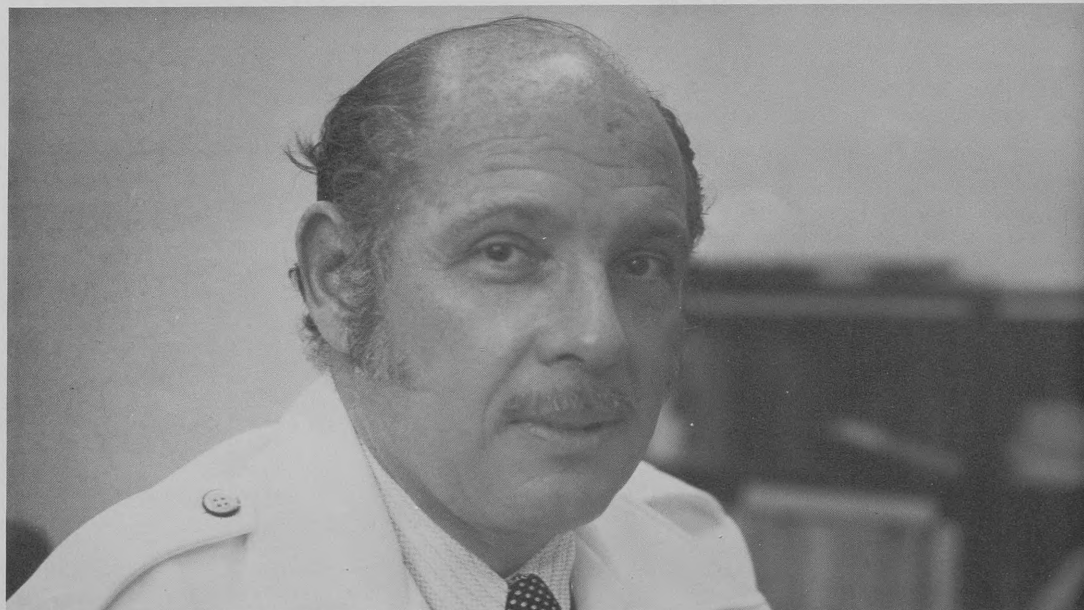


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Davis L. Saunders, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, in his Richmond, Va., office.

THE CHANGING SCENE

By Davis L. Saunders

During the annual meeting of the Rhodesian Baptist Mission in Gwelo, Rhodesia, in May, Ralph and Betty Jean Bowlin were accorded recognition for 25 years of missionary service with the Foreign Mission Board. When asked about their arrival in Africa in May 1951, Bowlin replied that they were greeted by Clyde and Anneli Dotson, the only Southern Baptist missionaries in Rhodesia at that time. In fact, the Dotsons were the only Southern Baptist missionaries located in any of the countries of Eastern and Southern Africa, which are the subject of this issue of *The Commission*.

Today more than 375 missionaries are assigned to 12 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa, although political events have caused the temporary relocation of a few missionaries in three of the countries. These missionaries are involved with about 60,000 African Baptists, working primarily through nine national conventions. Even though the conventions are limited in size and in their ability to initiate extensive programs without substantial help from the Southern Baptist missionaries working in their midst, most of them are growing rapidly, both in numbers and in the awareness of their responsibility in sharing the gospel within the borders of their own countries.

With the changing scene in politics,

economics, and other facets of life in these developing countries, open doors are leading to new, challenging, and exciting approaches to missionary service by Southern Baptists. National governments are increasingly involved in the operation of schools and hospitals. They are also insisting that their own citizens be given every opportunity for employment and for utilizing skills which they are rapidly acquiring. Therefore, the national convention leadership is increasingly involved in the coordination and cooperation necessary for the acceptance of American missionaries in their midst.

An increasing number of missionaries are involved in church-related activities rather than in institutions. The scope for specific assignment has thereby been enlarged to include tasks that in the past have, of necessity, been neglected. Leadership training is becoming the primary emphasis, while personal and exemplary evangelism are never to be forgotten. Missionaries are serving in seminaries, Bible schools, programs of Theological Education by Extension, and Bible Way Correspondence schools.

A growing number of general evangelistic missionaries are developing special qualifications in leadership training on the local level. Additional missionaries are being requested to work with youth

and students, in cooperation with the churches, associations, and conventions. Others are involved in extending Christian witness and training through radio, television, cassette, and literature ministries. Further opportunities are emerging for agricultural, veterinarian, and handicraft missionaries to assist in community development projects. Government programs for meeting medical needs in individual countries are creating a need to shift from curative to preventive medicine in the future, as far as the assignment of missionary personnel to new medical ministries.

Missionaries in Eastern and Southern Africa are facing the challenge of a greater demand for Spirit-led change, innovation, and cultural adaptation in music, in other forms of worship, and in witnessing, in both the tribal setting and the new urban development. Thus, goals for the future call for more than an increase in personnel and financial resources, although these are an integral part of the search for continuing growth. The vision must be an increase in the sense of urgency, in the concept of versatility, and in a continuing strengthening of the real partnership between missionaries and national Christians in shouldering the responsibilities for the sharing of the gospel with the millions in these countries. **TC**



Bricks for a new church building dry in the sun in Malawi.

Eastern and Southern AFRICA

A Photo Portfolio
by Bob Harper

Last fall Art Editor Bob Harper conducted art exhibits at the request of Baptist Missions in four countries of Eastern and Southern Africa. He also visited most of the other countries where Southern Baptists carry on mission work in that area. In this issue a photographic portfolio by Harper provides a glimpse of each field. The photos major on an artistic look at the people and the setting in each country. (Circumstances prevented Harper from visiting two fields; in these instances photos made earlier by Missionary Gerald S. Harvey have been used.)

Almost the entire issue is devoted to the portfolio, with introduction by Area Secretary Davis L. Saunders and brief text about each field by the editorial staff. This issue affords lasting visual resources for mission study on the area.



EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

KENYA

"S"ince Kenya's independence in 1963 there has been a remarkable growth of a national spirit," Missionary Laura Lee (Mrs. R. Jay) Stewart has written. "As difficult as it is, with the varied cultural patterns and prejudices of the 40 tribes, the people have recognized that they have much in common and are advancing as a united people."

Kenya was once a British colony and protectorate. Now it is a republic within the British Commonwealth. In area twice the size of the state of Arizona, it has a population of almost twelve and a half million. Included among its people are many Asians and Europeans, as well as Africans. Swahili, Kikuyu, and other Bantu languages are predominant. Religions include Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, and animism.

Christian missionaries have ministered in Kenya since the 1840s. Missionaries of several denominations and independent groups serve there today. Southern Baptists began work there in 1956 (see July issue of *The Commission*, marking the twentieth anniversary). The East Africa Mission, which now includes Kenya and Tanzania (and formerly Uganda), is to be divided into separate Missions in 1978.

The Baptist Mission carries on a variety of approaches in Kenya.

In evangelism and church planting, "Work in rural areas is the bulk of Baptist effort," writes Mrs. Stewart. "The largest number of churches is in the country." Among regions showing good response are Nyeri, near Mt. Kenya; Kisumu and Kitale, in western Kenya; and Nakuru. Some work is carried on among the Masai. A training program for church lay leaders is under way.

In the cities strong Baptist work has been established in Nairobi, the capital, and in the port city of Mombasa.



Top, left: Kenyatta convention center in Nairobi, Kenya. **Right:** Missionary Martha (Mrs. John T.) Adams, a nurse, assists at Baptist clinic in Mathari Valley area of Nairobi. **Above:** A fence attracts the curious anywhere.



Baptist Publications, located in Nairobi, looks after the writing, printing, and distribution of literature to churches.

In the recording studios of Baptist Communications, also in Nairobi, programs are prepared for radio and television. Cassette tape programs also are produced for teaching and witnessing.

The Bible Way Correspondence School, introduced in Kenya in 1972, provides systematic Bible study for people at home; enrollment in 1975 exceeded 9,000.

Community centers are located in Nairobi and Mombasa; these provide adult education courses, kindergartens, and other community services. Baptist medical clinics are provided at Nairobi and Kisumu. Agricultural missions is carried on at Limuru.

Baptist high schools operate at Mombasa

and Nyeri. Bible Schools are located at Kitale and Kisumu. The Baptist Theological Seminary of East Africa, at Arusha, Tanzania, serves both Kenya and Tanzania.

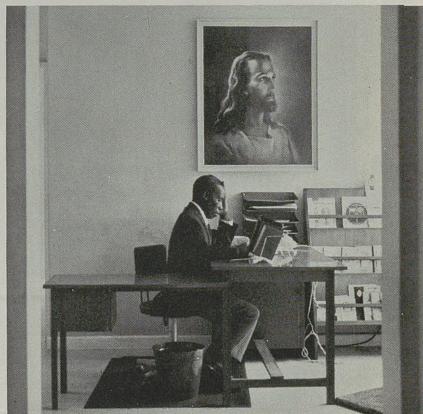
The Baptist Assembly at Limuru is used for meetings of various Baptist groups, including the East Africa Mission. The language school for new missionaries is located there. It was at the assembly that the Baptist Convention of Kenya was organized in 1971.

The Convention has 274 affiliated churches (170 of them classified as self-supporting), with a total of 15,104 members. There are 129 national pastors.

Southern Baptist missionary personnel assigned there as of June 1 totaled 108, including 92 career missionaries, one missionary associate, and 15 missionary journeymen. **TC**

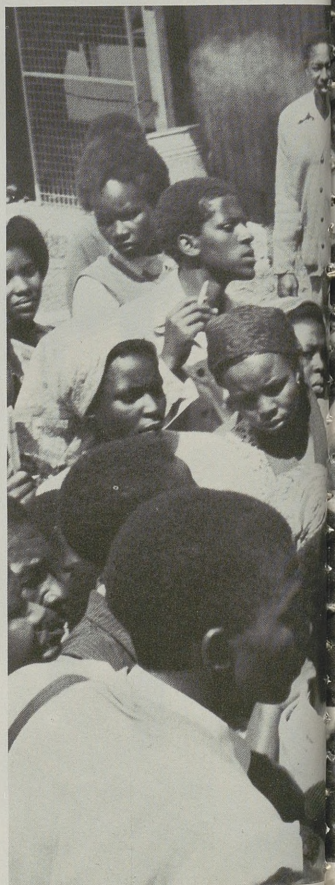


Facing page: Statue of Kenyan President Jomo Kenyatta in Nairobi **Left:** Janice Poe, daughter of Missionaries John and Jean Poe, walks along porch at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, school for children of missionaries in several countries.



Translator Absalum Karuga at Baptist Publication Center in Nairobi.

*At display in
Kenya, stuffed
leopard allows
a closeup.*



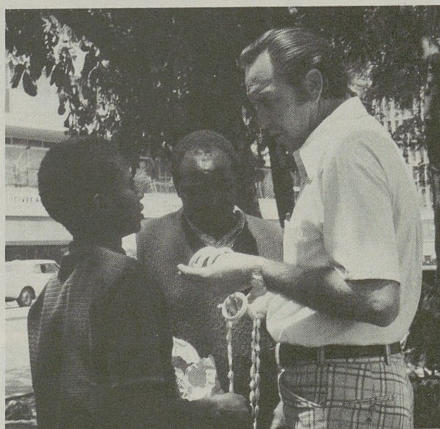


At Nairobi fair
two attractions
are swings (l) and
traditional dancers.





Above: Tourist buys
a souvenir from
sidewalk vendor.
Right: Missionary
Norman W. Wood
talks with vendor.
Far right: Freedom
monument in Lusaka.



ZAMBIA

With the gaining of independence in 1964, the nation shaped much like a butterfly left behind it the name of Northern Rhodesia and became Zambia. About the size of the state of Texas, Zambia's population is 4.6 million. Among its many natural resources, copper has been extensively mined; Zambia's output makes up about one-third of the world's supply.

Young in years, Zambia, which takes its name from the Zambezi River, also has a youthful population—about half are under 16 years of age. More than 90 tribes compose the African population.

Mission work has a comparatively long history in Zambia. It was here that David Livingstone died in 1873 after more than 20 years of exploration and evangelism. A number of Christian groups carried on mission work in the years that followed. The Bible was translated into several tribal tongues.

Southern Baptist participation began with the sending of two couples to Kitwe, in the Copperbelt, in late 1959. "Following nine months of study in the Bemba language, they began preaching services, resulting in two professions of faith in their first Sunday-morning service," writes Missionary Norman W. Wood. "The work has grown at a steady pace ever since."

He adds, "The strongest work is in the cities of the Copperbelt. But Southern Baptist witness has grown to include the capital city of Lusaka and several other widely scattered urban and rural areas."

Baptist associations from three areas of Zambia met in 1974 to form the Baptist Convention of Zambia. It now has 54 churches, all but three classified self-supporting. Membership in the churches totals 3,085; there are 33 national pastors.

The Bible Way Correspondence School originated in Zambia in 1964 and has been a major means of outreach. Bible Way methods and materials have been adapted for use in many other Southern Baptist mission fields.

Agricultural mission work is carried on at Petauke and Serenje. There also is a Baptist training center at Petauke.



Looking over literature in a Bible class.

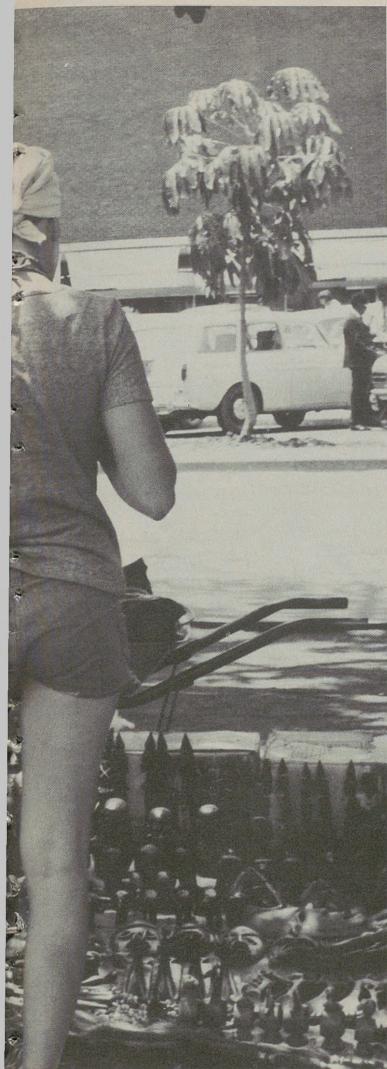
But much of the Baptist work is located in Lusaka. Baptist Publications House produces materials in English and several local languages. Included among materials are texts for the Bible Way Correspondence School. Baptist missionaries and nationals in Zambia write most of the materials printed.

