China, led by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, set up operations on Taiwan when Communists overran mainland China in the late 1940s.

The Formosa Strait, a stormy stretch perhaps 100 miles wide, separates the island fortress from the Chinese mainland. About 235 miles long and 90 miles wide, Taiwan has 555 miles of coastline. Heavily wooded mountains running north and south form the island's "rugged backbone." More than 30 peaks tower above 10,000 feet. A light earth tremor can be felt in some part of Taiwan almost daily.

Not only is the terrain rugged, but Taiwan's political fortunes in the international community have also been rocky. In 1971 Nationalist China (one of the five "permanent" members of the Security Council) was replaced by

mainland China in the United Nations. Earlier this year President Chiang Kai-shek, for so long the personal embodiment of the Nationalist Chinese spirit, died. A month-long period of mourning in Taiwan marked his passing.

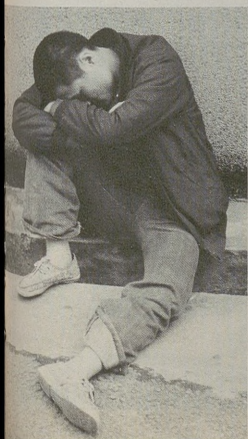
But Taiwan as a separate entity is not likely to fade away. In an area one-fourth the size of Florida live 15 million people of Chinese ethnic origin. More than three-fourths of them were born in Taiwan. Both Mandarin Chinese and Taiwanese (a Chinese dialect) are spoken.

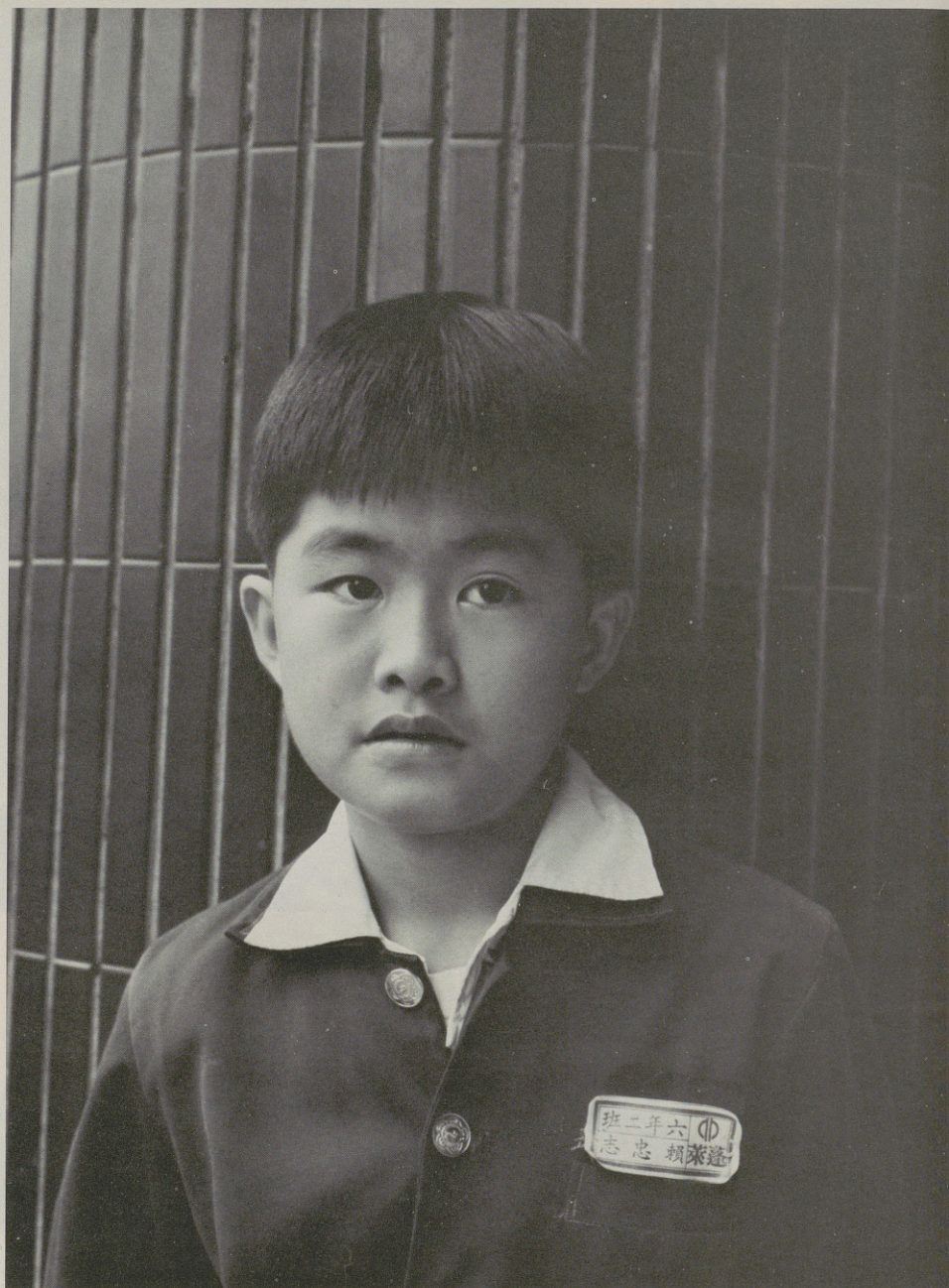
Amid crises, the people of Taiwan have been responsive to the gospel. Even so, only about five in every hundred persons

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Above: Artist at work in park in Taipei, capital of Taiwan. **Facing page:** Street scenes in Taipei.







Above: Mrs. Samuel A. Ricketson, missionary, talks to children in Taipei.
Below, left: Mrs. J. Wendell Powers, missionary associate, studies Chinese with language teacher.



have any Christian connection. As Culpepper puts it, "The Christian ratio has kept up with the population growth, but that is far from penetration."

Southern Baptist missionaries first began working in Taiwan in 1948. Today 71 career missionaries, 12 missionary associates, and 7 missionary journeymen are assigned there.

Conservative Baptists and the North American Baptist Association also carry on mission work; there are also many other Christian groups.

The Baptist Convention of the Republic of China includes more than 60 churches with a total membership nearing 12,000. Of the churches, more than nine out of ten carry on their operating budgets without outside financial help. Building loans, to be repaid at a low rate of interest, are available. The Convention has aided Chinese churches in Malaysia, Korea, and Thailand. In 1973 Baptist work was opened in the Pescadores Islands, between Taiwan and the mainland.

Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary is located in Taipei, the capital. Baptist student centers are operated in four cities. Taiwan Baptists' television ministry is expanding; an evangelism ministry through a telephone answering service has been added. A strong national Baptist leadership has emerged.

"The Taiwan Baptist Convention is a living reality," declares Culpepper. "It is a cooperating member of the Baptist World Alliance, and it will continue to thrive in spite of international politics. It will strive to aid others in the kingdom of God, whether it is aided or not." TC

Missionary Alice (Mrs. Herbert L.) Barrett walks across grounds of government building in Taipei, where she teaches English to several of the officials.



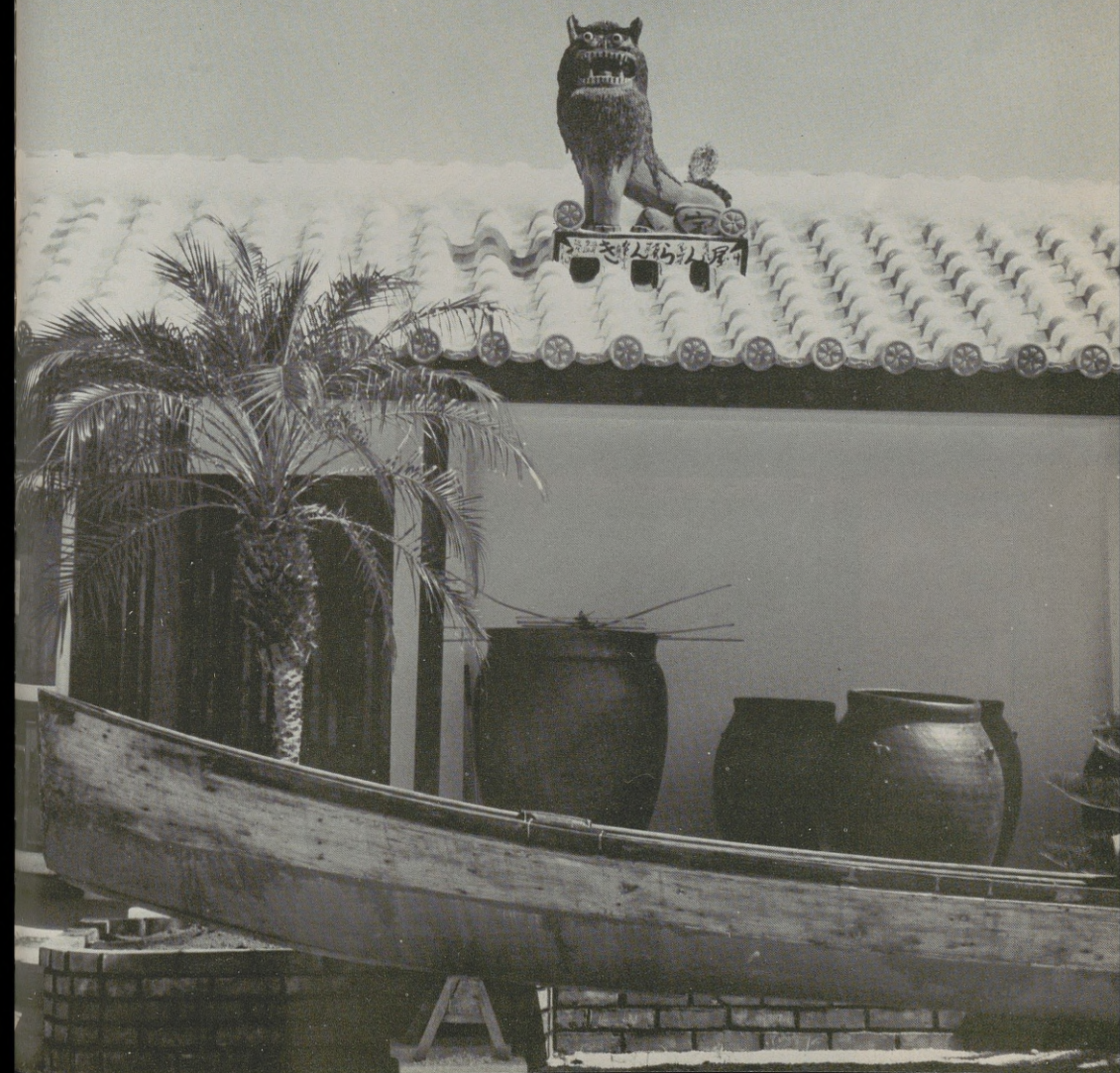




Visual vignettes in Taiwan include these laughing young people.



OKINAWA





Preceding page: Home's tile roof in Okinawa carries image of Shi-Shi dog, believed by many homeowners to ward off evil spirits and protect the home. **Above and facing page:** Views in Naha, the capital of Okinawa.

To most Americans the name of Okinawa meant nothing until it became the site of the last battle, and one of the most fierce, of World War II. The island is the largest of the Ryukyu chain that stretches southwestward from Japan toward Taiwan. After 27 years of American occupation, Okinawa in 1972 was returned to Japan.

"Since the war," says Missionary Alvin E. (Bud) Spencer, "the impact of the West is being felt. Consequently, cultural patterns are changing. But in spite of Asian and Western influences, the Ryukyans have maintained their own identity as a people."

They are "a mixture of several races, probably including Malay, Mongol, and Ainu," says Spencer. "The average Ryukyuan resembles the Japanese in size, facial contours, coloring, and black hair." The official language is Japanese, but "the native Luchuan tongue is still spoken in rural areas and among the older Ryukyans," notes Spencer.

The 67-mile-long island of Okinawa, its shape described as a "wriggling eel," ranges in width from two to eighteen miles. Its 463-square-mile area is about one-third the size of Rhode Island. As many as 45 typhoons a year hit the island, bringing various degrees of havoc.

Population of the Ryukyu Islands totals

about 1 million, plus perhaps 60,000 U.S. servicemen and their dependents, American civilians, and various businessmen. Only one out of a hundred Okinawans is a Christian.

A Japanese Baptist pastor began the first continuing evangelical witness in the islands in 1891. The first English-language Baptist church on Okinawa, Central Church in Naha, was formed in 1959. The first Southern Baptist missionaries came to the main island in 1960, transferred from Japan. Today there are eight career missionaries, four missionary associates, and a missionary journeyman assigned there, working mainly with English-language congregations. One missionary



couple works full-time with Japanese-speaking people in a mission sponsored by an English-language church.

