

Southern Baptists and Their Mission Program

Home Board Needs Increase

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Instead of reducing the amount the Home Mission Board is to receive, we believe it should be increased at least to 20% of the distributable Co-operative Program receipts. The very heart and life blood of our denomination, the purpose of our existence, is missions at

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home and abroad. These two, items should always be preferred in all of our programs and projects. The need for home missions is as great or greater to-day than it has been in the 100 years of Southern Baction.

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sider the tremendous population grow in the South in recent years the

We were all happy to hear the repo of the Executive Committee of all Southern Baptist Convention

But we were not so well pleased when we saw that the Home Mission Board for 1949 was cut again to receive only 164 of distributable Co-operative Program receipts. In 1946 and before the control of the that the Home Board was received 23127. but the allocation for 194 and 1948 was cut to 18 4, and now the recommendation comes for us to cut again our program of home missions to 161 g %. This can only mean a re-1612 G. This can only mean a re-trenchment of Southern Baptist hom-mission work, if the recommendation is approved by the Southern Baptist Covention.—Arizona Baptist Beacon

Dr. Merrill D. Moore, paster of Immanuel Baptist Church of Nashville. Tennessee, has assumed his duties as assistant executive secretary of the | sec tive Committee of the Southern Bapti

guage groups, the Negroes, Cuba and Central America, and other phases of the Home Board work, we have against at the time to increase home muston that it is time to increase home muston.

Southern Baptist Convention recently, which will recommend to the Memphi Convention in May that the Foreign Mission Board receive in 1949 fifty percent of the distributable Co-operative Program receipts. This means that Foreign Board will have available for in direct foreign means that the foreign Board will have available for in direct foreign mission work a total of \$2,000,000, not including their alloca-tion above that amount for capital needs. We hope that never again will Southern Baptists give less than 50% of their co-operative money to fore

Home Board To Be Cut

Dr. Moore To Executive Committee

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My God Shan Supply All Your Needs According To His Riches In Glory By Christ Jesus.—Phil. 4:19.

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Home Missions in Tomorrow's World

By J. B. LAWRENCE

Roger Babson, in a survey made when he was president of the Congregational National Convention, said, "According to the information gathered by my organization, at least sixty per cent of our people never attend any church, Protestant or Catholic."

The percentage of our people attending church has decreased instead of increased since that survey was made. This reveals a tragic situation. It means that hundreds of thousands of people here in our homeland are as completely marooned on the shores of error, as tragically lost with their empty beliefs, or no beliefs, as are so-called pagans in heathen lands.

In some instances there are churches within reach of these spiritually stranded ones where they might find Christ. But what does that avail if they do not attend church, and if the churches make no effort to reach them with the gospel? In the case of hundreds of thousands, however, there are no churches near; they are completely unchurched.

Let us not overlook the fact that it is just as difficult for the unchurched in the homeland to find Christ as it is for the Chinese in China, or the Negroes in Africa when there is no one to show them the way.

There are among the unchurched of our population hundreds of thousands of children who are growing up with no religious instruction. They are cut off from every Christian influence. What is in store for our nation if the rising generation is pagan?

In this great unchurched group-at least sixty per cent of our people-there are those who are deprived of the services of our churches because of language and racial barriers that effectually isolate them. There are also the underprivileged, who are shut in and shut out by poverty—the tenant farmer, the migrant worker—these should receive the gospel from us.

In home mission fields today there are more than twenty-five million people, eight years of age and older, not only out of Christ but actually without the knowledge of Christ, and not receiving the ministry of our churches. This great group, unless we send missionaries to them with the story of love, will die without Christ.

In this group there are 4,000,000 foreign-born and of foreign parentage, in which group there are 1,500,000 Mexicans, 650,000 French-speaking Americans, 600,000 Italians, 250,000 Indians, and thousands of Europeans. In addition to these we have thousands of the underprivileged among the tenant farmers and the migrant workers and in the slum sections of our cities. Add to this the 11,000,000 Negroes to whom we should be doubly obligated because of their past history and relation to our Southland, and you begin to get some picture of the vast field of home missions.