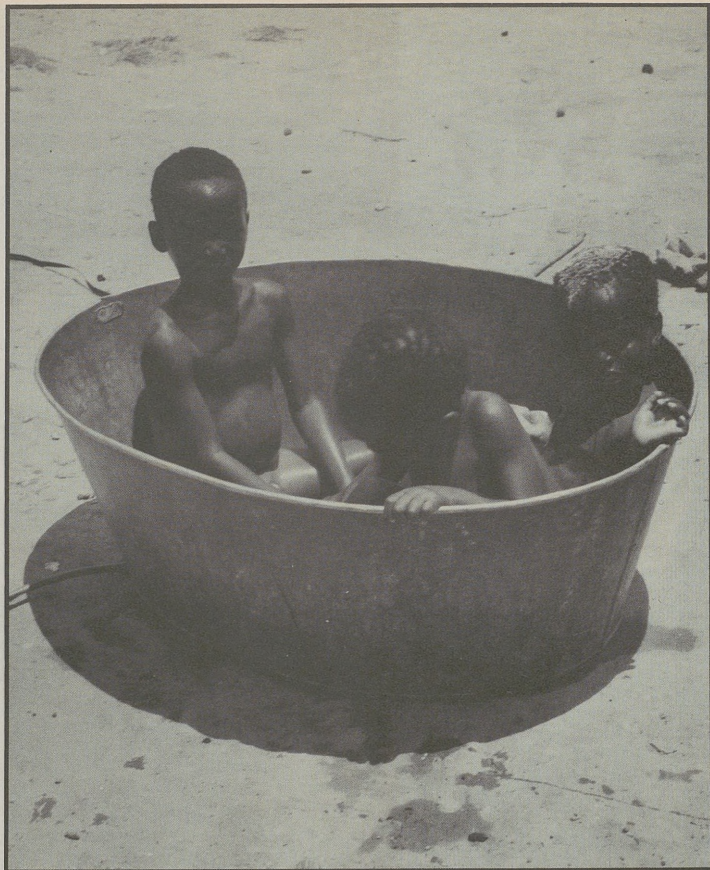
Also in Lusaka is the Baptist Communications Center with a recording studio where radio broadcasts in English, Nyanja, and Bemba are prepared. Baptists also produce and provide programs for television.

The Baptist Theological Seminary, offering a three-year course, is also at Lusaka. The seminary is endeavoring to expand its outreach through Theological Education by Extension.

"Muslim influence is growing, as is nationalism and the accompanying suspicion of the 'white man's religion,'" notes Wood. But he adds, "The people of Zambia are ready and eager to hear the claims of Christ."

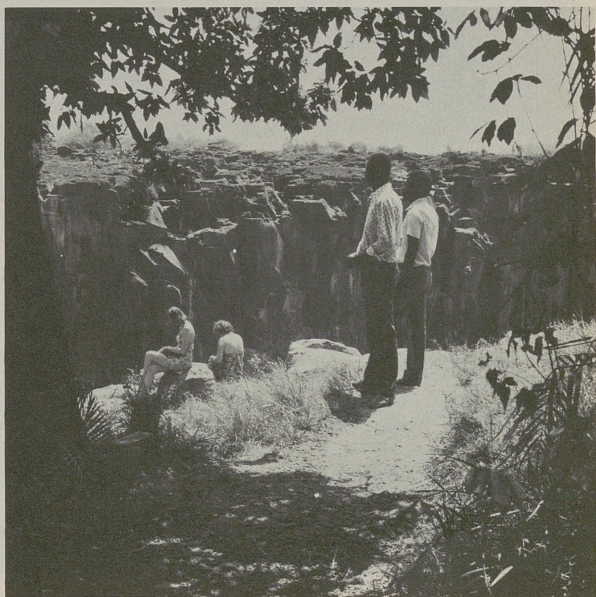
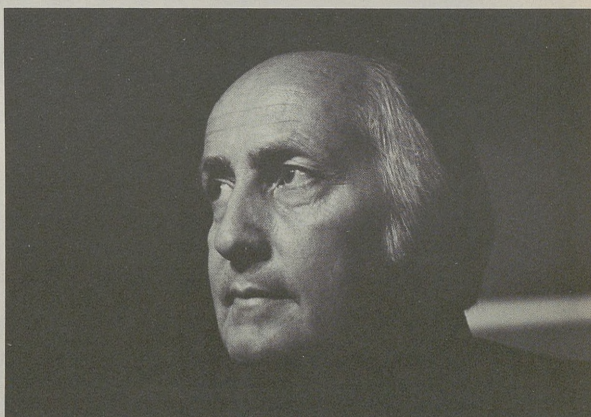
Assigned to Zambia as of June 1: 33 Southern Baptist missionary personnel. They include 25 career missionaries, 6 missionary associates, and 2 missionary journeymen. TC





Below: *Missionary Journeyman Steve Childers joins the Tom Smalls for lunch.*





Right, above: Missionary Associate Robert F. Baugh at Mission meeting.
Right: At an overlook for Victoria Falls.



Below: In Gaborone, Botswana, Missionary Roy G. Davidson, Jr., talks with Botswanan.

BOTSWANA

Another of the many new national names to appear on the African continent since the end of World War II is that of Botswana. Until its independence in 1966, the country was known as Bechuanaland, a British protectorate.

Although about the size of the combined states of Nevada and Arizona, Botswana has a population of only 646,000. English and Tswana are the principal languages; English is the official tongue.

About 90 percent of the population are of the group known as Tswana, with at least eight principal tribes. There are small numbers of Europeans and Euro-Africans (colored), a handful of Asians, and some 24,000 Bushmen, one of the most primitive groups still found on earth.

Cattle and livestock products have made up more than nine-tenths of annual exports, but recent mineral discoveries—copper-nickel, copper, diamonds, and coal—promise a more profitable commercial future.

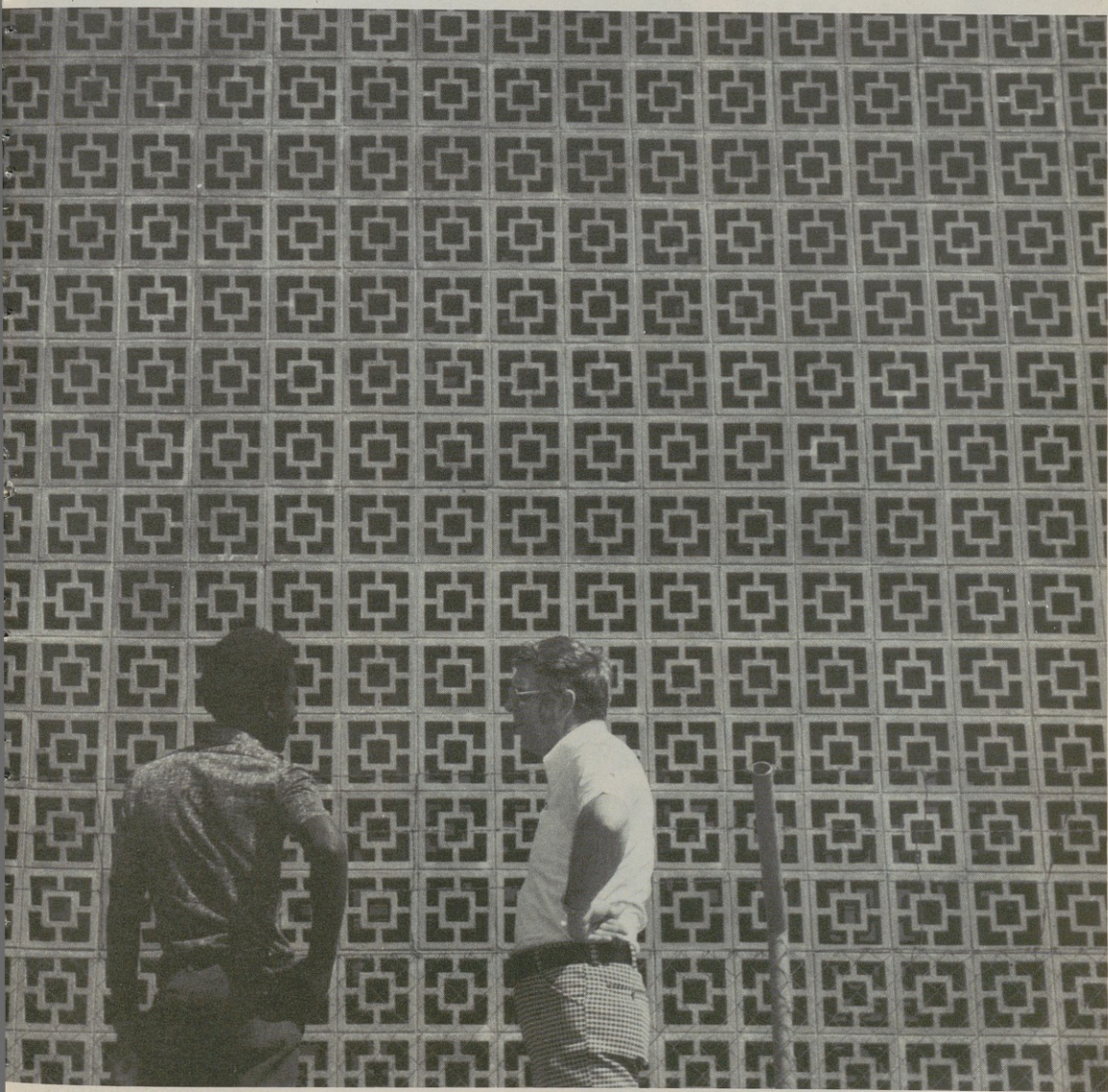
Famous names among missionaries, David Livingstone and Robert Moffat, of the London Missionary Society, carried on work in Botswana in the 1800s. Moffat even

made a Tswana translation of the Scripture, the first translation of the Bible ever made into an African tongue. London Missionary Society (now the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa) opened the first schools in the country.

Several other Christian groups have carried on mission work there. Mainly to minister to members who migrated from England, the Anglican Church opened work in 1885. Roman Catholics began their present efforts in the country in 1951. Other mission groups include Dutch Reformed and Lutheran Church (each working mainly with one tribe); Seventh-day Adventist; Methodist Church (small); Church of God; Assemblies of God.

And now Southern Baptists. Their first missionary couple arrived in Botswana in 1968. The need for such work was brought to the Foreign Mission Board's attention by the South Africa Baptist Missionary Society. The second Baptist missionary couple were a missionary associate dentist and his wife; he became the only resident dentist in northeastern Botswana. The Baptist dental clinic in Francistown meets physical needs and also opens the way for gospel contact.





Missionary Ed L. Smith (l) at the Francistown railway station.



Baptist work is carried on at Pikwe, in the far eastern section of Botswana, a newly constructed town centered around copper-nickel mining. Regular visits to Pikwe by the Mission dentist have helped open that community to Baptist witness. And Baptist work is now carried on in Gaborone, the capital, and in Kasame.

Citing the need for Baptist ministry in the country, two of the missionaries have expressed it this way: "There are many people who have no concept at all of what a new birth, or regeneration, is about. There are still some villages where no gospel witness is being made. Apparent also in the current spiritual climate is the fact that some of the more progressive and evangelical groups in Botswana are indigenous sects who mix Bible truths with teachings of witchcraft."

Currently there are three Baptist churches in Botswana, one of them self-supporting. Total membership is near 100.

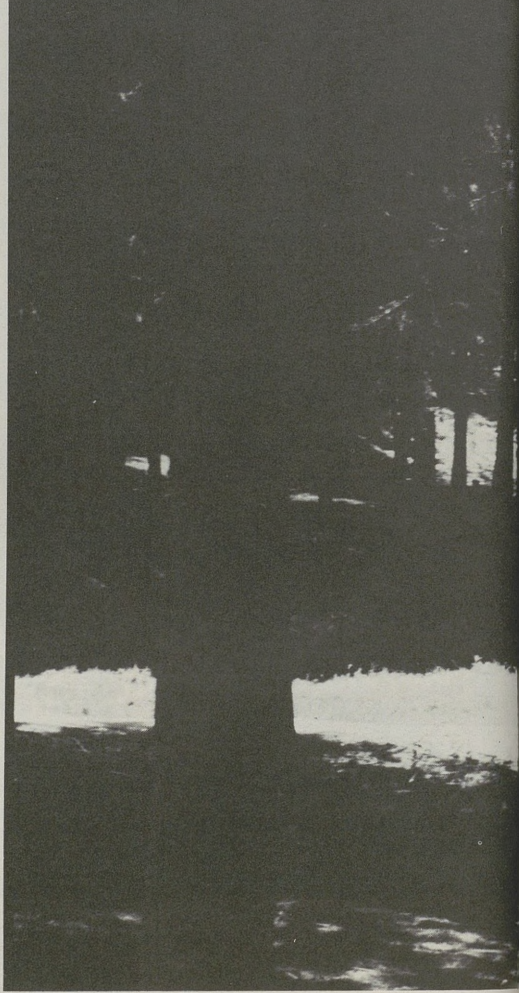
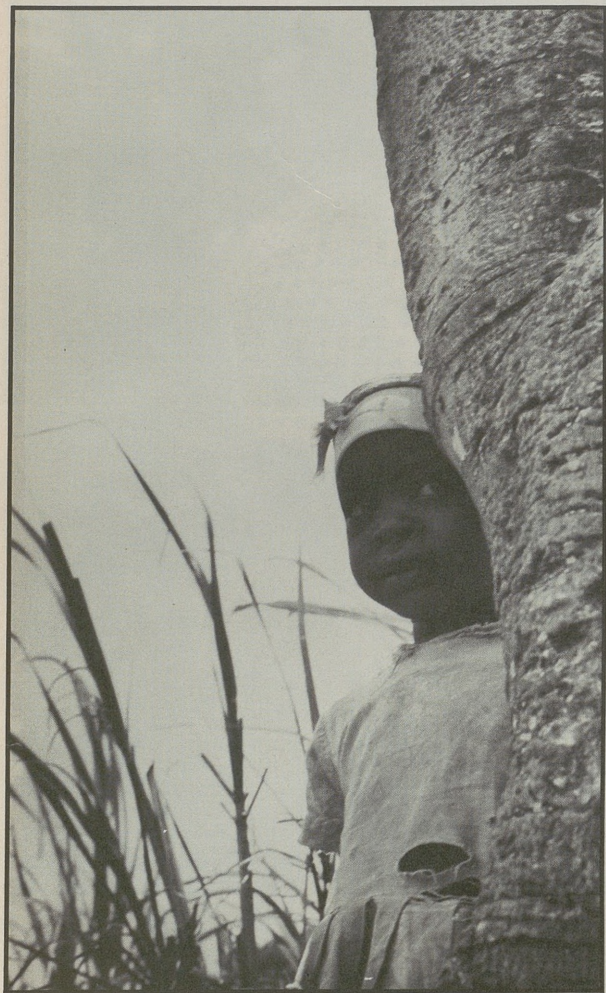
As of June 1, Southern Baptist missionary personnel assigned to Botswana included ten career missionaries, two missionary associates, and one missionary journeyman.