The Okinawa Baptist Convention "operates a Baptist book store, a small Bible institute, and the oldest continuous Christian radio program in the Ryukyu Islands," Spencer reports. "Missionaries and national pastors also project Baptist evangelistic efforts on the nearby islands of Kume, Tokashiki, Daito, and Miyako in the Ryukyu outer islands.

"Baptists do not try to differentiate between American, Southern, and

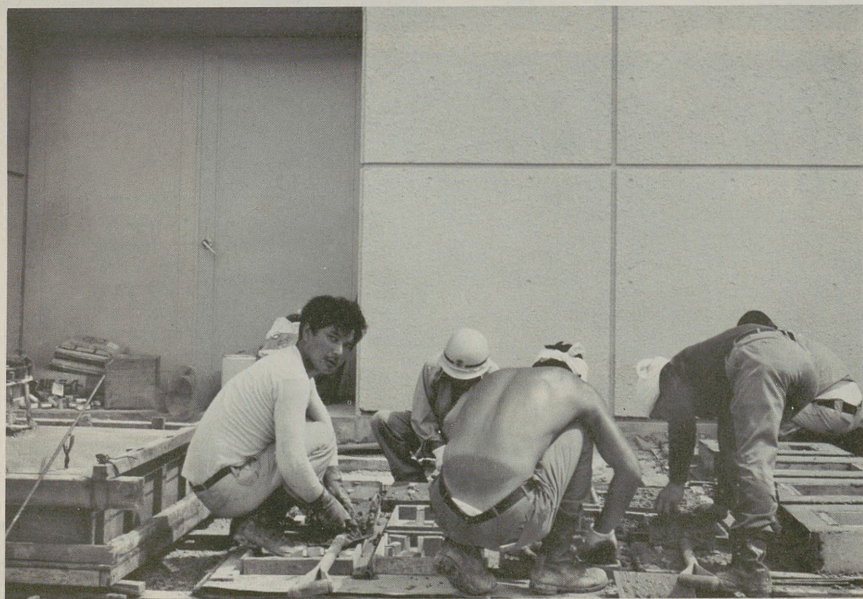




Okinawan Baptist work, but they call all of the Baptist efforts the work of the Okinawa Baptist Convention," Spencer explains. "All of the missionaries feel that this cooperation has done much to advance Baptist life so rapidly. There are now at least 20 Baptist churches and about 10 missions on Okinawa and the outer islands."

According to plans, Baptist witness will also be extended into other cities on Okinawa. TC

Left: At Expo '75 site on Okinawa, Missionary Dorothy (Mrs. Wayne) Maddox talks with engineer. The exposition, featuring an ecological theme, opened in July. **Below and bottom:** Workmen at Expo '75.



KOREA



Often in the news is the Republic of Korea (South Korea) because of tensions attributed to the constant threat from North Korea. The Korean peninsula, jutting toward Japan from the mainland of China, was divided along the 38th parallel after World War II. The demilitarized zone today remains as it was drawn at the truce halting the Korean War in the early 1950s.

South Korea is young—one-half the population is under 25 years of age. Among its population of some 33 million, traditional religions (Buddhism, Confucianism, and Shamanism) have generally been abandoned. In this

climate that seems ready for religious change, about ten of every hundred persons are Christians. It is the most Christian nation in East Asia.

The Korea Baptist Convention grew out of early Baptist work by independent missionaries from Canada. Southern Baptist missionaries entered the country in 1950 at the request of Korean Baptists. Southern Baptists now have 67 career missionaries, 8 missionary associates, and 5 missionary journeymen assigned there. The Convention counts 409 churches with a total of 18,567 members.

"A characteristic of Baptist missionary efforts in Korea has been that of diversity—using a variety of means to

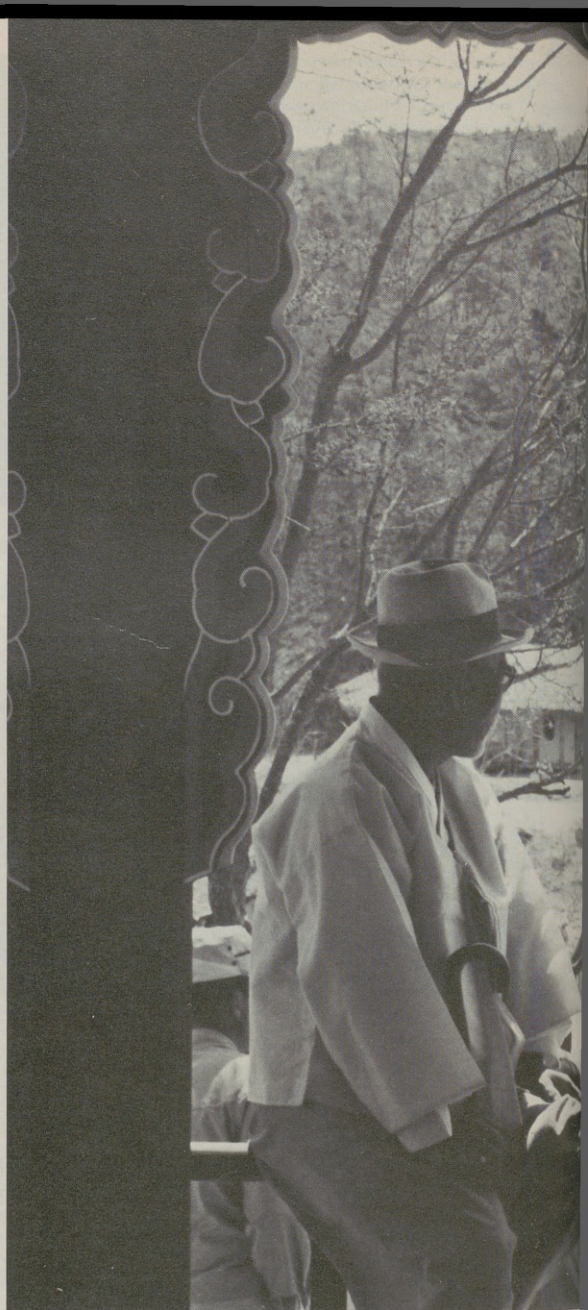
present the good news of the gospel and to demonstrate a genuine concern for existing needs," writes Missionary J. G. Goodwin, Jr.

A plan of strategy recently adopted by Southern Baptist missionaries in Korea includes six programs of work.

1) The Baptist Medical Ministry features the 150-bed, six-story Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusan, including a medical training program. The hospital grew out of a wartime ministry to refugees. 2) The Program of Theological Education centers on the Korean Baptist Theological Seminary. It was opened in Taejon in 1953 and now has some 175 students.