These twenty-five million unchurched and unsaved people would fill ten states with the population of Mississippi, or six states with the population of Georgia, or eight states with the population of Oklahoma, or eleven states with the population of Florida, or seven states with the population of Tennessee, or nine states with the population of Louisiana, or three states with the population of Texas, or twenty states with the population of New Mexico.

These twenty-five million unsaved people in the territory of the Home Mission Board are more than one-half the population of Brazil, more than the entire population of Old Mexico, or Burma, or Turkey: four times the population of Chile, and one-half the total population of France, or the British Isles.

It is the business of the Home Mission Board to meet the spiritual needs of a constantly changing social order. For a century the Board has been a watchtower on the walls of our Southern Zion. making surveys, keeping abreast of the social changes taking place, watching new fields of mission work develop, and signalling these changes to all our Southern Baptist domain.

The fields of work in the task of home missions 15 constantly expanding, widening in reach, and increasing in importance, until today the home mission work is more fundamental, necessary, and essential to the ongoing of the kingdom of God in the homeland and in the world than ever before.

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A Night in the Baptist Rescue Mission at New Orleans

By C. K. RAND, Student Missionary in New Orleans

The mission worker prepared to talk with each man separately about his soul, As he started toward the door, one of the believes asked him what was wrong. The young man replied. "I do not think hat Christ cares for me." Taking the that Christ cares for me." Taking the After hearing of the forgiving spir of Jesus, how he suffered and could on the rear of the auditorium where he heard the following story.

The young man was only twentyour years of age. He had been reared in a Christian home. His father was a preacher and his entire family were Christians. Four years ago he left home and wandered all over the country, teeping his soul in every type of sin. I onight he had dead and a supplementation of the country. lonight he had decided to take his own life, as the burden of sin was too much for him to bear.

As a last resort he came into the Bap-

As a last resort he came into the Bap-ist Recue Mission where he could have a night's lodging free of charge. He did not have even ten cents in his pocket. When told of Jesus' love, and that even though he had spent four years in gross sin Jesus still wanted to save him, the young man could not believe it. The worker showed him God's exceed-ling great and prescious. ing great and precious promises in the New Testament and he read them.

With tears in his eyes, the unsaved man knelt before the men present and poured out his broken heart to God. As poured out his broken heart to God. As he prayed, other men began to slide out of their seast. Soon all of them were kneeling and praying sloud, begging Jesus to have mercy upon their lost ouls. Rising from his knees and with a smile upon his feet the

rount. Rising from his knees and with a smile upon his face, the young man and, "God heard me." Later he requested a stamp and piece of paper so that he could write to his mother and father and tell them that their prayers had been account. heir prayers had been answered.

The next day he left for home after four years of wandering in a far coun-

At the close of the evening service the invitation was given and nine men publicly confessed Christ. They remained day he returned home from work to find that she had left him to many another man. He spent twenty year traveling over America trying to locate his wife and children.

his expressed intention when he the Baptist Rescue Mission that night.

on the cross, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do," he for the first time in twenty years t power of the Saviour's love. He prayed and confessed Christ and the burden lifted. God in His mercy had saved

The youth or the old man might ha been your son or brother or father Such men who come to the Baptist Rescue Mission are from every walk of life. Some are former deacons, preachers, lawyers. Drink has gotten the best of them. More than 90 per cent of the men are there because of alcohol.