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Mrs. Davidson carries on a bench conversation in Gaborone.





MALAWI

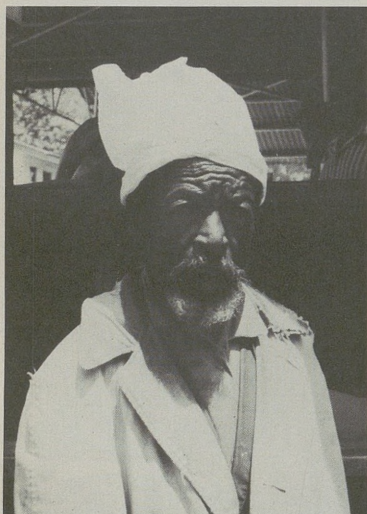
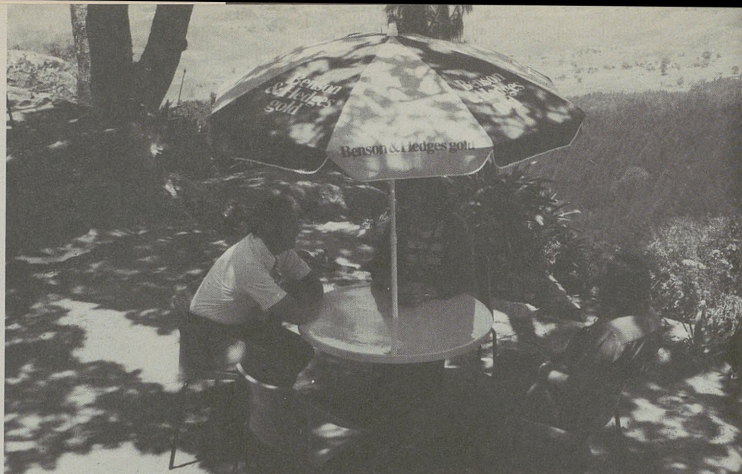
The nearly 4.8 million people of Malawi are almost 100 percent African. Although of many ethnic groups, the people belong to the Bantu linguistic family. The main vernacular is Chewa, but other languages and English are also spoken.

Formerly known as Nyasaland, the country, about the size of Pennsylvania in area, became independent in 1964. Lake Malawi, along the eastern edge of the nation, is the third largest lake on the continent.

"As a nation, Malawi has been eager to hear the gospel," says Missionary Charles R.



Relaxing for a bit at hotel patio on Mt. Zomba are Zeb Moss (l), Foreign Mission Board radio-TV representative for Africa, and Missionaries Ernest and Auttie Sibley.



Middleton. "Anglicans and Presbyterians were the first to bring Christianity to the tribes that now make up Malawi. Today, missionaries from many denominations make their contribution to a unified country.

"Tribalism is played down among the peace-loving people," Middleton continues, "and they proudly call themselves Malawians. There are no tribal, racial, political, or other boundaries to prevent the gospel from spreading."

Most of the people of Malawi follow



Missionary Charles R. Middleton walks in front of one of Blantyre, Malawi's commercial buildings.

traditional African religions; others are Muslim or Christian.

When Southern Baptist entered Malawi in 1959, they emphasized evangelism, church development, and leadership training. The first church resulting from their efforts was organized in 1962.

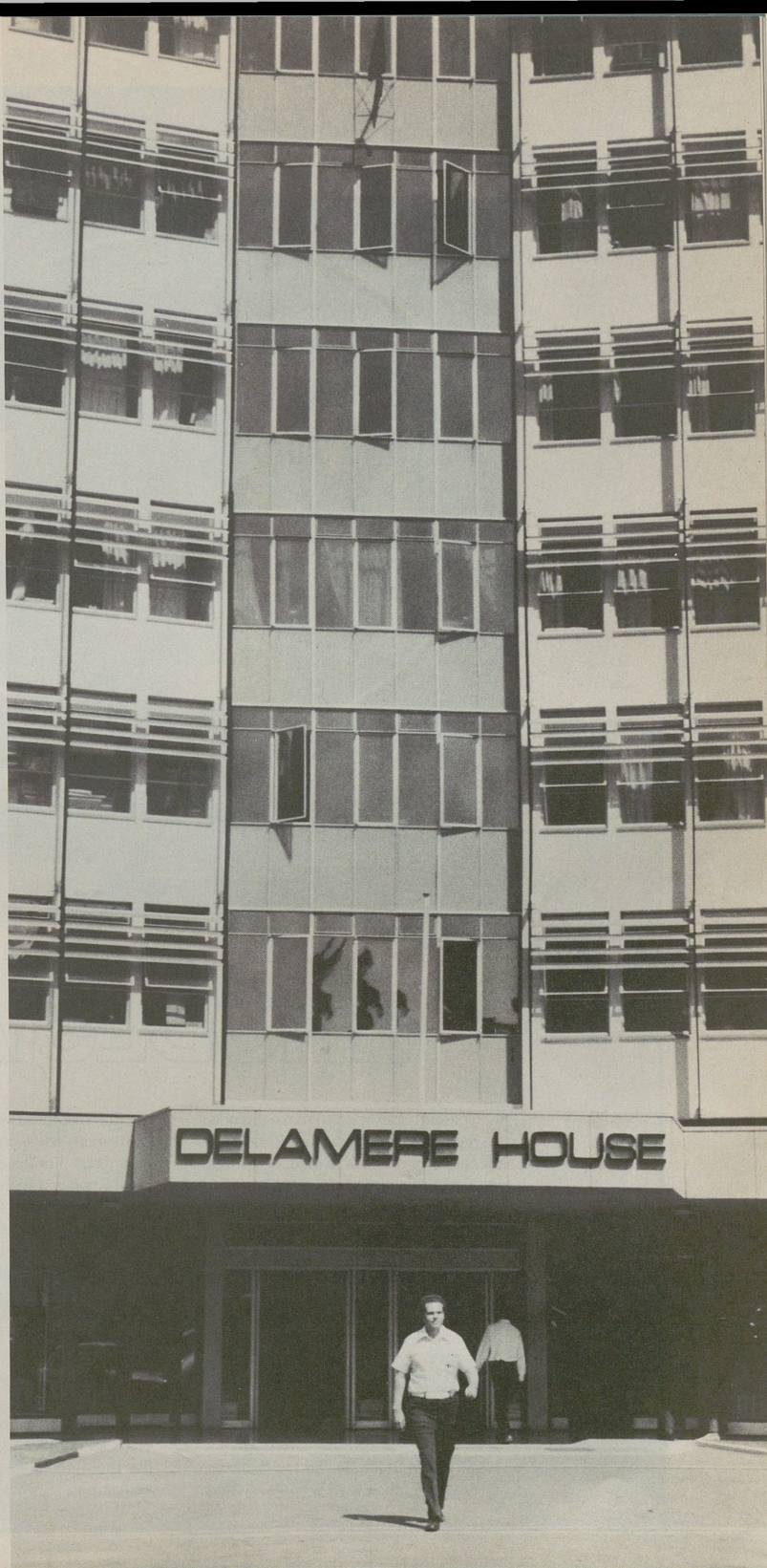
The Baptist Bible School in Lilongwe, now the capital, was opened in 1962 for training church leaders. The school offers short-term courses; it plans to progress to a full, three-year curriculum. Advanced students who know English go outside Malawi to one of the three Baptist seminaries in the area. Theological Education by Extension is also utilized, taking training to the home communities of church leaders and prospective leaders. And what is called "local leadership training," in which students from an area go to a central location for a period of training part of each month, is also employed.

The Baptist Convention of Malawi was organized in 1970. It has 215 churches, all self-supporting. There are 57 national pastors and 11,020 members in the churches. In 1973 the Convention sent a man to work with Chewa-speaking gold miners in South Africa. Although the mines were to pay his salary, the Convention considered him their first foreign missionary. The Convention also has named a full-time chairman of stewardship promotion to teach biblical stewardship and encourage tithing.

Besides the Bible school in Lilongwe, the publication center and the Bible Way Correspondence School are headquartered there. Missionaries carry on agricultural work in Balaka.

At Blantyre is located a community center and the mass media studio and office facilities. "Mass media reach out primarily through cassette tape and radio ministries," Middleton notes. "The cassette ministry has almost unlimited possibilities, because the written word cannot be read by a large number of villagers."

As of June 1, Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to Malawi totaled 27. These included 25 career missionaries and 2 missionary associates. **TC**





RHODESIA

Apparently destined to make the news regularly is the nation of Rhodesia, one focal point of black African discontent because of the country's white minority government. Among the 5.9 million residents, Africans outnumber Europeans about 18 to 1 in this landlocked country, similar in size to the state of Montana.

Southern Baptists first began working in Rhodesia in 1950 and have ministered almost entirely to African people. Missionaries carry on their ministry, as always, in a non-political stance, seeking to serve the people despite swirling political currents.

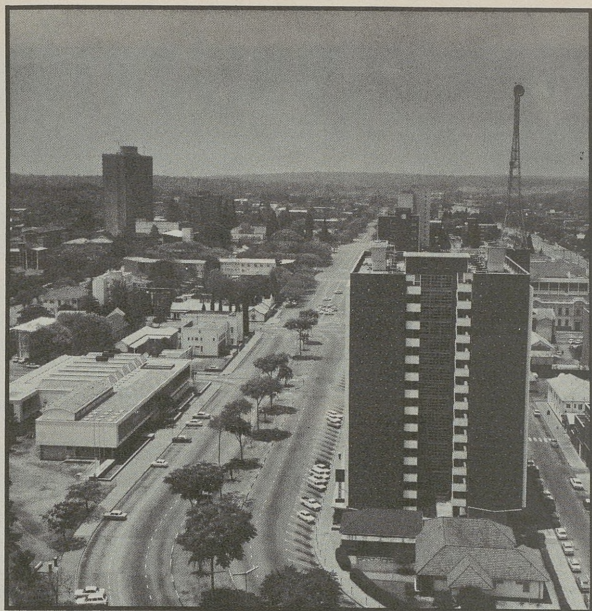
One of earth's impressive natural wonders, Victoria Falls, is at the border of Rhodesia and Zambia. David Livingstone discovered the falls in 1855. Early Mission-

ary Robert Moffat was followed by other white men—explorers, traders, missionaries, colonizers. Rhodesia derives its name from Cecil Rhodes, the British explorer who colonized the land for Britain.

Rhodesia declared its independence in 1965, changing its name from Southern Rhodesia and having a constitution assuring continued minority rule by the European portion of the population.

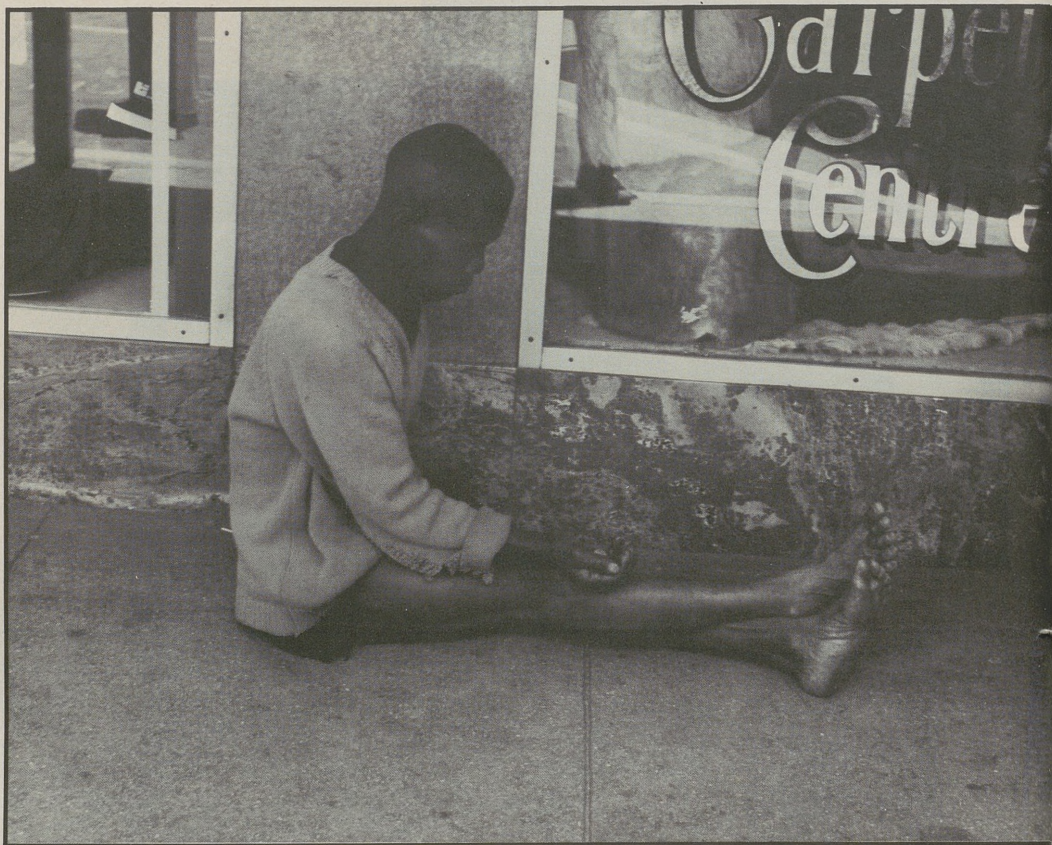
Religiously, most of the people are animists; there is a Christian minority. "Though animism continues to be a strong influence," missionaries point out, "the people are very responsive to the gospel."