3) "The Baptist Church Development Board," relates Goodwin, "provides

Below: A university student in Seoul strums guitar.
Facing page: At Korean Folk Village attraction, visitors watch colorful and historical festival.





curriculum materials for local churches and promotes the growth of organizations in the churches." 4) Funds for local churches to buy land and build facilities are made available by loans and grants through the Program of Church Loans and Aid. 5) The Education of Missionary Children is concerned with this area of helping missionary parents. Several schools for children of missionaries are available.

6) "The Division of Direct Missions includes a variety of ministries through which Baptist missionaries seek to reach the people of Korea," says Goodwin. Among outreach efforts are ministries to students, church music, and an approach to persons living in apartment complexes. A mass communications program involves radio, motion pictures, a newsmagazine, correspondence courses, and television. Through service

centers and various means of personal witness, the gospel is presented to Korean military personnel. Response to the gospel among persons in the armed forces has been numerically strong in recent years.

"Missionaries work directly with churches in each of the 21 associations related to the Korea Baptist Convention," points out Goodwin. "They assist the pastors in various ways."



Facing page: In Seoul two young women unroll a banner.

Above: Beside a subway exit lounges a young boy to ask money from passersby.

in evangelism, training leadership, developing a cooperative mission effort among the churches, projecting local church programs, and giving encouragement."

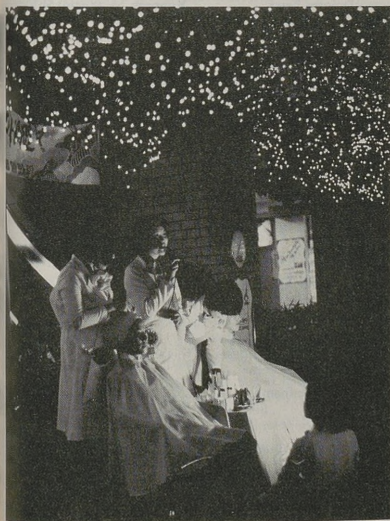
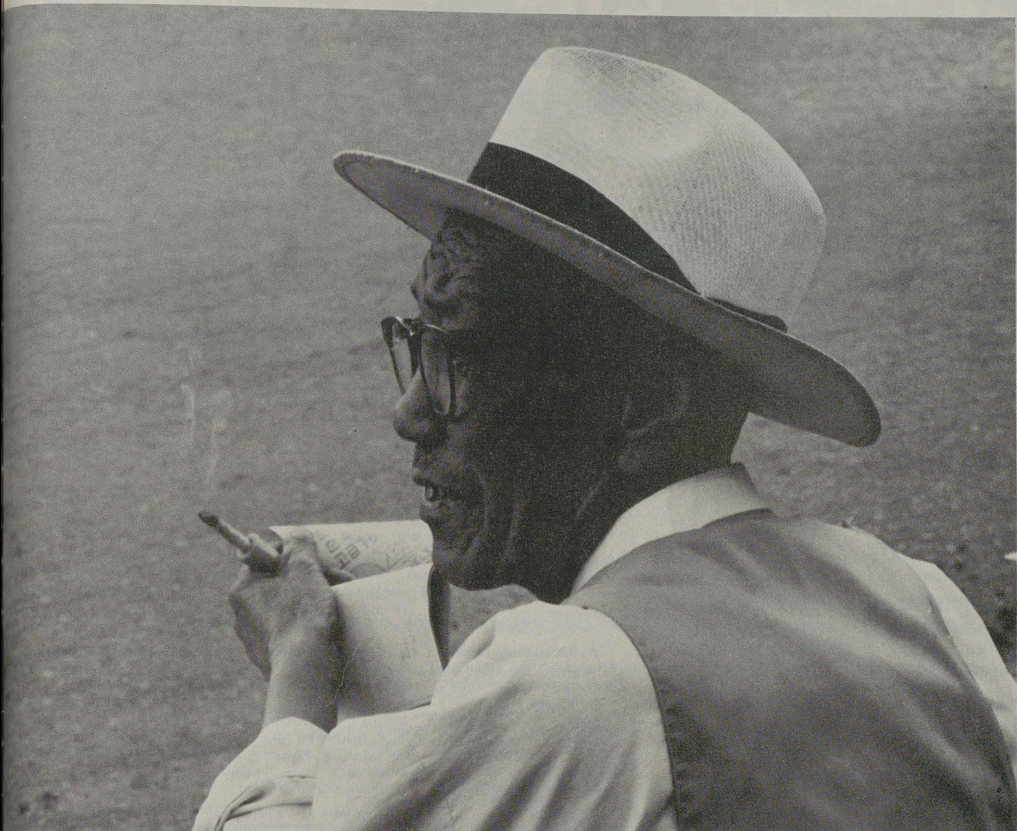
Although many denominations are withdrawing missionaries from Korea, there is now "a remarkable spirit of openness and responsiveness to the gospel in this land," declares Goodwin.

"This is not the time for retreat." TC



Right: Stopping to converse with farm women is Mrs. Billy G. Colston, missionary.
Right, center: At Seoul department store hairdressers demonstrate technique.







NEW MISSIONARY JOURNEYMEN

Commissioned
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Place of birth Field
Work assignment