All are outcasts as a result of s ravages of sin They began life fine and ravages of sin They began life fine and clean as other boys, but the devil was too strong for them. The Baptist Rescue Mission for many is the last stoping place on the highway of life Some who do not find Jesus there may never have another chance to hear the gospe

In 1947 there were 579 men con verted in the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans. Thank God for Southern Baptists who care for the forsaken and the downtrodden. Jesus' beaten human

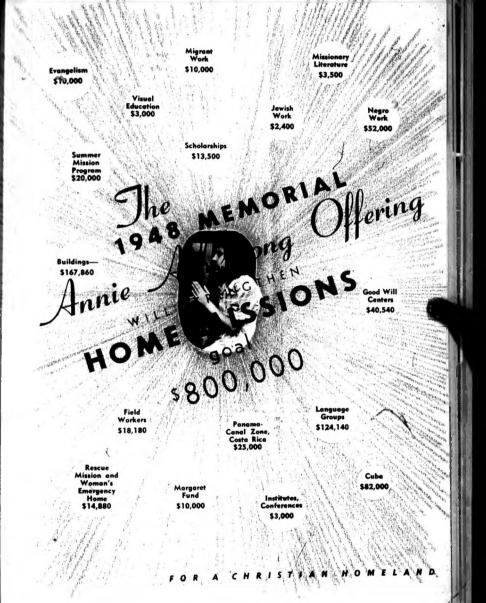
For a Christian Homeland

By JOHN CASSOR

The following eight pages of South to a picture of home missions pr for the March Week of Prayer

At another service, a man whose head was white with age stayed and told the worker his story.

He, too, was reared in a Baptist home. He found Christ at the age of seventeen. His wife, a Roman Catholic, had



General Field Workers

Mese field workers serve in schools of missions, institutes, conventions, camps, and in other meetings, presenting missionary information and creating interest and good will for all our mission causes. The Annie Armstrong Offering will provide \$18,180 for such work.





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THE Margaret Fund is used for the edu-cation of the children of missionaries in college, seminary, or professional school. in college, seminary, or professional school, it is administered by the Wanna's Mission ary Union in co-operation with the home end Foreign Mission Boards. There are now 30 home mission Margaret Fund Studies. For this purpose \$10,000 is designed from this offeron.



Scholarship Students



SCHOLARSHIPS are given to worthy and needy students other nationalities who are preparing for special religiouserine. About hifty such scholarships were awarded in 194. This offering will provide \$13,500 for scholarships

Summer Student Mission Program



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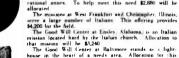














Language Groups - -

THE Home Mission Board now has 502 missionaries serving among the 44 nationalities in the Convention territory.

Through the Annie Armstrong Offering the following groups will receive help in the support of missionaries:

Mexican and Spanish-speaking	\$61,000
Indian	\$34,000
French	# 9.500
Italian	8 7.500
Chinese and Japanese	\$ 5,000
Deaf	\$ 3,000

These missionaries are among the direct mission workers, so called because they are appointed and supported directly by the Board. These workers in the homeland reported 37,823 sermons and addresses. 197,957 visits, and 7,142 conversions



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Baptist Temple







THE population of the four western provinces of Cuba in which Southern Baptists are working is 3,000,000. There are about 5,700 Baptists in this territory, which means one Baptist for every 530 people. We have 64 churches and 112 mission stations. There is a need for 39 new church huildings on fields already occupied, and many additional mission buildings in pioneer fields. The 121 workers reported 4,688 prayer meetings, 9,899 preaching services, and 331 baptisms in 1946. The average salary of these missionaries is \$78.00 a month and living quarters. The \$82,000 given through the Annie Armstrong Offering will help increase these salaries, support the mission program and add other workers.































Missionary Literature

MRS. M. C. GARCIA translates and writes literature for the Mexican missionary societies. Also efforts are being made to furnish other groups with better periodicals. For this purpose, \$3,500 of the offering will be used.

Institutes Conferences

THE Home Mission Board helps to plan and make possible preachers' institutes, kindergarten con-· ferences, and Sunday school, training union, and missionary conferences. For these conferences and institutes \$3,000 is being set saide.



M | Field Worker to the Spanish



T^(O) work of the Home Mission Board in Central America may be divided roughly into three parts.