Old traditions linger. Rural Africans live the simple life-style of their forefathers, with strong family ties and rule by a chief.



Boulevard stretches across part of Salisbury, Rhodesia.





Yet in recent years a growing number of Rhodesians have moved to the cities, established urban homes, and begun to live like Westerners.

The first Christian missionary effort in Rhodesia was short-lived. A Portuguese priest entered in 1560 but was martyred less than a year later. The London Missionary Society began work some 300 years later. In the 1890s the Church of England, Methodists, and the Dutch Reformed Church, along with other smaller groups, opened missionary outreach. Catholics and Presbyterians entered still later.

Southern Baptists, beginning ministry in 1950, were late arrivals to the mission front in Rhodesia. But the work has grown. In 1975 the Baptist Convention of Rhodesia, organized in 1963, sent out its first two home missionaries, to work among the Tonga people. The Convention now has 67 churches, 51 of them self-supporting. Membership totals 10,581; there are 32 national pastors. The total of churches and preaching points have been doubling every five years.

The Baptist publication center is located in Bulawayo, and the Bible correspondence school is headquartered there.

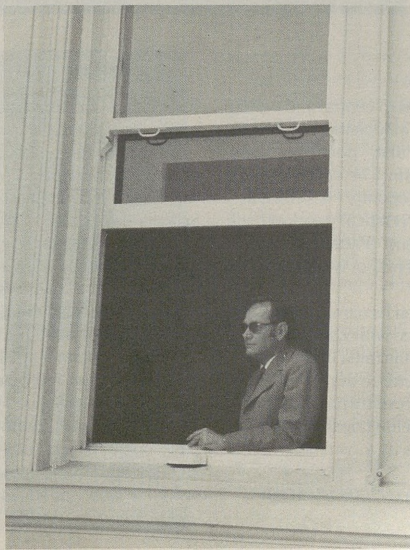
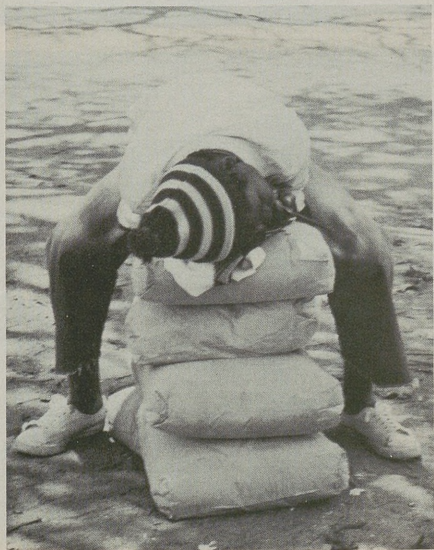
The Baptist Theological Seminary of Rhodesia is situated at Gwelo, in the center of the country. Theological education for untrained pastors and lay leaders is carried on through several centers in English, Ndebele, and Shona languages.

Also located at Gwelo are a Baptist primary school, book store, and camp. Another book store is at Plumtree. The recording and photography studio is stationed in Salisbury, the capital.

Much of the Baptist work has been carried on in government reserves—at Gokwe, where there is a Baptist clinic, and at Sanyati, with a Baptist hospital, high school, and primary school.

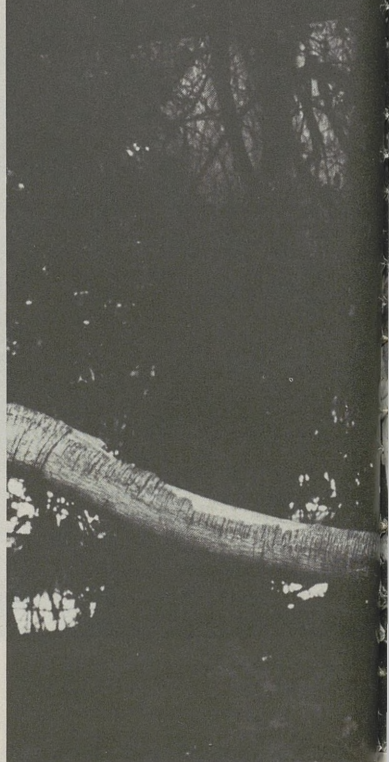
Southern Baptist missionary personnel assigned to Rhodesia as of June 1 totals 80, including 64 career missionaries, 8 missionary associates, 6 missionary journeymen, and 1 couple assigned as special project dentist.

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*Missionary
Samuel L.
Jones pauses
at window
of gas ration-
ing office.*

TANZANIA



Of all the nations in central and eastern Africa to gain independence, Tanganyika was among the first," points out Missionary Jack G. Partain. The date was 1961. Since that time, the country "has been a central figure in the political development of the entire continent," Partain adds. "Tanzania is at the center of what's happening in Africa."

The nation changed its name to Tanzania in 1964, when it united with Zanzibar, island off the east coast of Tanzania in the Indian Ocean. With an area twice that of the state of New Mexico, the country has a population of 14,377,000, belonging to about 120 tribes. Swahili serves as a common language.

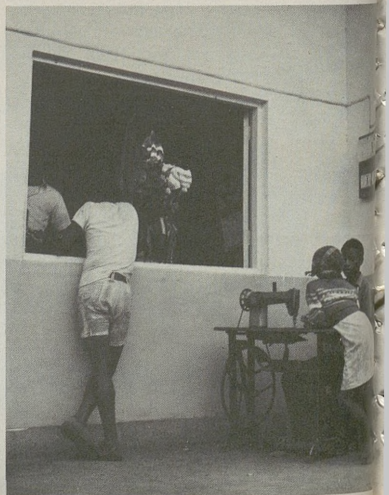
Prevalent religions include Islam, an-

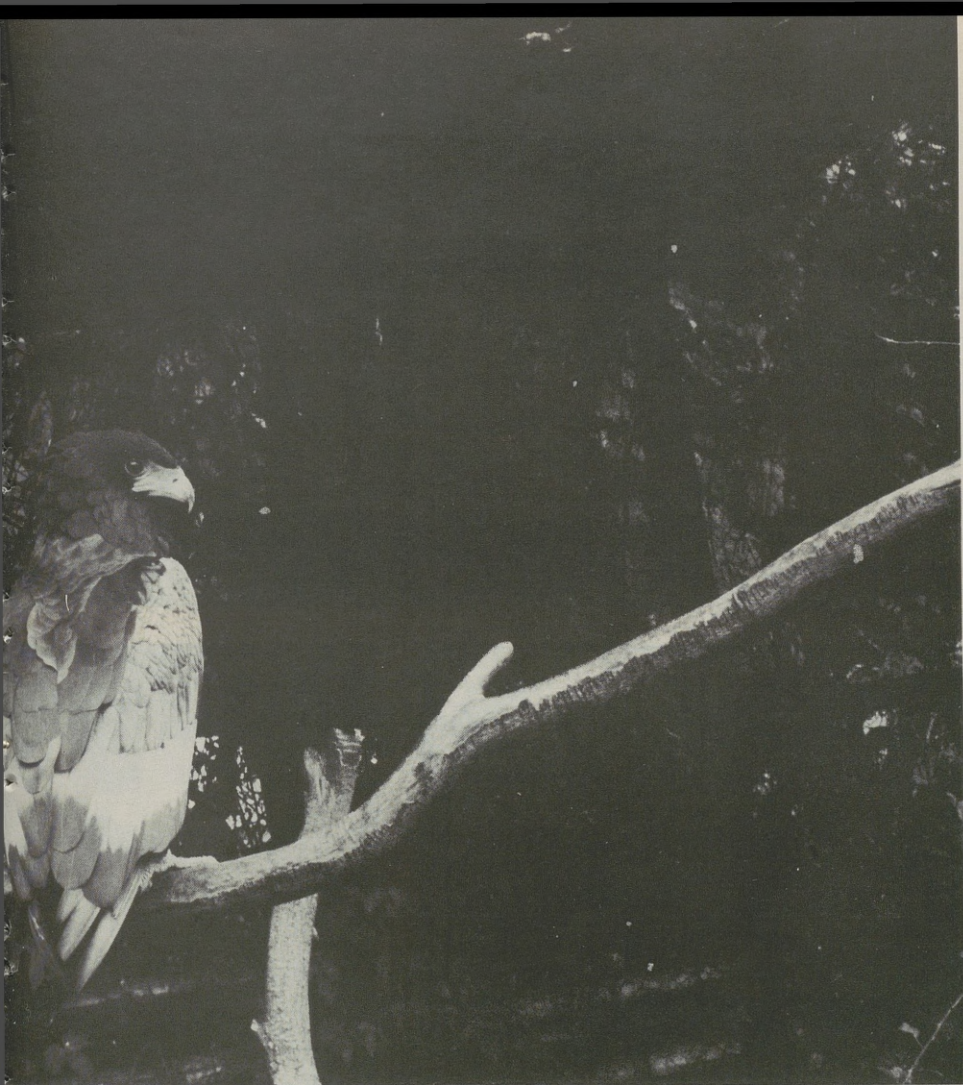
imism, and Christianity. Islam is strong, particularly along the coast.

"The most conspicuous centers of change" in the nation, points out Partain, "are Tanzania's 'urban islands.' Dar es Salaam, the capital, now has a population of about 350,000 and is expected to have a million people by 1989. Other towns are mushrooming in the same way."

In rural Tanzania changes are also taking place, as farmers are being urged to live together in communal villages.

For more than 100 years, Christian missions have been active in what is now Tanzania. "Roman Catholic, Anglican (Episcopalian), and Lutheran churches are all relatively strong," notes Partain. "Most everyone who was educated before 1960





was taught in a church-run school."

But the effect is not all positive. "In those times Christian missions were often identified with the colonial power," Partain writes. "And Christianity was widely regarded as the 'white man's religion.'"

Southern Baptists began work in Tanzania in 1956 (see July issue of *The Commission*, marking the 20th anniversary). Baptists began their work in Dar es Salaam. Besides churches, a community center is located there.

In the early days a Baptist tuberculosis hospital was established at Mbeya. This has now become a general hospital. Clinics directed by hospital personnel reach into outlying areas. Medical clinics are also

Friendly chimp attracts customer at hotel lawn outside Arusha, Tanzania.

provided at Kigoma, in the far west, and at Moshi, in the northeast.

Agricultural mission work is carried on at Kigoma and at Tukuyu, near the Malawian border.

The Baptist Theological Seminary of East Africa at Arusha serves both Tanzania and Kenya. During the seminary's first 15 years it graduated more than 100 men and their wives. Bible schools for training church leadership can be found at Kigoma and Tukuyu.

Baptist missionaries in Kenya and Tanzania work jointly in the Baptist Mission of

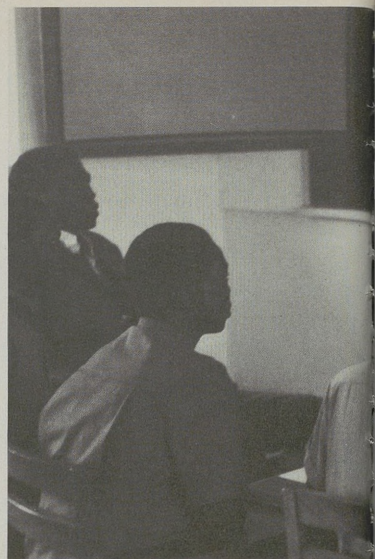
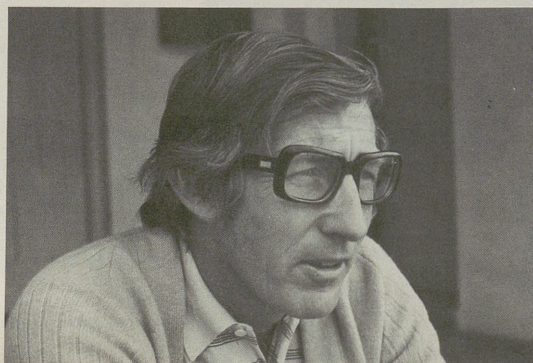
East Africa (missionaries in Uganda also were once a part). A separate Mission each for Kenya and Tanzania is to become effective in 1978.