David R. (Dave) Adams Texas Teacher <i>Liberia</i>	Robert T. (Bob) Congdon Alabama Mass communications worker <i>Nigeria Thailand</i>	J. Ronald Hankins Alabama English teacher <i>Japan</i>	John R. Moyer Florida Music and office worker <i>Surinam</i>	Karen Reed Texas Drama, music, youth worker <i>Dominican Republic</i>
J. Steve Baker Israel Youth worker <i>Macao</i>	Rebekah Dannelley Texas Mass communications worker <i>Kenya</i>	Stanley L. Harper Mississippi Secretary-bookkeeper <i>Rhodesia</i>	Carol (Mrs. J. R.) Moyer Florida Music and office worker <i>Surinam</i>	Judith (Judy) Roberts New York Nurse <i>Colombia</i>
Mary Ballance N. Carolina Teacher <i>Kenya</i>	John F. Duffield Missouri Youth worker <i>Ecuador</i>	W. Robert (Bob) Harper Paraguay Boys' home counselor, teach. <i>Venezuela</i>	Pennie Olmstead Kansas MK teacher; center worker <i>N. Brazil</i>	C. Barry Robinson Georgia English teacher <i>Liberia</i>
Karen Ballard S. Carolina Youth worker <i>Korea</i>	Penny Duke Virginia Youth and music worker <i>Taiwan</i>	Marlin J. Harris Alabama Mission office manager <i>Bangladesh</i>	Sue Paris Indiana Teacher for MKs <i>Argentina</i>	Joan Rogers N. Carolina Elementary teacher <i>Korea</i>
Lydia Barrow Georgia Youth worker <i>Japan</i>	Terry L. Eades Missouri Youth and music worker <i>Japan</i>	Mary Jane Hortin Indiana Youth worker, Eng. teacher <i>Japan</i>	Van C. Payne Mississippi Communications worker <i>Kenya</i>	Rebecca Rosell Cuba Teacher for MKs <i>Peru</i>
Timothy E. Brooks W. Virginia Evangelism asst., teacher <i>Zambia</i>	Deborah (Debbie) Elsenbrook Texas Youth worker <i>Liberia</i>	Janice House Tennessee English teacher <i>Japan</i>	Gwen (Mrs. V. C.) Payne Mississippi Elementary teacher <i>Kenya</i>	Teresa Sanders Oklahoma Publications worker <i>Kenya</i>
Waltea Buice Virginia Nurse <i>Tanzania</i>	Jack M. Englebrecht Colorado Bible teacher <i>Ghana</i>	Cheryl Hudson Missouri Seminary asst. librarian, sec. <i>Taiwan</i>	Rebecca (Becky) Perez New Mexico Nurse <i>Tanzania</i>	R. Carl Schooling Missouri Church worker <i>Cayman Islands</i>
Karen Bunn Texas Nurse <i>Gaza</i>	Darryl K. Ferrington Louisiana Youth and music worker <i>Japan</i>	Frances Jordan Texas Nursery school worker <i>Hong Kong</i>	Dolores Perry Texas Teacher for MKs <i>Panama</i>	Kenneth M. (Kenn) Shirley S. Carolina Bible teacher <i>Liberia</i>
Shirley Cadenhead Texas Youth worker, Eng. teacher <i>Japan</i>	Mary (Mrs. D. K.) Ferrington Louisiana Youth and music worker <i>Japan</i>	Marcia Longan Texas Publishing house typist <i>Rhodesia</i>	Penny Peterson France Teacher for MKs <i>Argentina</i>	Carson H. Smith D.C. Baptist Center worker <i>Senegal</i>
Cathy Caldwell Texas English teacher <i>Hong Kong</i>	Deborah (Debbie) Futch Texas Teacher for MKs <i>Argentina</i>	Cynthia (Cindy) Lumpkin Tennessee Mass media worker <i>Ethiopia</i>	William B. Philpot Alabama Secondary teacher <i>Kenya</i>	Richard L. (Dick) Smith Missouri Teacher for MKs <i>Angola</i>
Joy Cannon Kentucky Teacher for MKs <i>Gaza</i>	Donald D. Gardner Texas College teacher <i>Hong Kong</i>	Jacquelyn (Jackie) Madon Georgia Elementary teacher <i>Guatemala</i>	Martha Poe Virginia Teacher for MKs <i>Peru</i>	David E. (Dave) Stevens Missouri Student worker <i>Kenya</i>
Beverly Cato N. Carolina Nurse <i>Colombia</i>	Denise (Dee Dee) Gardner California Book store secretary <i>Colombia</i>	Gregory S. McGlone W. Virginia Recording studio worker <i>Venezuela</i>	Janice Porter Texas Teacher for MKs <i>Angola</i>	Radames (Rod) Toro, Jr. Puerto Rico Student worker <i>Thailand</i>
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Arrivals from the Field

BAIR, Ralph L./Nancy (assoc., Ecuador).
BRADLEY, Vestal N./Carol Jean (Tanzania).
LINDELL, C. Ray, Jr./Martha (Tanzania).
GILL, James W./Katharine (assoc., Hong Kong).
CETNEY, John R. (held rep., Eastern Africa).
CLARKE, Coleman D./Jennie (Japan).
JUCKE, Billy F./Janice (Tanzania).
CIEPEPPER, Robert H./Kathleen (Japan).
DEAL, Zach J., Jr./Barbara (Colombia).
DEAN, Pratt J./Rita (Japan).
DOBB, David G./Roberta (Yemen).
FERGUSON, L. Roy/Jeanne (assoc., Ghana).
CARMADE, Albert W., Jr./Nettie (Korea).
GASTRY, Jack L./Ruby (Taiwan).
MCCONNELL, H. Cecil/Mary (Chile).
MACYAR, John G./Joyce (Colombia).
MUSE, James C., Jr./Patsy (Ecuador).
MYERS, Karl J., Jr. (Nigeria).
NABORS, Thomas C./Marilyn (Gaza).
NOLLY, Alan P./Virginia (Colombia).
VINE, Donald L./Violet (Colombia).
BORTH, W. C., Jr./Helen (Italy).
SABER, Robert C./Helen (Japan).
STANLEY, Robert L./Nora (Philippines).
STURGEON, H. Eldon/Jo Ann (Mexico).
WESTERN, Blake W. (Japan).

Departures to the Field

ALLEN, Fred M./Joy, Zambia.
BTHEA, Ralph C./Lizette, Kenya.
BRADLEY, Rolla M./Genevieve, Korea.
BIZENDE, J. Wesley/Genevieve, Guam.
CADWALLADER, Chester S., Jr./Dorothy, El Salvador.
HAPPELL, Catherine F., Jr. (Brazil).
LARK, Dwight C./Ann, Bahamas.
LONGDON, Robert T. (Journ.), Thailand.
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ICHTER, William H./Jerry, S. Brazil.
JUEGENS, Jerry E./Mary, Hong Kong.
KIRKPATRICK, Mary F., Nigeria.
MEADORS, P. Daniel (Journ.), Israel.
MILLER, Sheila (Journ.), N. Brazil.
MISNER, Mariam L., Indonesia.
MOBLEY, Mack A./Carolyn, Japan.
MOHN, Nancy (Journ.), S. Brazil.
MOSES, Ed B./Mary Ann, Rhodesia.
OLMSTEAD, Pennie (Journ.), N. Brazil.
PARKER, Robert R., Jr./Ramela, Rhodesia.
RALEY, Harry L./Frances, Taiwan.
REDMON, Donald H./Jo, Costa Rica.
RODGERS, Wilma, Ivory Coast.
SCHWEINSBERG, Henry W./Dorothy, Spain.
SUMMERS, Mabel, Lebanon.
TORO, Radames, Jr. (Journ.), Thailand.
WARTH, Russell L. (Journ.), Thailand.
WELDON, Katharine, Mexico.
WILLIAMS, Joey H./Sylvia, Rhodesia.
WISE, Carla (Journ.), Paraguay.
WORTHINGTON, Anne E. (Journ.), S. Brazil.
YAGI, Dickson K./Ellen, Japan.