First, the work among the English-speaking groups in Panains and the Canal Zone; second, work among the West Indians in this same area; third, the work among the Spanish speaking people in Panama and Costa Rica. The latter is he far the largest group and, for the most part, has not been reached with the gospel

There is a great need for strong mission centers in Panama and in Costa Rica, and several American couples are needed to help man these new mission stations. From the Annie Armstrong Offering \$25,000 will help provide the salaries for present missionaries and make possible some expassen in the work in this area.

Jewish and Migrant Work



N LABLY one-half of the Jews in the world now live in America. More than 1,000,000 live in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention territory.

Concentrated effort is being made to get the Baptist churches that are located in areas occu-pied by Jews to plan some special ministry for

Additional funds are needed for this ministrs, and the \$2,400 from the Annie Armstrong
Offering helps to provide for this very important service.





Campus Scene, Morehause College, Atlanta the South.

Br allocating \$52,000, the Annie Armstrong Offering will provide about one-half of the budget to train leaders for the 11,000,000 Negro Baptists in the South and also renders a spiritual ministry through Negro mission centers and youth centers scattered throughout



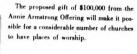
THERE are approximately 500,000 agricultural migrants in the South. The Home Mission Board is undertaking a spiritual ministry to them by means of mobile mission units that will travel among migrants and zen. der a ministry designed experially to meet their needs. This is a new program. The Annie Armstrong Offering, by providing \$10,000, will help make it possible.



N the West, Baptist churches are being organized. In California to are being organized at the rate of one every six days. There are still 1,600 communities in that one state without a Baptist church. At least 123 new churches are needed in Arizona, and a larger number in New

The West is a pioneer field and newly-constituted churches cannot construct buildings without assistance. Many churches are now worshipping in tents, private residences, store buildings, lodge halls, and under trees, because they do not have adequate funds with which to construct a church building.



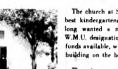














Olympic Beptist Church Modesto, California



The church at San Benito, Texas, has one of the best kindergartens in the Mexican field, and has long wanted a modern house of worship. The W.M.U. designation of \$15,000, together with other funds available, will belp make possible an adequate building on the beautiful lot already owned.

There is an outstanding need for a house of worship for the Mexican congregation at Las Cruces, New Mexico. The proposed designation of \$15,000 will help provide such a building.

A great revival has been in progress among the Seminole Indians in Florida. Many have been converted, and there is an unusual need for a place of worship at Dania, Florida. The \$10,000 suggested will help provide a mission chapel.

Arizona Indian Chapels: Through the help of other offerings from the W.M.I. the work in Arizona has been expanded and converts have been made in areas which have no houses of worship. An allocation of \$10,000 will help to provide mission chapels for such areas.

Golden Meadow, Louisiana, is one of the most strategic locations for Baptist work in the French field. It is the center of a great French territory, and the suggested designation of \$15,000 will help to provide an adequate church building.

Granite City, Illinois: The W.M.U. has officially provided funds to help build an additional center in connection with a mission work in Granite City, Illinois. The funds in hand are not sufficient, and an additional allocation of \$2,860 will help to provide the educational building.



Lincoln Place Mission Granta City, Illinois



First Baptist Church Sacramento, California

























The evangelism department under the able leadership of Dr. C. E. Matthews is seeking to co-operate with the respective state mission boards in simultaneous evangelistic crusades and in a general awakening of interest in a

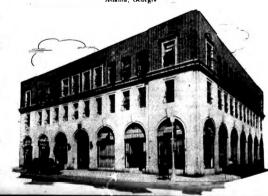
The Annie Armstrong Offering will provide \$10,000 to he applied to the work of this department.

The members of the Woman's Missionary Union are urged to join the Prayer League and to pray daily for a spiritual awakening and a world-wide revival.



It Can Be Done!