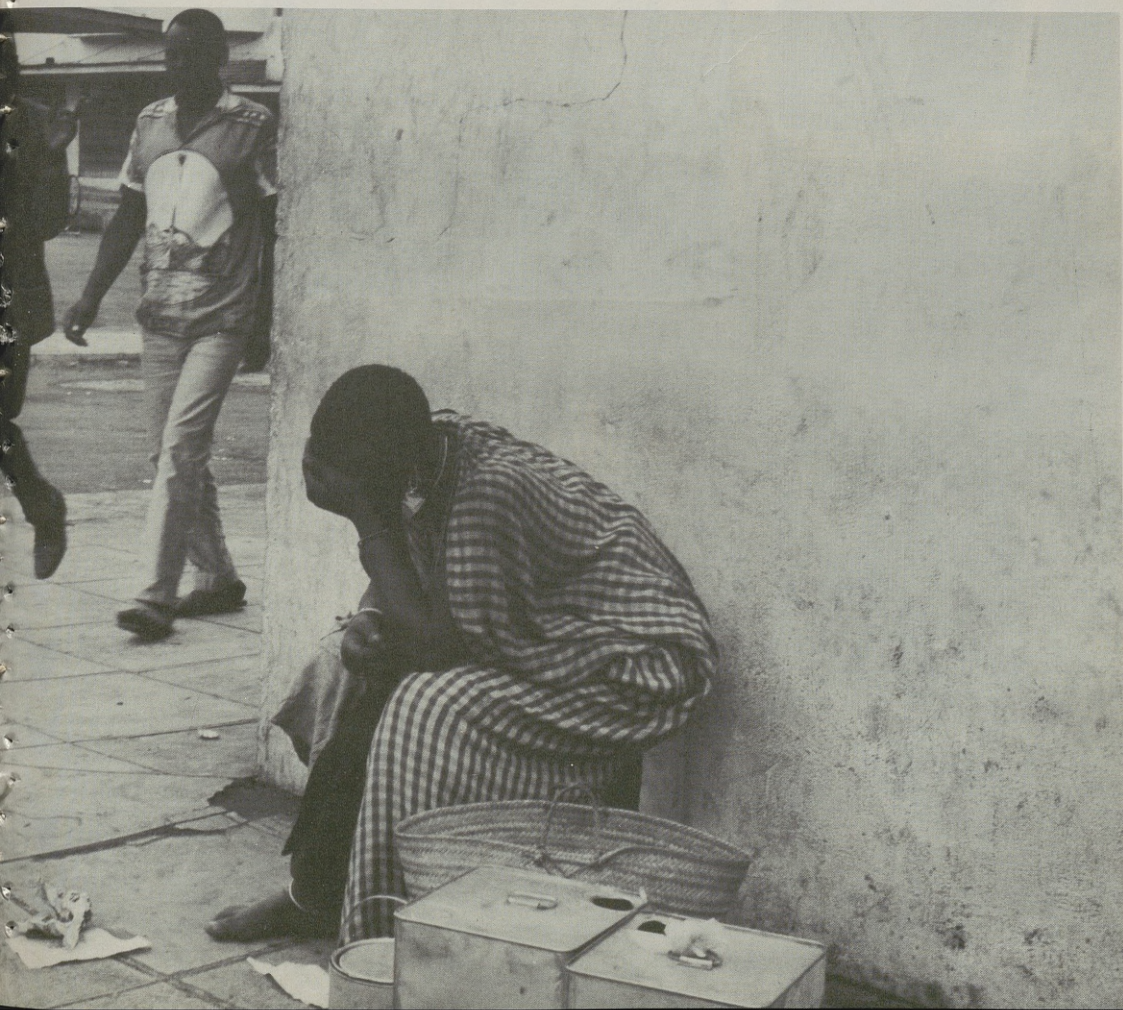
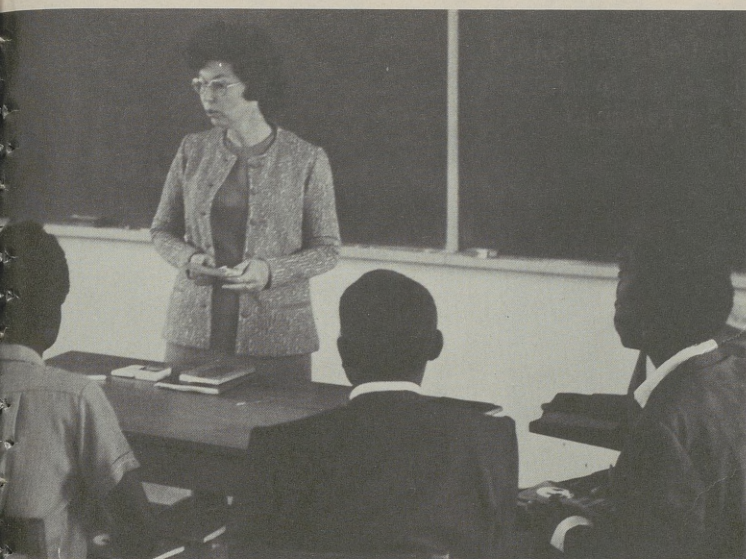
The Baptist Convention of Tanzania was formed in 1971. It counts 247 churches, with total membership of 14,186. Fifteen of the churches are self-supporting. National pastors number 271.

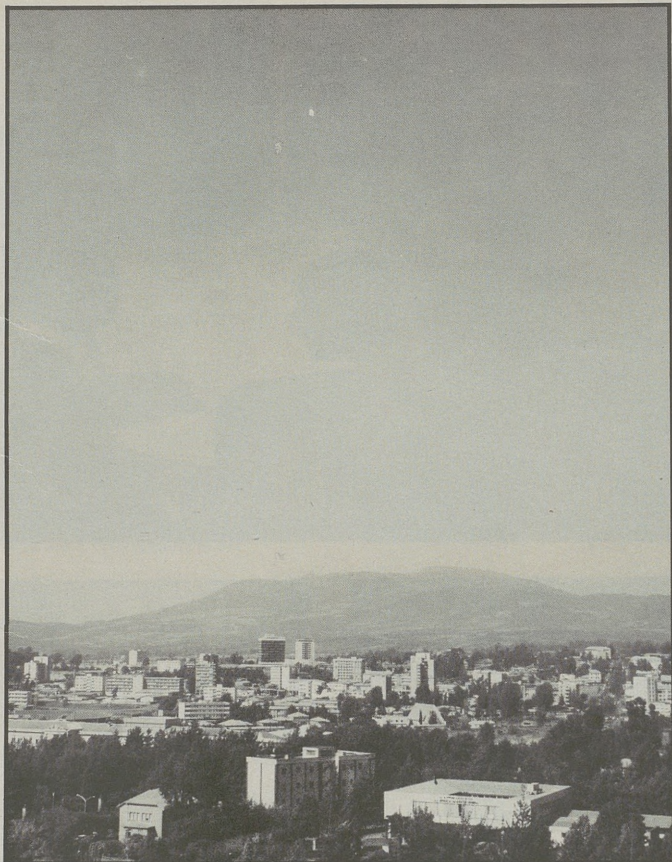
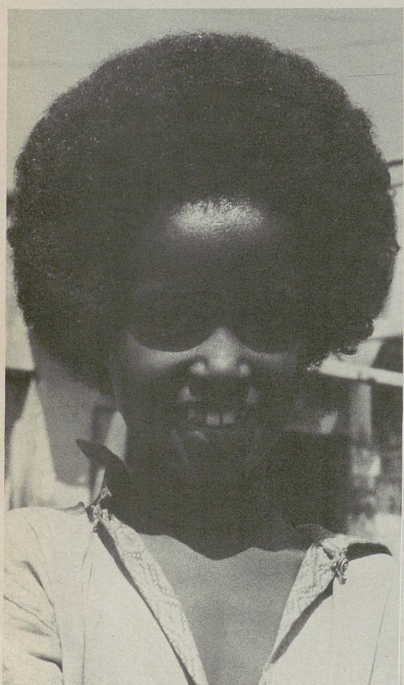
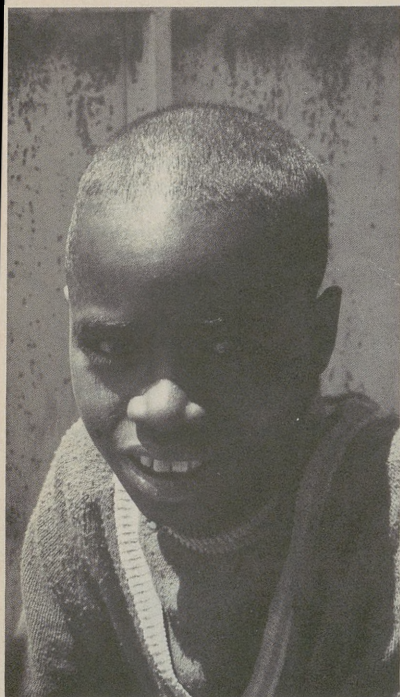
Southern Baptist missionary personnel serving in Tanzania as of June 1 total 65, including 60 career missionaries, 4 missionary journeymen, and 1 special project nurse.

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Below: Baptist family, members of Engokidongoi Church, outside Arusha, pose at their home. **Bottom:** Missionary Tom W. McMillan directs Baptist Theological Seminary of East Africa at Arusha. **Right:** Gena (Mrs. James E.) Hampton teaches seminary class.







View of portion of Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia.

ETHIOPIA

Christianity was introduced into Ethiopia in the fourth century. The Ethiopian Orthodox Church soon became the state church. Today many of the 26 million-plus people of Ethiopia are members of this church.

"Today, there is religious freedom," missionaries report, "and one finds Muslims, Orthodox Christians, and evangelical Christians, as well as pagans and the new religious breed of educated materialists."

Of considerable size—larger than the states of Texas, Oklahoma, and Arizona combined—Ethiopia borders the Red Sea and nestles into Somalia on the jutting projection at the eastern side of the African continent. Although an ancient land, Ethiopia has felt the winds of change this century. Italian troops occupied the country 1939-41. In the mid-1970s the lengthy rule of the emperor has been ended, as the

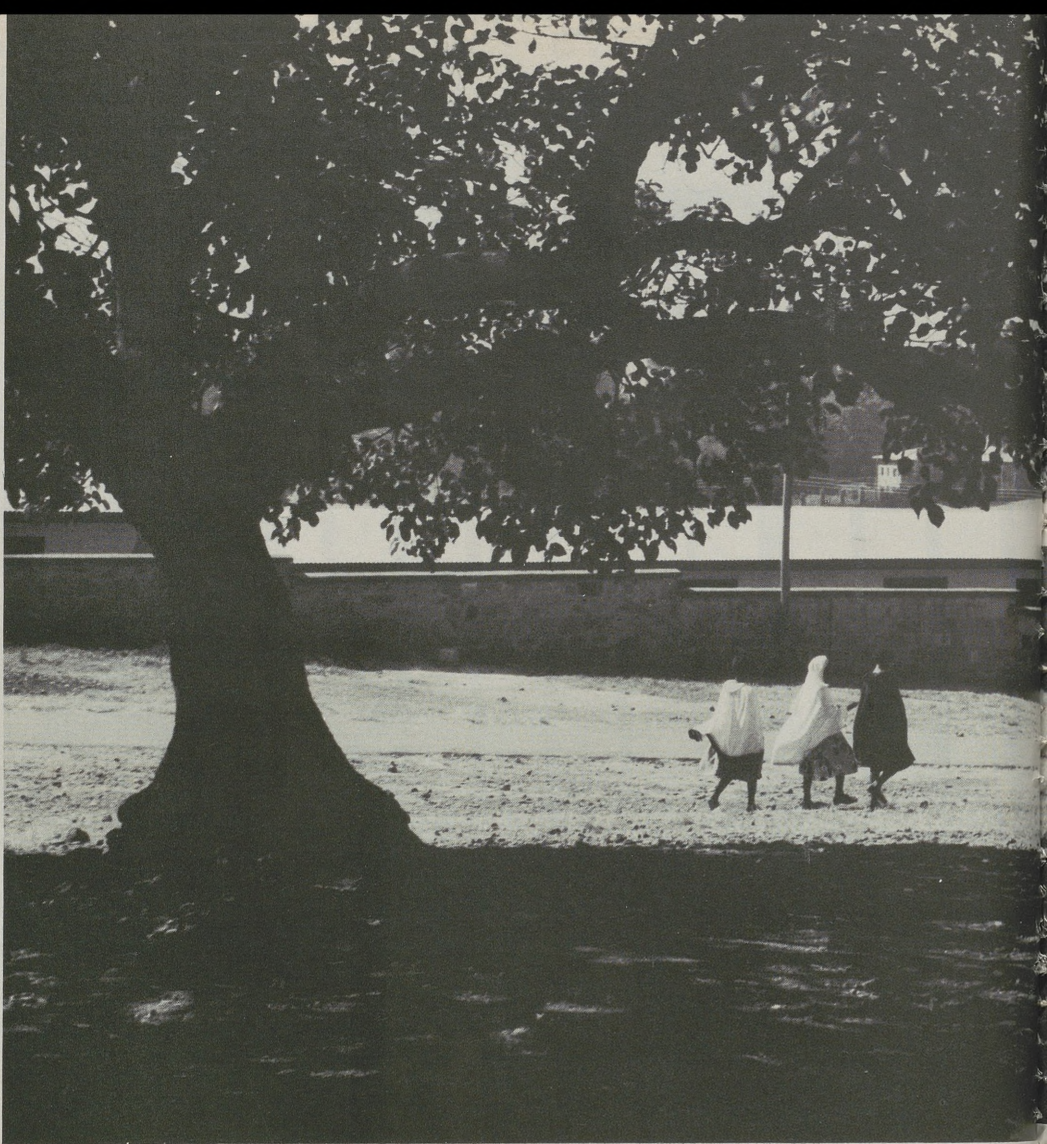
government reshapes the nation's role of the changing continent.

"Many Christian bodies, principally evangelical groups, are working in Ethiopia," the missionaries note. "Where one group has labored since before the Fascist occupation of World War II, there has been a mighty turning to Christ. Such response is being found in many other parts of Ethiopia today."

"Most of the traditionally Orthodox areas have been closed to evangelical missions for fear of proselytism," the missionaries continue. "Today, however, these regions are being opened with gratifying response. Now missionaries are finding themselves working with people who have inherited a mixture of pagan and Christian teachings but are unable to distinguish between them."

Southern Baptists were allowed to enter





Missionary Garland M. Threlkeld (r) receives greeting in Menz marketplace.





Below: Missionary Journeymen Cynthia Lumpkin and James R. (Jim) Willis talk with Ethiopians near Lion of Judah monument.



Ethiopia in 1966 to begin work in the centrally located Menz district, where no mission group had ever served. "The approach of total community development was adopted as the avenue of witness in this area," the missionaries summarize. "Right from the start, mobility has been the key word of the mission team in Menz."

Baptist work has included medical clinics conducted by a missionary doctor. A veterinarian has helped the residents give better care to their livestock. An agriculturist has encouraged better farming methods and improved sheep, cattle, and chicken breeding. Improving water supplies has been part

of the ministry. Missionaries have fostered handicraft projects to provide a source of income for the people by using natural resources.

"In fact," the missionaries note, "any area of life where people are having a problem or could profit by development is a possible area of mission work."

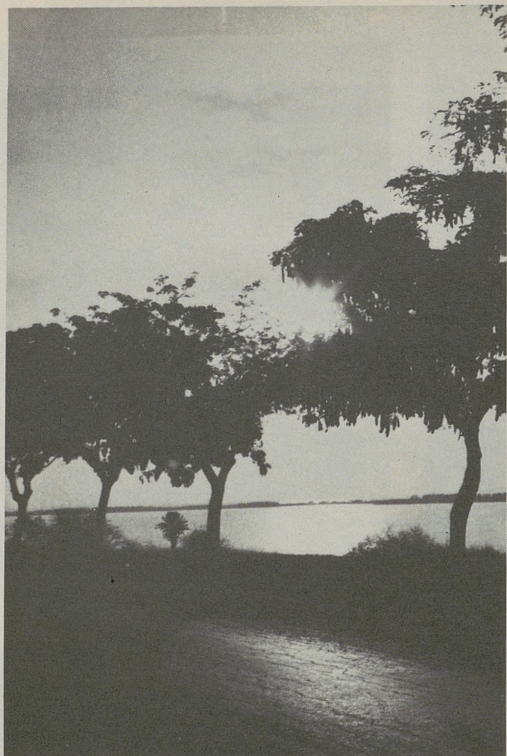
An airplane is sometimes used, for distances are great, roads sometimes marginal.