Transfers

KINNSON, Jack W., Jr./Lynnette, Laos to Thailand, Aug. 15.
KIRKLAND, Donald/Shirley, Ethiopia to Eq. Brazil, Oct. 1.
LASSITER, James H./Barbara, Vietnam to Ivory Coast, Sept. 1.
PERRILL, Jerald W./Elaine, Laos to Thailand, Aug. 15.
RINGER, Douglas G./Brenda, Laos to Thailand, Aug. 15.

Retirements

KENDRICK, Bertie Lee (Hawaii), Sept. 1.
SNELL, Oleta E. (Chile), Aug. 31.

Assignments Completed

HUMPHREY, Raymond D./Betty (assoc., Zambia), Aug. 31.
SCHNICK, Homer L./Peggy (Hong Kong), Sept. 30.

Resignations

BICKERS, Howard B., Jr./Arleen (Malawi), Aug. 31.
COOPER, Marvin R./Glenda (Zambia), Sept. 15.
DORR, David C./Roberta (Yemen), Sept. 30.
ELMORE, Lanny/Brenda (Uganda), Aug. 31.
HAYS, George H./Helen (field rep., East Asia), Aug. 31 (to become area secretary).
LONG, J. Shannon/Lorraine (Chile), Sept. 1.
RICHARDS, Donald J./Shari (S. Brazil), Sept. 30.
STICKNEY, Allen N./Alice (Kenya), July 15.
STOCKS, R. L./Doris (Mozambique), Aug. 31.

Births and Adoptions

BECK, Matthew Beck, son of G. Frederick/Linda Beck (Indonesia), Aug. 5.
MCNIEL, Sandra Lynn, daughter of Winston W./Patricia McNeil (Colombia), Aug. 4.
RADER, Daniel Jeffrey, son of Dick A./Sue Rader (Zambia), Aug. 27.
YOARS, Marcus Alexander, son of Ralph A./Betty Yoars (Hong Kong), Sept. 9.
YOUNG, Jamie Guinevere, daughter of James E./Guinevere Young (Bangladesh), July 31.

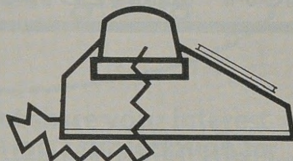
Deaths

BRYANT, Mrs. Pauline, mother of Alma H. Rohm (Nigeria), Aug. 17.
DAVIS, Mrs. Thelma, mother of Peggy (Mrs. Homer L.) Schick (Hong Kong), July 30.
FALLAW, Boyd Everett, father of Billy K. Fallaw (N. Brazil), Aug. 18, Columbia, S.C.
GARNER, Mrs. W. R., mother of Alex F. Garner (Panama), Aug. 20, Ft. Smith, Ark.
GREER, Luther M., father of Minnie (Mrs. Steven P.) Hicks (Mexico), Sept. 7.
MAYS, F. E., father of Jeanine (Mrs. L. Roy) Frierson (assoc., Ghana), Aug. 15.
MILLER, Mrs. R. R., mother of Virginia (Mrs. John E.) Mills (W. Africa), Aug. 24.
SANDERFORD, Mrs. R. M., mother of Mathew A. Sanderford (Bap. Spanish Pub. House), Aug. 7.
VAUGHN, E. S., father of Edith Vaughn (N. Brazil), June 30.
WILLIAMS, Robert Alexander III, son of Robert A., Jr./Olivia Williams (Honduras), Aug. 22, Annandale, Va.

Marriages

BUMPUS, Larry Carl, son of Claud R./Frances Bumpus (S. Brazil), to Karen Turner, Aug. 17, Valdez, Alaska.
GRAHAM, Bertha Christine, daughter of Finlay M./

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Julia Graham (Lebanon), to Gary Brashears, July 19, Dallas, Tex.
GRAHAM, Catherine Mary, daughter of Finlay M./Julia Graham (Lebanon), to James Allen Kelly, Aug. 16, Houston, Tex.
GRAHAM, Sheila Ann, daughter of Finlay M./Julia Graham (Lebanon), to James Stacy Houser, son of James L./Molly Houser (Kenya), Aug. 8, Dallas, Tex.
HENDERSON, Melinda Gayle, daughter of W. Guy/Lois Henderson (Philippines), to Russell Kyzar, July 18, Clinton, Miss.
RABORN, Kay Nelwyn, daughter of John C./Nelwyn Raborn (Hong Kong), to Ronny Layne Jones, May 17, Bryan, Tex.
RYTHER, Carla Jean, daughter of Carl F./Jean Rytther (Bangladesh), to Peter Vander Zaag, Aug. 2, Waco, Tex.
STURGEON, Ruth Alice, daughter of H. Eldon/Jo Ann Sturgeon (Mexico), to Sergio Bustos, Aug. 2, Mexico City, Mexico.
TOMLINSON, Ben David, son of Ben W./Bettie Tomlinson (Taiwan), to Marissa Mata, May 24, Bensenville, Ill.

FROM THE EDITOR

To Help Discovery—A Manager

My pastor handed me a copy of *THE COMMISSION* several days ago as we discussed plans for missionary education in our church. Immediately I could see that this was just the publication needed for informing our members about their part in foreign missions. Upon learning that I could have been receiving this magazine all along, I was surprised. I wonder why I hadn't heard about it."

There was more in that letter, including a three-year subscription order with payment enclosed. Others have told us recently about discovering *THE COMMISSION*. We wonder how many more haven't made the discovery.

At its June meeting this year the Foreign Mission Board created the position of circulation manager for *THE COMMISSION*. With enthusiasm and high anticipation I introduce to our readers Mrs. Marilyn Fairfax Glazebrook, who assumed the duties of this new position September 2. Marilyn's maiden name will ring a bell for numbers of persons who had contact with the Board's missionary personnel department prior to September 1967, when she became Mrs. Robert V. Glazebrook. Others will recognize her current identity from their contacts with the Board's Mission Support Division, directed by Jesse C. Fletcher until last May when he became pastor of First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. Marilyn was his secretary-assistant from the time he joined the administrative staff as a personnel secretary.

The task to which Marilyn Glazebrook now applies her talents is a new kind for her, but to her years of experience with Board matters is being added some special training. A business firm skilled in development of magazine circulation has been engaged for the needed training and for designing and conducting a program that should greatly expand this magazine's readership.