Home Mission Board SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION J. B. LAWRENCE, Executive Secretary Treasurer



TT CAN BE DONE. Southern Baptists now have m oney than ever before. The average per capits come in the South in 1947 was about \$1,000 Then approximately 800,000 members of the Woman's W stonery Union. These women can easily raise \$800 and more, for the objects included in the Annie strong Offering

No finer was can be found to celebrate the it anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Union the prove the sincerity of mission interest and mis through a worthy offering at this season

Attempting Great Things For God in Cuba

By CHRISTINE GARNETT Misformary in Cuba

Our Lord in great, so your mission-aries attempt great things for Him. Four years ago, my sister, one of my hoys, and I went to the small town of Palacies, a town at that time untouched Our Lord is great, so your missionaries attempt great things for Him. Four years ago, my sister, one of my boys, and I went to the small town of Palacios, a town at that time untouched for Christ. One Baptist was found, living in a mocking, persecuting family. After much persuasion, and help of the Holy Spirit, ther father gave his consent to let us have a service in his home that night.

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Mrs. Dunn is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and has done work at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition, she has had sever years' experience as a newspaper re-porter and has done other work in the

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Dr. Alfred Carpenter's duties as superintendent of direct missions of the Home Mission Board are many and varied. Here he helps in serving lunch to J. O. III, a twin son of a Southern Baptist seminary couple, Rev. and Mrs.
J. O. Reed, Jr., during a recent visit to the seminary campus. The other twin, somewhat fascinated by the photographer, is James McLeod Reed.

Unable to secure a sitter to look after their five-months-old sons, the Reeds took them along for the Missionary Day services at the seminary.

Mr Reed, who is from Lexington, South Carolina, is a graduate of Fur-man University, and a second-year student at the seminary. Mrs. Reed, also from South Carolina, is a graduate of Columbia College and a former Home Mission Board summer missionary to the Chinese in Phoenix, Arizona.—Edwin I McDonald

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direct missions, will conduct conferences for missionaries in their departments will demonstrate the conference on hand for the session. The main emphasis of home mission week this year will be evangelism and rural life. E. Masthews will direct conference, on evangelism: and rural pastors, missionaries, and workers will be featured on the program. Reserve June 1-8 for Ridgectext.

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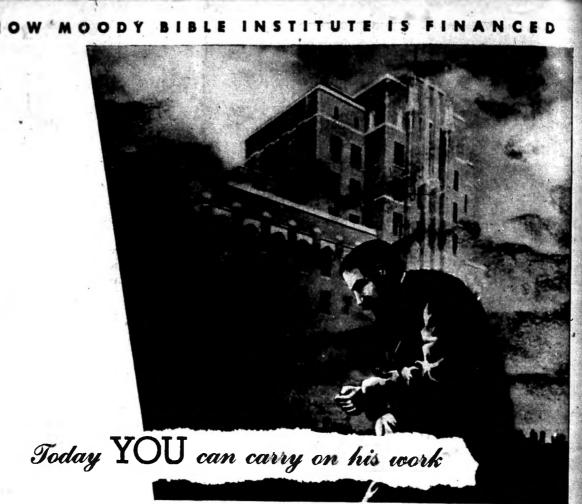
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Today, with a world-wide ministry and greatly increased needs, Moody Bible Institute still remains a work of faith...daily looking to God for its needs, which are met in four ways:

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GIFTS—74% of all income is cash, varying from a few sacrificially given pennies to larger sums...87% of the gifts are \$10 or less.
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value, contributing not only to the support of the Institute, but also providing the giver a

generous, annual return for life.

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come is from this source.

ENDOWMENTS—A means through which
Christians arrange for the support of special
projects, such as permanent scholarships at
the Institute. Less than 2% of the Institute's

income is from endowments. Through all these gifts, God's people share in training young Christians for full-time service, in sending out the gospel by means of books and tracts, in reaching the unsaved through films and radio. The Extension staff with its evangelists, teachers and conference speakers, and Moody Correspondence School with its thousands of students, are other ministries in which Moody donors share. You may have a part in this work as God leads, through your prayers and gifts. SB 1201

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