"Close cooperation with the Ethiopian Orthodox Church has been attempted from the beginning," the missionaries continue. "Beyond their greatest expectations, missionaries have been invited to preach reg-

ularly at a number of churches after Sunday-morning liturgy. Beginning in the summer of 1971, the Mission has helped with a priests' Bible-training program and has provided graduating priests and deacons with Bibles in the Amharic language—for many, the first they have ever owned."

Pleas for Baptists to enter other remote areas have led to expansion into other districts with similar ministries.

As of June 1, Southern Baptists have 29 missionary personnel assigned to Ethiopia, including 24 career missionaries, 2 missionary associates, and 3 missionary journeymen. TC



ANGOLA

Struggling through the pangs of becoming independent, the nation of Angola has been much in the news in recent months. Various political factions fought bitterly for control of the potentially prosperous nation, blessed with various mineral resources. Almost twice the size of the state of Texas, this block-shaped country has a population approaching six million. Its independence follows long control by Portugal, dating from the 1500s.

The Baptist Missionary Society of London began mission work in northern Angola in 1878, joined later by the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board and some independent missionaries essentially Baptist in concept. Guerilla warfare forced the missionaries there to withdraw in the 1960s, leaving the northern portion without evangelical witness until 1974. At about that time a Baptist church in Carmona, in northern Angola, was constituted with more than 5,600 charter members, evidence of the continuing witness by the remnant of Baptist work there.





The Portuguese Baptist Convention in 1934 voted to sponsor a Baptist ministry at Nova Lisboa, Angola, begun on their own by a Portuguese couple in 1929. The Portuguese Convention some 30 years later sent a missionary couple to Angola.

In 1966 a young Danish layman and his wife, transferred to Luanda, the capital, by a business firm, began a Bible study group in their apartment. This group grew to become First Baptist Church of Luanda.

The Harrison Pikes, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, were transferred to Angola in 1968, becoming the denomination's first fraternal representatives in that

country. The Pikes became the first missionaries allowed entry in eight years; the total number of missionaries of all Protestant groups was fewer than 100.

The Baptist Convention of Angola, according to the most recent report, has 35 churches, 18 national pastors, and a total of 12,015 members in the churches.

The Southern Baptist missionary force grew to include 16 career missionaries and 3 missionary journeymen. A book store was opened in Luanda. Radio broadcasts were begun. A Bible correspondence school was launched. One of the new missionaries, who arrived in 1975, began planning an

agricultural ministry.

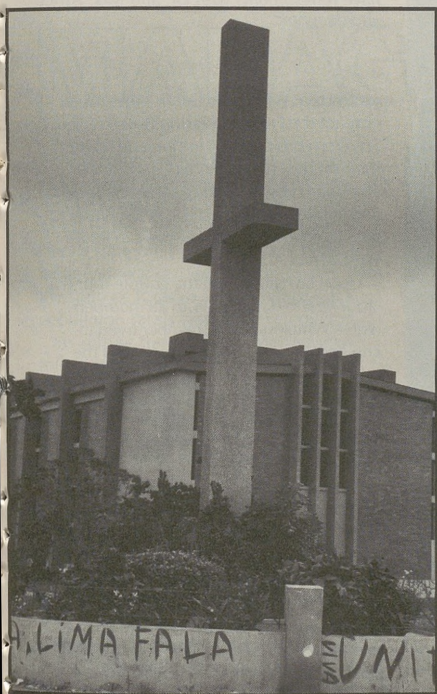
But the civil war that broke out prior to Angolan independence forced the missionaries to withdraw. Some have returned from time to time to maintain contact. Baptist radio broadcasts have been continued, and the book store has kept operating, the volume of sales of Christian literature going higher than ever before.

As of June 1, four career Southern Baptist missionaries remained assigned to Angola; the rest have transferred to other fields. Hope continues that missionaries will soon be able to return to Angola and resume their ministry to a responsive people. TC



Right: Missionaries A. C. (Bert) Sutton, Jr., and Curtis Dixon leave seeds for planting with pastor's family in Carmona, Angola, on brief trip there during Angola's civil war.

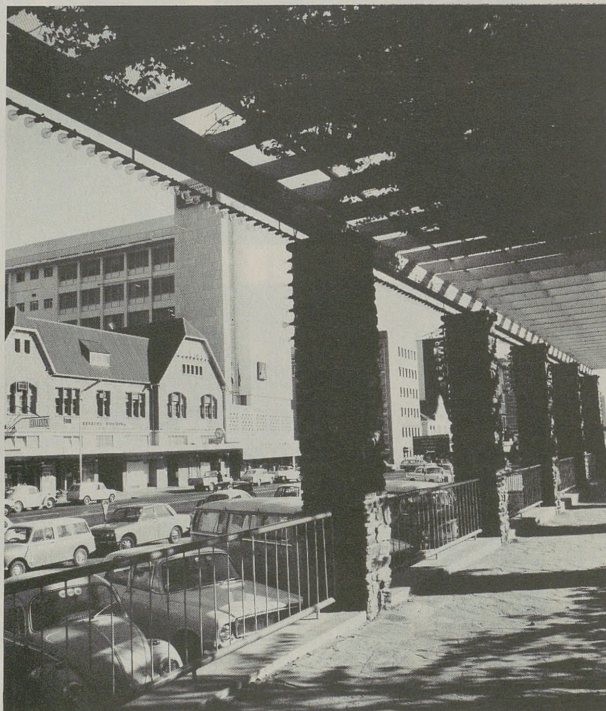
Far right: Preaching in First Church, Luanda, Angola, is Missionary Harrison H. Pike.



Above: Building of Luanda's First Baptist Church.
Right: On sidewalk in front of Baptist Book Store in Luanda, two young men pause to read evangelistic tracts.



SOUTH WEST AFRICA



Downtown Windhoek, South West Africa.



In home of the Ben Africas (he is district surgeon) in Rehoboth, South West Africa, the Charlton D. Whitsons, missionary associates, have refreshments with Dr. and Mrs. Africa and daughter.

Its area is large—about the size of Texas and Kentucky combined. Its population is sparse—only 673,000. The country, South West Africa, is a territory of the Republic of South Africa and has been since control passed from the old League of Nations, which administered the former German colony after World War I. In recent years the United Nations and black Africa nations unsuccessfully have brought pressure to remove the territory from South African control.

Residing in the towns of South West Africa are many European settlers from South Africa. The indigenous African tribes largely comprise the rural population. The country has three official languages: Afrikaans, German, and English. Several African languages are also spoken.

Mission work has long been well established in South West Africa by Anglican,

Catholic, Dutch Reformed, and Rhenish (Lutheran) mission societies. Baptist work was started by individuals. When one couple moved from South Africa in 1959 to Walvis Bay, South West Africa's chief port city, the wife, learning the nearest Baptist church was 750 miles away in Capetown, South Africa, began a Sunday School. As the mission point struggled to stay alive, a Baptist church member from South Africa held evangelistic meetings in Walvis Bay. As a result, the Baptist work began to grow.

In 1961 a deacon from South Africa opened a Baptist effort in the city of Windhoek, the administrative capital. He also visited and assisted the Baptists at Walvis Bay.

That same year, "South African Baptists wanted to send a worker to South West Africa, but were unable to do so," relates Missionary Charles Whitson. "They sug-

gested that Baptists in South West Africa contact the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and make their request for missionary assistance." The Board began seeking someone to send, and in late 1967 a couple was appointed to help strengthen Baptist witness in South West Africa.

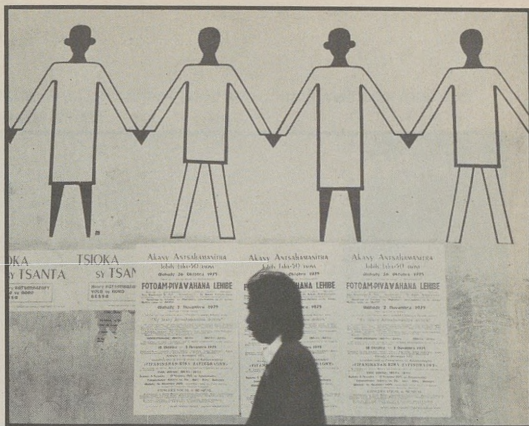
Upon arrival in 1968 the couple found a "four-year-old church with 28 members," writes Whitson. "One member lived in England, 14 were in Windhoek, and the others lived in various parts of southern Africa. The church had no building and had never had a pastor." The Sunday School had 20 members; classes were taught in three languages.

A second Southern Baptist missionary couple arrived in 1973, and outreach in both Windhoek and Walvis Bay was made stronger. The Windhoek Church supported the Walvis Bay mission until the mission was organized into the country's second Baptist church. The two churches have a total of almost 90 members; a South African pastor serves the Walvis Bay church.

The church in Windhoek ministers to English-speaking people throughout the country.

"The Baptists in South West Africa realize that services in English will not meet the needs of the various language groups in the land, and they are setting aside a large portion of their budget for mission work," notes Whitson.

As of June 1 there were four Southern Baptist missionary personnel assigned to South West Africa—two career missionaries and two missionary associates. **TC**



MADAGASCAR

The island of Madagascar, officially known as Malagasy Republic, lies some 250 miles off the coast of eastern Africa in the Indian Ocean. A colony of France for more than 50 years, it received independence in 1960. A little smaller than the state of Texas in area, Madagascar's population totals close to seven million.

In culture the people of Madagascar follow Indonesian patterns rather than African ones, for their cultural roots are in Southeast Asia. "Their social system revolves around the extended family, with the village as the focal point," writes Missionary Earl R. Martin.

"Two-thirds of the population espouse the traditional religion, which involves the veneration of ancestors based on the immortality of souls. Taboos, superstition, animal sacrifice, and divination are regularly observed."

Baptist influence on the island began in the 1930s with the work of a Scottish missionary. A Conservative Baptist missionary from the U.S. transferred to Madagascar from the Congo (Zaire) in 1966. Today five couples represent the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, with work centered in Tananarive, the capital, almost in the island's center, and at Antsirabe.

The republic's constitution pledges religious freedom, and one-third of the population is Christian, divided equally between Protestants and Roman Catholics. "The Church of Jesus Christ of Madagascar



On mission survey trip in Madagascar missionaries Marion G. (Bud) Fray (l) and Zeb Moss, FMB radio-TV representative for Africa, pause in Tananarive.

is the predominant Protestant group and represents a merger of several churches," Martin points out. "The Anglican and Lutheran churches refrained from the merger, and Seventh-day Adventists are also present."

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1974, after preliminary surveys, voted to establish work in Madagascar. One couple, the Martins, is assigned there.

They currently are stationed in Nairobi, Kenya, while awaiting visas. Their "work will be pursued in consultation and close cooperation with both the Malagasy Baptist Association and the Conservative Baptist missionaries," notes Martin.

"The evangelistic opportunities on the island," he adds, "seem to be of unlimited scope and will provide a durable challenge to the combined efforts of all the Baptists." TC

UGANDA

It is in Uganda that the Nile River begins its course to the Mediterranean Sea. This inland nation, about twice the size of the state of Mississippi, has close to eleven million people, the vast majority of them African.

Gaining independence in 1962, Uganda remains a part of the British Commonwealth. English is the official language, although Luganda and other African languages are spoken. Islam, Christianity, and animism are the predominant religions.

From the late nineteenth century until the mid-twentieth century, only Anglicans and Catholics were at work evangelizing the people of Uganda. Southern Baptist outreach opened in Uganda in late 1962, when one missionary doctor and his wife started a small mobile medical clinic out of Jinja, on Lake Victoria in the southern part of the country.

Southern Baptist work in Uganda in 1967 became a separate Mission, leaving the Baptist Mission of East Africa, which also included Kenya and Tanzania. The geographical distance involved and the differences in language prompted the change.

"The work grew rapidly, and the staff reached 14," reports Missionary Jimmie D.

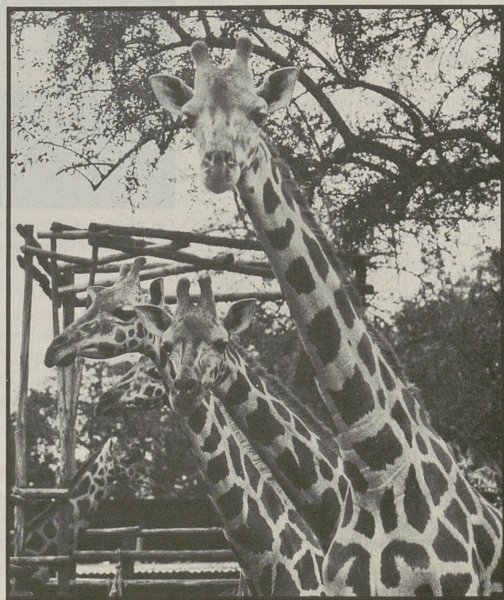
Hooten, "but some of these missionaries transferred to other areas when the future development of work in Uganda seemed uncertain. However, in 1975, after several years with no new personnel for Uganda, a newly appointed couple arrived on the field."

The Baptist Convention of Uganda was formed in 1970, and the Convention and its leaders have continued their work, even while the number of missionaries declined for a time. There are now 75 affiliated churches, all but one of them classified as self-supporting. Membership totals 5,857, and there are 67 national pastors.

"Since January 25, 1971, Uganda has been under military rule," points out Hooten. "The government is friendly toward Christian missions and has guaranteed religious freedom. While some religious groups are no longer active, Southern Baptists have continued their work. Due to the persistent faith of national Christians, Baptist churches are open and flourishing."