We have set our sights on higher goals for Southern Baptist awareness regarding their overseas mission challenge and fulfillment. We welcome Marilyn Glazebrook to the team that must make *THE COMMISSION* known and read as never before.

A Gift 12 Links Long

THE "gift subscription" idea has been growing steadily for the past several years. In fact, it's happening all through the year, whereas once it was limited almost totally to the Christmas season.

Christmas is the greatest gift season of the year and the time when Christians look for gift suggestions that fit the true spirit in which we celebrate the birth of God's gift to the world.

That spirit pervades every issue of *THE COMMISSION*. Give such a lasting gift to each of several friends this year. Three years—\$3.50; one year—\$1.50. For further details about ordering, see box on opposite page.

On Target—As You Pray

"PRAISE the Lord for the replacements and new workers for our state! How grateful we truly are for these fellow laborers. Yet Minas is so large we still need many more workers to help us plant churches and preaching points in some 440 counties still without a Baptist witness."

—Missionary William L. C. Richardson
Belo Horizonte, Brazil

"People in Alum Katama, which adjoins Menz, have requested mission work. . . . Someone is needed to camp there and open up the area. Please pray for us in these days of unparalleled opportunity amidst political turmoil—that we have the Lord's wisdom to know what to do, and then his Spirit to [help us] go ahead and do it."

—Missionaries Ray and Lauralee Lindholm
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

In recent weeks tragic national crises have forced the withdrawal of missionaries from Angola and Mozambique. As you pray, seek God's comfort and assurance for these missionaries:

Angola

Curtis and Bettye Dixon
James and Carolyn Holland
Harrison and June Pike
Albert and Virginia Sutton
Tress Miles, journeyman

Mozambique

Ernest and Janice Harvey
John and Jean Poe

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention includes men and women from many walks of life and from all state conventions that numerically qualify for Board representation. Eleven times a year they convene to transact the business entrusted to them by fellow Baptists. Theirs is an indispensable part in the enablement missionaries must have in order to fulfill the calling they have received through God's Spirit. A complete roster of the Board's current membership appears on the page bearing the table of contents for this issue (Cover III). Let it be a prayer guide for you. Include a Board member or two as you pray for your foreign missionaries.

LETTERS

Living under Domination

I was greatly impressed by the article by Bela Udvarnoki on Baptists in Hungary (August issue).

There is a tendency to discount the sincerity of Christians who live in countries under the domination of materialistic atheism. I am sure that the five points Mr. Udvarnoki makes could be said of Baptists in Cuba, who have been living under the government of Fidel Castro for the past 16 years. They carry out the following: (1) adhere to Scripture teaching; (2) their prayer life is exemplary; (3) young people, as well as old, study the Bible; (4) choir work and congregational singing are vital; (5) with deep, abiding convictions they live boldly for Christ. They are surviving under opposition, frequent persecution, trial, and suffering.

We pray daily for our Christian brethren in Communist-dominated lands, as well as for those in other lands where one's freedom to profess his faith openly is limited.

We need also to pray for our own country, where permissiveness is rampant, where there is grave danger of worldliness and materialism.

Herbert Caudill
(former missionary to Cuba)
Decatur, Ga.

Thanks for a House

My family and I would like to use this medium for expressing our gratitude to the Immanuel Baptist Church of Little Rock, Ark., and her great pastor, Dr. W. O. Vaught. We have spent the past year living in a house made available by Immanuel to flourishing foreign missionaries. The provision of a completely furnished and very comfortable house was in itself a tremendous blessing, but over and above that, we were completely overwhelmed by the kindness, generosity, and friendship of the Immanuel folks. The consistent, positive leadership of Dr. Vaught, the dedication and enthusiasm of his people, and the helpfulness of the staff all contributed to a very meaningful year for all four of us.

John D. Floyd
(missionary to the Philippines)
Memphis, Tenn.

Disappointed

I was reared in a non-Christian home. My family was not evangelized, but we were taught that the Bible was true.

Later, when I was 28, Jesus saved me. A preacher read from God's Word about Jesus' death on the cross for my sins. . . . Since then, I have been disappointed many times. Usually it is when I hear about someone who claims to be saved but does not believe the Bible.

My heart sank when I read the May issue. The article by Mrs. Rosser is a . . . wild effort to justify an unscriptural view. She was not objective in her use of the Bible.

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Time for Renewal

The coming of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, followed by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, brings a time of deep spiritual renewal that permeates the life of the churches and reaches deeply into our hearts.

It brings renewal of our awareness of human need. Amid the activity of modern life it is easy to become dulled to the vast needs of our fellowman. We know the needs are real, but they are obscured by the many things that claim our attention.

Then comes the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Offering. The faces of people from all over the world begin to come before us. We see them as Paul described them, "without hope and without God in the world." We hear them, as did the apostle long ago, saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." We see many of them with weakened bodies and evidences of hunger and malnutrition. Little children with bloated stomachs and spindly legs look at us with big, longing eyes that haunt us.

When our awareness of need becomes sharp, we experience renewal of commitment to the world-encircling task our Lord has entrusted to us. We see all the more clearly what it means to follow Jesus and understand better our essential task. Priorities begin to be established, and we recognize that the immediacy of a good work should not blind us to overwhelming responsibilities for millions who need to know our Lord. We become committed to our Lord's command.

With this commitment we experience a renewal of intercession. The Week of Prayer calls us to lift our hearts to God for his work everywhere. We are able to hold missionaries up before the throne of grace and to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to rest upon their ministries. We pray for the Spirit's power to bring conviction to people who need him, but who do not realize what their need really is. We cry out to God for mighty power upon far-reaching cru-

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sades of evangelism in vast cities and for our Lord's strength for patient endurance for his servants at work in difficult and dangerous places.

This brings us a renewal of our sharing through giving. When our hearts feel deeply about a broken world and our Lord's expectations, we long to help. It is then we thank God for the Cooperative Program, which week by week gives us opportunity to undergird work being done at home and abroad. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering allows us a special opportunity to bring a love gift, knowing that what is brought through this offering enables twice as much to be done in more than 80 countries than otherwise would be possible.

Those gifts become missionaries at work: preaching, teaching, publishing, training, healing, and doing a thousand things for the glory of Christ. Those gifts become church buildings, equipment for hospitals, publishing houses, and schools. Our gifts are multiplied in their value like the five loaves and two fishes blessed by the Master's touch.

All of this brings a renewal of heart-searching. We find ourselves looking up and saying, "Speak, Lord, thy servant is listening." Our hearts cry out, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

Even though we have tried to serve our Master, we long to serve him better. We desire to serve him until the journey's end, and then look to him to set

us working anew in that heavenly land where all is praise and glory.