As of June 1, six Southern Baptist career missionaries were assigned to Uganda. TC

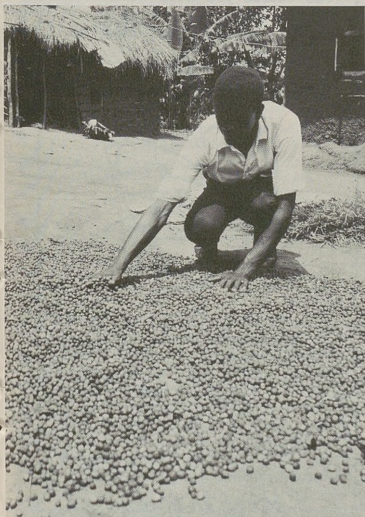
At game catcher's camp in Uganda giraffes await transportation to zoos.



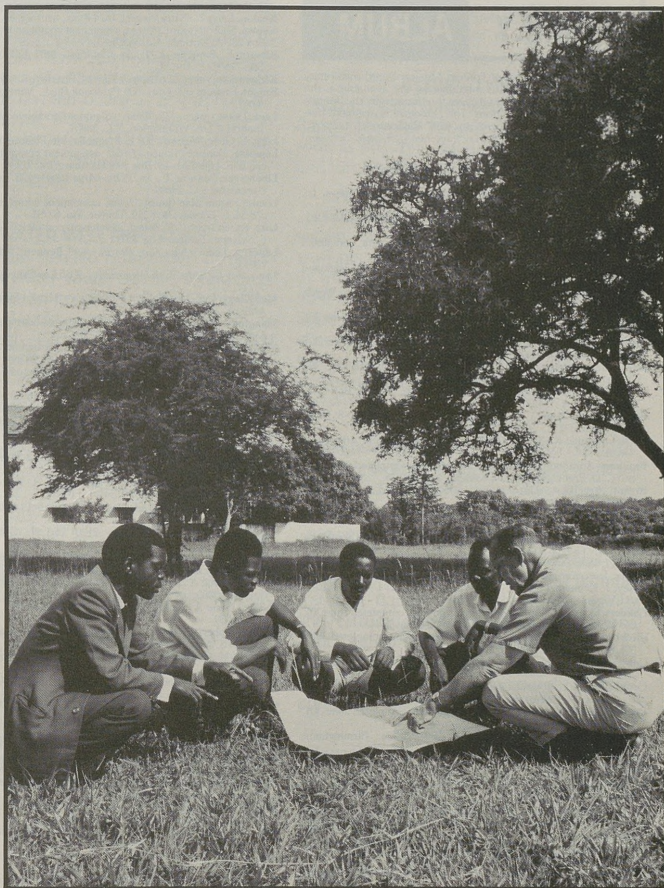
Market-day crowd in Kampala, Uganda.



Workman spreads coffee beans to dry.



At Jinja, Uganda, Missionary G. Webster Carroll and church members look over building plans for Baptist church.



MOZAMBIQUE

Two Southern Baptist missionary couples currently are assigned to Mozambique, an elongated country on the southeastern coast of Africa. It is about the size of the states of Texas and South Carolina combined; population is approaching nine million.

But the missionaries have temporarily withdrawn, due to political unrest that followed national independence in mid-1975 for Mozambique, a former overseas state of Portugal. Baptist witness there was begun by the Portuguese Baptist Convention. There are seven churches with about 500 members. **TC**

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Wilson, Ralph A./Sue (Honduras), 406 N. 12th St., Carrizo Springs, Tex. 78834.
Yarborough, Diane (journal, India), assignment completed June 30, c/o A. M. Yarborough, 1808 Fourth St., NW, Birmingham, Ala. 35215.
Yarborough, Teddy E./Glenda (Guatemala), 724 Fourth St., Pleasant Grove, Ala. 35127.
York, Ted E. (journal, Liberia), assignment completed June 30, Rt. 1, Box 21, Slatersburg, Vt. 05253.
Young, Kathy (journal, Tanzania), assignment completed June 30, c/o E. M. Young, Rt. 4, Clarksville, Tenn. 37040.

Departures to the Field

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Baker, Frank J./Margaret (assoc.), Zambia.
Bennett, Troy C./Marjorie (Bangladesh).
Bradford, David G./Barbara (assoc.), Korea.
Bridges, Nancy L./Philippines.
Burnett, Johnny N./Barbara, Eg. Brazil.
Butt, Daniel H., Jr./Mary Ellen, S. Brazil.
Callaway, Merrell P./Arlene, Morocco.
Carroll, G. Webster/Steph, Uganda.
Carswell, Sidney G./Ruth, Eg. Brazil.
Chandler, Mary Anne, Malawi.
Davis, W. Ralph/Anne, Ghana.
Day, H. Jackson/Doris, N. Brazil.
Ditmore, L. Steve/Shirley, Peru.
Emmanuel, Wayne E./Mary Lou, Japan.
Fallaw, Billy K./Ann, N. Brazil.
Griffand, Martha J. (Mrs. W. M.), Nigeria.
Goldfinch, Sydney L./Frances, Costa Rica.
Griffin, Clarence O./Rhodesia.
Harkins, T. Franklin/Jane, Korea.
Henderson, W. Guy/Louis/Philippines.
Hood, Alton L./Olga, Thailand.
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Moon, J. Loyd/Mary Hazel, Eq. Brazil.
Moore, Bonnie Mae, Nigeria.
Morris, J. Glenn/Polly, Thailand.
Morris, Richard E./Christena, Taiwan.
Morris, Russell A./Lena May, Singapore.
Mosteller, George R./Dorothy, Thailand.
Moyle, Jerry E. L./Ruth, Hong Kong.
Nabors, Thomas C./Marilyn, Gaza.
Oakes, George/Charlene (assoc.), S. Brazil.
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Robinson, Gordon E./Maxine, Nigeria.
Sacco, Mack L./Linda, France.
Schmidt, Sidney P./Dorothy Ann, Singapore.
Sergeant, William L./LaVeta, Taiwan.
Shurtle, Charles W./Lois, Argentina.
Shirts, N. Mack/Audrey, N. Brazil.
Simoneaux, Michel S./Bonnie, Japan.
Stanley, James L./Roselyn, Philippines.
Stephens, Marjorie L., Nigeria.
Sutton, J. Boyd/Joan, S. Brazil.
Trotter, George R./Martha, Indonesia.
Valerius, Erling C./Carrie, S. Brazil.
Wagner, William L./Sally, Austria.
Wakefield, Robert E./Margarita, Singapore.
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Walker, Laurence N./Nancy, S. Brazil.
Watanabe, George H./Amy, Japan.
Welch, Norvel W./Hattie, S. Brazil.
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Whitson, David H./Betty Ann, Tanzania.
Wiggs, Charles W./Bonnie, Korea.
Witt, Mary M., N. Brazil.
Yarbrough, James A./Nancy, Nigeria.

Transfers

Baker, Dwight L./Emma, Israel to India, Dec. 31 (instead of July 15, as reported in *Journal*).
Ballenger, Isam E./Katherine, Germany to field rep., Europe, Oct. 1.
Brady, Otis W./Martha, Guyana to Belize, July 1.
Hammett, M. Frances, E. Africa to Nigeria, July 1.
Kirkland, Donald/Shirley, Eq. Brazil to Ethiopia, July 1.
Longbottom, Samuel F., Jr./Marian, Vietnam to Taiwan, July 1.
Moore, Walter M./Charlean, Ghana to Nigeria, July 1.
Sacco, Mack L./Linda, Lebanon to France, July 15.
Stamps, Stanley D./Glenne, Ecuador to Nicaragua, Aug. 1.
Walker, Freddie/Betty, E. Africa to Windward Islands, June 18.

Retirements

Lunsford, James A./Lena (S. Brazil), Sept. 30.

Field Assignments

Dunn, William T./Patricia (Lebanon), Jordan, July 1.

Assignments Completed

Roller, Helen (assoc., Rhodesia), Aug. 31.

Resignations

Allen, Walter E./Billie (E. Africa), June 30.
Dorris, David M./Jean (Bangladesh), June 30.
Headrick, Harvey O./Betty (S. Brazil), May 31.
Hix, Glenn L./Mabel (Okinawa), Aug. 15.
Holder, George R./Rogene (Colombia), June 30.
Marshall, William W./Alice (Germany), June 30 (to become secret. of Dept. of Foreign Missions).
Moseley, William D./Barbara (S. Brazil), July 31.
Neely, Alan P./Virginia (Colombia), June 30.
Richards, Jimmie L./Pamela (Dominican Rep.), June 30.
Seed, E. Richard/Betty (Mexico), June 30.
Wilks, Harlan L./Jo (Thailand), July 1.
Yoder, Larry C./Laurabelle (Belgium), July 25.

Deaths

Perry, Ray E. (emer., Nigeria), June 27.
Randall, Ruth (emer., S. Brazil), June 22, Fayetteville, Ark.

Marriages

Heiss, James Donald, son of Donald R./Joyce Heiss (Japan), to E. Amy Suttle, June 28, Knoxville, Tenn.
Jones, Karen Rynell, daughter of Samuel L./Ona Jones (Rhodesia), to Mark Andrew Ray, son of Daniel B./Frances Ray (Korea), June 12, Dallas, Tex.
Williams, Darlene, daughter of James A., Jr./Faye Williams (Mexico), to Juan Antonio Gamiochippi, June 19, Ciudad Satelite, Mexico.

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Call for Volunteers

This listing of opportunities for laymen to serve in short-term mission projects overseas was provided by the office of the consultant for laymen overseas at the Foreign Mission Board. If you feel God's leading to fill such a role, write to W.L. (Wimpy) Smith, Foreign Mission Board, Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230.

WATER WELL SPECIALIST

Colombia: Needed is an expert in determining whether water can be found in a given location to assist Valle Camp, the national Baptist camp, in improving its water supply. Person would also be expected to give instructions as to how the well for the camp could be built. A two-week to four-week assignment.

CONSTRUCTION TEAMS

Philippines: Ten men are needed for 15 days to construct a small dormitory for 12 students at Luzon Baptist Bible School, Dagupan City. The school provides training for pastors—high school, plus two years of college.

Another team is needed to build the director's residence at Luzon Baptist Bible School.

A team also is needed to build the first floor of the main building at Luzon Baptist Bible School.

Chile: A team is needed for two weeks to lay a new gym floor at the Baptist Academy in Temuco. Team members will be responsible for round-trip transportation. The Mission will provide food and lodging. Wood has been purchased and is ready to install, but team members will need to bring hand tools.

BIBLE TEACHER

Liberia: Person needed to teach Bible for missionary on furlough, grades seven, nine, and twelve at Ricks Institute. Arrival date of April 1, 1977, requested. Round-trip transportation and furnished housing provided for husband and wife.

VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR

Philippines: A vocational instructor in mechanics is needed for Southern Baptist College to work with teachers in the voca-

tional department and help with church work in local churches for one year. Volunteer would need to bring basic tools for auto and/or motorcycle maintenance. Housing and round-trip air fare provided.

EVANGELISM TEAM

Philippines: Ten men needed to witness and teach home Bible studies.

CLERK—TYPIST

Gaza: Clerk typist needed to work at the Baptist Hospital for one year, beginning as soon as possible. Round-trip transportation and furnished housing provided.

ADULT VOCATIONAL TEACHER

Philippines: Person needed to establish a variety of programs on campus by which students would train to involve themselves in multiple ways that would provide for their financial needs while at the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary. A volunteer is needed as soon as possible for this one-year assignment. Round-trip transportation and furnished housing provided for husband and wife.

WMU WORKERS

Dominican Republic: One or two Spanish-speaking women trained in WMU work are needed in Santiago to train national leaders; a one- to two-month assignment.

HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR ADVISOR

Jordan: An experienced hospital administrator is needed to help the administrator at Baptist Hospital, Ajloun, review and restructure the hospital's organizational structure. Furnished housing is provided for this four-month assignment, but the volunteer must pay his own round-trip transportation.

SECRETARY

Japan: Person needed to serve in Tokyo as secretary for the Baptist Mission office. Volunteer would serve one year, taking the place of a missionary on furlough. Arrival in Tokyo should be November 1976. Furnished housing and round-trip transportation provided.

PAINTERS

Colombia: A team of eight men is needed to paint the exterior of the Baptist clinic in Barranquilla; one-week assignment. Team will pay its own round-trip transportation; Mission will provide food and lodging.

VETERINARIAN

Dominican Republic: Needed to serve for a two-week period anytime during the next few months.

VOLUNTEER MEDICAL NEEDS

Synopsis of needs, three weeks to three months. For additional information, write Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, Foreign Mission Board, SBC, Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230.

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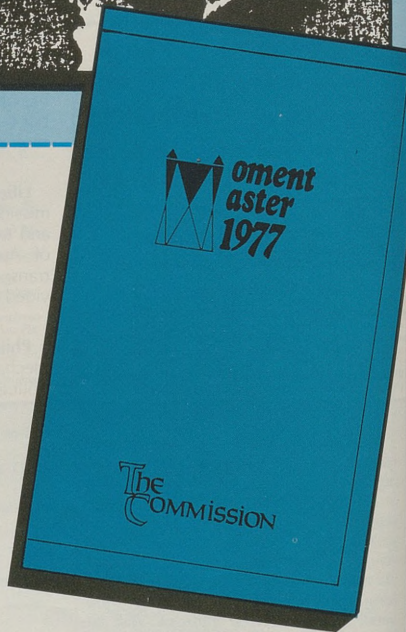
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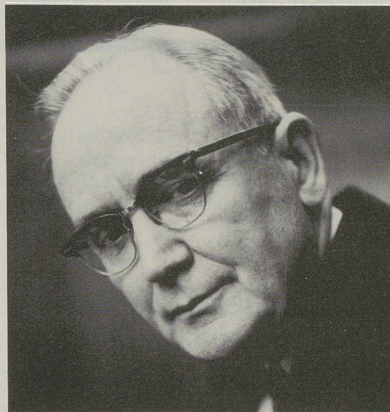


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FRONT-LINE MISSIONARIES

By Baker J. Cauthen



Missionaries are the advance guard in the Christian movement. Many of them are engaged in opening work in countries where Southern Baptists previously have not served. The steady march of missionaries into new fields has been an outstanding feature of foreign mission service in recent years. The names of many countries have been made very familiar in Southern Baptist families as they have prayed for missionaries who have opened new work.

Even within countries where work has long been done, missionaries penetrate new fields. The outreach into additional cities, towns, villages, and rural communities is a constant matter on mission fields. Missionaries not only engage personally in opening new places of work, but their efforts stimulate national pastors and others to undertake daring efforts for our Lord in opening new work.

In looking toward the future, vast efforts will be necessary in bold thrusts in evangelism in the great urban centers of the world. The growth of cities is a modern phenomenon. The population explosion will inevitably result in much larger cities than the world has ever seen, and the development of additional cities which are now small.

Effort must be made by means of large-scale projects in evangelism to bring the gospel of Christ to the multitudes in these centers of population. This will call for great evangelistic crusades with appropriate preparation, follow-through, and training of people who are brought to know Christ as Savior.

In the utilization of radio, missionaries will be on the front line of limitless opportunity. Sharing the gospel by means of radio throughout the world will bring mil-

lions of people under the influence of the Christian message who have never known it before. Correspondence studies, information centers, and follow-through opportunities will need to be served very carefully in order to achieve everything possible by means of mass media.

Amid disaster and the outbreak of famine, missionaries must be on the front line meeting emergency situations and demonstrating the love of Christ in action. They represent the hands of Southern Baptists reaching across the world into countless situations where ministries in the name of our Lord are needed.

In the training of Christian workers through seminaries, Bible schools, theological institutes, laymen's retreats, Theological Education by Extension, and conferences for Christian workers, missionaries will stand on the front line, giving preparation and inspiration to people called of God to take the Word of life to their fellow countrymen.

Front-line missionaries will continue to answer calls of need wherever those calls may take them. Sometimes the missionary finds himself engaging in many types of work he did not anticipate until he saw the realities of meeting the need where the gospel is little known.

To many missionaries, there comes the realism of being on the front line amid disturbance and danger. Those who have served so valiantly in Beirut and throughout Lebanon have demonstrated anew the highest qualities of Christian commitment through the terrible months of danger which have been experienced.

When emergencies erupt in a mission area, servants of God find themselves re-

acting as people under command of our sovereign Lord.

The dangers are fully recognized, but the missionary realizes that he is there by a deep sense of God's appointment, and he is not willing to move away from his place of duty unless he is deeply convinced in his heart that this is what his Lord directs.

Missionaries find themselves in times of danger with the high privilege of acting as persons who can look to God for his clear leadership. They know that they will be given full support by Southern Baptists, through the Foreign Mission Board, to do what they come to believe is God's will for them.

Sometimes in emergencies missionaries recognize that they must come away. Many factors enter into such decisions. They leave their posts of duty with the clear sense that God is guiding them. Others have a deep awareness that the Lord would have them stay and witness for him amid the emergencies. They continue at their posts amid whatever dangers may come, knowing that the Lord will be with them and that they will be fully supported by Southern Baptists, through the Foreign Mission Board, in a bold stand for Christ. This has occurred over and over through mission history so that it becomes characteristic of the way missionaries do in times of emergency. Normal work under abnormal conditions often describes the front-line missionary.

Thank God for front-line missionaries. Their heroic service can be understood only in terms of how people act when they are aware that they are following Jesus Christ. May God raise up many more missionaries who will serve our Lord on front lines around the world. **TC**

Coming: "Teach Missions"

At every opportunity we try to encourage the greatest possible participation in the study of missions. The task is shared in several ways among the appropriate Southern Baptist Convention agencies and with Woman's Missionary Union. In this context the following article, written by Carolyn Weatherford, introduces to us bright prospects for a new level of interest in mission study in the churches.

As executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, Miss Weatherford refers only to "women" and "girls," consistent with the understood range within which WMU operates. However, it is our hope that the plan she announces and describes will be seen as applying to every church member in every church.

In October Woman's Missionary Union will launch "Teach Missions," an emphasis designed to improve the image and quality of mission study, and to encourage participation in the study of missions. This is one response the missionary organization for women and girls is making to the need for more missionary information among Southern Baptists.

"Teach Missions" is a three-year emphasis, 1976-79. The first year is planned to help women and girls learn about and appreciate the biblical basis and history of missions. The second year will emphasize helping women and girls to grow and develop spiritually. The third year's plans will help them learn about and identify with contemporary mission work. Titles for these three years are:

1976-77 Teach Missions: to know, to grow
1977-78 Teach Missions: to be, to do
1978-79 Teach Missions: boldly

Activities for the first year include a Book Fair to be held during WMU Focus Week, Feb. 6-12, 1977. Featured in the fair will be all types of mission books, with emphasis on missionary biographies. To inform church members of missionary periodicals, all WMU magazines, *Home Missions*, and *The Commission* will be spotlighted.

Missions Readathon will be an effort to encourage everyone to read either mission study books or books which would expand their missions horizon. All persons in the church will be encouraged to participate in the Missions Readathon. Buying of mission books and subscribing to mission magazines will be promoted. Already under way, but a significant part of "Teach Missions," is the Round Table Club, a book-of-the-month club featuring mission books. Persons may join by writing The Round Table Book Club, Box 24030, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

Churchwide mission study activities will be promoted for the foreign and home mission graded series, with study of the books by all ages on the same night. Teachers will be encouraged to improve their teaching skills by attending the Graded Series Institute in the association.

New mission study groups, individual reading plans, and quality study sessions whenever they are conducted will be a part of the "Teach Missions" emphasis.

Why "Teach Missions?" There is an appalling lack of knowledge about missions among Southern Baptists. The excitement of missions in the United States and abroad must be shared so that more people will become involved in praying, giving money, and considering missions as a vocation.

"Teach Missions!" Know! Grow!

Birthday Praying, and More

THE BIRTHDAY PRAYER list of missionaries is a feature of mission support known by many Southern Baptists. We like to think that there are at least a few persons with this bit of awareness in every church, even the smallest in membership. If not, there is need for setting such a goal for prayer involvement.

There is much more to prayer support for missionaries, but be assured that the birthday dimension is significant beyond measure. Perhaps someone soon will gather and publish a collection of testimonies by home and foreign missionaries revealing what remarkable things God has done in answer to the praying done by those who follow this very simple scheme.

Biblically based praying has immeasurable possibilities for all persons involved—those praying and those for whom the praying is done. And when we say "all persons" we mean that the range of involvement has no bounds. No age limit is set. No restriction of circumstance prohibits. Precious and meaningful can be the praying of a child who talks with God in simple, unstructured expression and faith.

Prayer support for missions and missionaries can be viewed also within a different context. There is constant need for the kind of praying that is possible only with a knowledge of fact and circumstance. This takes us beyond the once-a-year petitions related to birthdays. Special needs for prayer come under many headings. High on the list are matters related to the missionary's family. Practically every kind of problem that besets families here in the homeland is present on the mission field, plus the complications and stresses of living in strange cultures, hazardous health conditions, and exhausting demands of on-the-field tasks.

So varied and vast is the range of prayer needs among the more than five thousand home and foreign missionaries supported by Southern Baptists, no effort is being made here to list them. Instead, we attempt to state the urgency and opportunity for a larger prayer involvement in every church and in every home. It isn't enough just to have a record of numerical growth and expansion. Such growth and expansion must have the spiritual dimensions that keep the entire effort attuned and identifiable as something God is doing through us all.

How beautiful and awesome is the mystery of praying in God's kingdom!

In Memoriam

RUTH MEREDITH RANDALL

Born Charlotte, Mich., Feb. 12, 1885
Died Fayetteville, Ark., June 22, 1976

Miss Ruth Randall, emeritus missionary to South Brazil, died in the geriatric section of City Hospital, Fayetteville, Ark., June 22. She was 91.

Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1914, she worked in South Brazil for 38 years. She was secretary to the president of the American Baptist College in Rio de Janeiro, and also taught English, Bible, and history of education in the girls'



department of the college.

She did editorial work for the Woman's Missionary Union of Brazil and served that organization as president and treasurer. She was closely associated with the South Brazil Baptist Training School, Rio.

She was a graduate of Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now merged with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary), Louisville, Ky.

LETTERS

'Bright Star'

As a professional agricultural engineering professor, I have and am spending considerable time studying and working toward development of better agricultural production and distribution. In all of the development literature that I have read, I think there is none better than "Object Lesson in Self-help," the story of Harold R. Watson given in *The Commission* (Feb.). . . .

Thank you for your publication. It is a bright star in a world of dreary literature.

Norman C. Teter
Lincoln, Neb.

To Study Evangelization

The June issue of *The Commission* is very good. I am interested in using the center information on "Major City Evangelization" and would request a copy for our deacons to study with me and to project for the coming year.

James H. Ballard (pastor)
Hialeah, Fla.

Thanks from MK

I checked my mail box today and I found the July issue of *The Commission*. I'm in summer school, so I read all I could during lunch and swallowed tears with my soup, because it was just like a long letter from home! Not just because your issue on East Africa talked about my real family, but because it talked about my mission family that means so much to me. I just wanted to write and tell you thank you from an East African MK!

Pål Tidenberg
Abilene, Tex.

You folk do a wonderful job of informing us about our mission work.

Mrs. A. T. Willis
Tulsa, Okla.

Needed Now

Requests for missionary personnel come to the Foreign Mission Board from Baptist Missions on the fields. Shared here are but a few among top-priority requests.

South Brazil: *General evangelist* to locate in Bauru, city of 180,000, center of a Baptist association of 11 churches. Experience in associational missions promotion helpful. "A missionary who loves to preach, open new work, help small churches, or promote associational programs of stewardship and evangelism will find an open door," says the Mission's request. Language: Portuguese.

Argentina: *General evangelist* with basic theological degree and pastoral experience to work in Entre Ríos province. Would seek to open new work in one of five places designated by Baptist Association of Entre Ríos as urgent. Language: Spanish.

Hong Kong-Macao: *General evangelist* with seminary degree in theology and preaching, pastoral, and urban evangelism experience to work in cooperation with evangelism board of Baptist Convention of Hong Kong under executive secretary's direction to assist present chapels and sponsoring churches. Would do survey work, help develop plans for new chapels, and provide in-service training in church administration. Language: Cantonese.

Colombia: *General evangelist*, with seminary training and experience as pastor or associational missionary, to open work in choice of several cities, including Tunja, Pereira, Valledupar, Quibdó, Sincelejo, Ibagué, and Manizales. May require some rural work. Language: Spanish.

Philippines: *Church planter* to locate in Tagum, Davao del Norte province. Needs basic seminary training; preaching, pastoral, and evangelism experience helpful. Ten municipalities lack a Baptist church. Small existing churches need leadership training, stewardship and evangelistic development. Language: Cebuano.

Panama: *General evangelist* to work in states of Veraguas, Herrera, Los Santos, and Coclé, in rural area. Existing churches widely separated in the large area. Would open new works, plant churches, strengthen existing missions and churches, and counsel toward a more complete associational program.

For additional information concerning these and numerous other opportunities for career missionary service abroad, contact Department of Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board, SBC, Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230.

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Missions Update...

Baptists will soon be transmitting radio and television programs all across the Indonesian islands free of charge, thanks to an Indonesian satellite and government, according to J. O. TERRY, JR., Southern Baptist regional radio and television representative for EAST and SOUTHEAST ASIA. "We are excited about this domestic satellite because it will make anything on the local services available throughout all of Indonesia instead of just in the SEMARANG area," Terry said. Semarang is where Baptist radio and television ministries are based. The Indonesian government currently gives Baptists the time and pays the production costs for a 23-minute program broadcast six to eight times a year. These programs are produced from Jakarta.

Ninety-four missionary journeymen were commissioned in RICHMOND, VA., in July. The group was the largest since the program's initiation in 1965, and brings the total to 802. The journeymen will be serving in 36 countries around the world for two years.

"If you have any problems at all in regard to religious freedom in your Baptist work, do not hesitate to come directly to me." KING JUAN CARLOS I of SPAIN made that statement to JOSE BORRAS, dean of Spanish Baptist Theological Seminary and president of the Spanish Baptist Union, reports Missionary INDY (MRS. CHARLES W.) WHITTEN. The statement came at a banquet concluding a series of lectures by different religious and philosophical groups. Borras taught eight seminars on what Baptists believe; one of his students was her majesty QUEEN SOPHIA.

In TRINIDAD, WEST INDIES, Baptists recently dedicated a new building seating 200 persons for Rich Plain Baptist Church. The fewer-than-100-member church contributed over \$3,000 toward the building and the northern Baptist association another \$3,000; the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funded the final \$18,000.

IMPACT 76 hit ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA, and literally touched every facet of the Caribbean island's life. The 84-member Baptist team was composed of 21 medical personnel from GEORGIA, led by DR. FORREST LANIER of ROME; 66 people from First Baptist Church, TAYLORS, S.C.; and MYRTLE HALL, soloist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Missionary MANGET HERRIN coordinated the evangelistic effort. During the day the group conducted Bible Schools, held nutrition classes, led Laubach adult reading seminars, assisted in teacher training, worked in the prison in guidance and rehabilitation programs, and performed musical concerts in many schools. Crusades were held at night.

Missionaries stationed in BEIRUT were not among the 300 Americans and other foreigners evacuated from LEBANON by the U.S. Navy in late July. The JAMES K. RAGLANDS, MISS EMMA COOKE, and MISS MABEL SUMMERS elected to stay in the city to continue Baptist work. The missionaries remained unharmed.

Ten technicians have completed their courses of study in paramedical technology at Baptist Hospital in GAZA. Of the ten, seven are laboratory technicians who completed the two years of study taught by a missionary using American college textbooks. . . . Gaza Baptist Hospital was not the only Baptist facility turned into a classroom. Thirty-five Gaza high school seniors have completed four months of biweekly classes in Bible at the Gaza Baptist Church in preparation for their upcoming college entrance exam. The pastor, HANNA IBRAHIM, taught the classes at the request of the secondary school principal and a delegation of students.

The fact that the TOKYO Baptist Theological Seminary had no paid faculty and no campus did not stop it from holding graduation exercises at the Okubo Baptist Church in TOKYO, JAPAN, according to Missionary LOIS (MRS. CHARLES) WHALEY. This was the first class to graduate since the seminary received membership in the Japan Association of Theological Schools. How did they do it? "We have teachers who want to teach and students who want to learn," commented MASAO KAWAGUCHI, president of the seminary.