Many who are young lay their lives upon the altar for lifelong service on mission fields. Some who are older discover that they can find ways to be personally involved.

There comes a renewal of confidence that Christ will have the victory. Sometimes we are so beset by the constant barrage of disquieting news that we hardly know what to think. Nations rise and fall; governments are overturned; disorders break out; natural disasters occur. No storm becomes quiet before another begins to rage.

Even the strongest in faith must look carefully to the promises of God to maintain a sense of assurance. When the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering come, we abide in the presence of our Lord and listen anew to his words of command. In the light of his promises we become completely confident that the purposes of our Lord will be fully accomplished.

In the spirit of this assurance, we lay hand afresh upon our responsibilities. Lifting high our hearts in praise to God, we lay our gifts upon the altar, grateful that we have the privilege of sharing with our Lord in what he is doing. Thank God for the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and for the work of Woman's Missionary Union that makes possible this time for renewal.

LETTERS

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While she had her guns aimed at Ephesians 2:1-23, Colossians 3:18 shot her view and killed it. Her "Rebuttal on Submission" was submitted to a rebuttal.

Please use more of the space in THE COMMISSION to tell about souls being saved instead of an open attack on the Word of God.

Bobby Gibson
Quitman, Ark.

Finding the Pattern

Thanks to Elaine Herrin for the illustrated article (August) "Postscript to Poetry." The lady, no doubt, is both sensitive and talented—good traits for a missionary.

In regard to Mrs. Rosser's article, how about a middle-of-the-argument note? Does the Bible teach 100 percent husband domination and 100 percent wife submission, or does it teach 51 percent husband domination and 49 percent wife submission? In either case, the husband is head, but what a difference in the decision-making roles in the two cases!

While Christians keep pushing set patterns for marital relationships, God allows freedom. Under his lordship a husband and wife will find a dominance-submission pattern which is uniquely tailored to them and where "all" gets done to his glory.

Mrs. Evelyn Evans (missionary)
Monrovia, Liberia

Family Visit

Having spent several years overseas with my military husband and knowing many of our missionaries personally, I enjoy reading THE COMMISSION from cover to cover. . . .

The arrival of the August issue was very special, with the coverage of the appointment of our newest missionaries and the article on Yemen by Roberta Dorr. My sister, Miss Annie Sue Clift, is a former missionary there. I feel that I hear from "my family" when THE COMMISSION arrives.

Ella M. Poplin
Virginia Beach, Va.

Enriches Mission Meetings

How we enjoy reading THE COMMISSION! It really helps us keep up with our missionary friends. It also greatly enriches our mission group meetings, as I am able to share it with those who do not receive it.

We would like to send a subscription for one year to some friends of ours.

Mrs. Orvel Johnson
Manassas Park, Va.

Thanks for Epistles

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks! Nine Epistles [Aug. issue]. The most since May '74 or March '74 and Nov. '72. The Walldrops "Surinam Letters" is a most unique and informing, inspiring article.

Merle and Clarence Richardson
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Missions Update . . .

Heading the list of requests for 1,217 new Southern Baptist foreign missionaries for 1976 was the call for evangelistic workers. The requests, for reinforcements, replacements, and initiators of new work, are divided into 46 categories of service, but half were for persons in evangelism and church development. For every general evangelist appointed last year, ten such requests remained unfilled. Besides evangelistic workers, a large number of medical mission personnel are needed.

Riots, demonstrations, changes in government, and a tense political climate did not deter Baptists in PORTUGAL from carrying out their evangelistic campaign in mid-October. The crusade was to include services in the 45 churches of the Portuguese Baptist Convention. Two factors in the decision to go ahead: the great need for evangelistic effort now; uncertainty about future possibilities to hold such campaigns. The Baptist summer camping program, completed in September, also was held despite turmoil.

Faced with an "uncertain future in a political climate not conducive to effective mission work," Southern Baptist missionaries to MOZAMBIQUE, in southeastern Africa, have withdrawn to SOUTH AFRICA, reports DAVIS L. SAUNDERS, Foreign Mission Board secretary for the area. Two Southern Baptist couples are assigned to Mozambique: MR. and MRS. JOHN A. POE, who arrived there in August after transfer from BRAZIL, flew to South Africa in September; MR. and MRS. C. ERNEST HARVEY had left in August for furlough in the U.S. Saunders reported that official permission for operation of the Baptist Bible Institute in Mozambique had been refused. He also said missionaries were having trouble in financial transactions due to government restrictions and that the overall political climate blocked the continuance of effective ministries.

Although lasting peace in BEIRUT, LEBANON, seemed doubtful in late September, Southern Baptist missionaries and Lebanese Baptists decided to reopen the Baptist seminary and Beirut Baptist School. Said Area Secretary J. D. HUGHEY, "The missionaries in Lebanon (seven families) plan to go on with normal activity as much as is possible." Earlier, heavy fighting and strict curfews had kept missionaries close to their homes and forced a near standstill in some areas of work.

Now printing Bibles in BRAZIL is the 57-ton printing press dedicated recently at the Brazilian Baptist publishing plant in RIO DE JANEIRO. The 76-inch rotary press was given by Kingsport Press, Inc., KINGSFORT, TENN., in 1971, but necessary parts were missing when the equipment arrived. Early this year the donating firm dismantled the last press of its type, and needed parts became available. The press replaces equipment bought in the early 1930s. The printing of Bibles will now be quadrupled. . . . To hear messages of hope and comfort on a pre-recorded telephone answering service, more than 12,000 persons called in over a recent three-month period in RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL. Of the callers, 1,260 left their addresses and asked further spiritual counsel.

The Foreign Mission Board in September appropriated \$99,285 for assistance following flood damage in BRAZIL. The Board also voted \$85,000 for work with refugees in ANGOLA, THAILAND, PORTUGAL, and at FT. CHAFFEE, ARK. Gifts for world relief channeled through the Board exceeded \$1.2 million during the first eight months of 1975.

More than 300 persons registered for the week-long Baptist youth congress held in NASSAU by the Baptist Young People's Fellowship of the Bahamas national Baptist convention. . . . Eight Baptist pastors from TRINIDAD held a total of 16 crusades in churches throughout GUYANA recently. . . . Baptists representing MEXICO, the five CENTRAL AMERICAN countries, and PANAMA met in COSTA RICA for five days of study on writing, literature distribution, book store management, and related topics. Missionary L. LAVERNE GREGORY, of Mexico, led in the first use of his book, Evangelize with the Printed Page.