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The Mission of Southern Baptists

By J. B. LAWRENCE

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS have a mission, a God-given mission. That mission is the evangelization of the world. They are headed toward world conquest for Christ, and all their agencies, institutions, churches and people, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, must work together in this kingdom task.

Our Christian life is not what it ought to be if the outreach of our sympathies is limited to anything less than all mankind. Our churches must come to know that the reason for their existence is the evangelization of the world, and knowing this, they must set themselves to the task of making Christ known to all men with renewed courage, vigor, and consecration. Our people must become world-minded. The world view must maintain in every organization and every activity in church life. No church has struck the right key in the scale of kingdom harmonies until it has sounded the note of world evangelization.

This is a unit task. All the forces of the denomination must be marshaled for service to Christ. There must be group morale. When morale ebbs, a brood of discouragements troops in. There come discontent, suspicion, criticism, lack of interest, loss of enthusiasm, discord, dissatisfaction, and inactivity. These parasitic sentiments will eat out the vitals of the denomination. We must rebuild by prayer and consecration the spiritual blood count of the denomination. We must have the right sort of spirit if we would do big, worthwhile things for Christ.

If we would meet our destiny and fulfill our function as a denomination in Christ's plan, some things are absolutely essential.

First, we must stay close to God. We must set up afresh the altars of our faith. There can be no great soul-absorbing passion for a lost world without a soul-consuming faith in the eternal verities. We must believe the gospel if we would preach it with power. We must have the old time religion if we would have the old time Pauline zeal in missions.

We must also develop a denominational consciousness. I am not thinking of denominational bigotry or denominational strut and brag; but I am thinking of a common life growing out of a common faith. A denomination must have a religious basis for its existence. There must be a central, unifying motive. That motive is oughtness toward God. This reaches back to the conscience. A group of people of the same faith and order bound together by the Holy Spirit, become conscience-bound toward God. Conscience is a mighty matter and when it is toward God in questions of faith, it becomes a

mighty power building a denominational life which can stand the shocks of the changing times and tides of men.

Denominational consciousness is, therefore, another word for religious patriotism, it is rooted in knowledge and grows in an atmosphere of religious conviction. To be an intelligent denominationalist, one must stand for certain fundamental religious truths. To put it another way, denominational consciousness is to know that one is a Baptist and to know why one is a Baptist. It is also to have the deep conviction that Baptist faith is fundamental, distinctive and essential, and also to have a religious determination to make that faith worldwide.

With the rebuilding of the fires of faith and the rebirth of denominational consciousness, there should also be the rekindling of religious enthusiasm. I am not thinking now of religious bluster, or emotional excitement, but of that state of mind when God moves the soul when faith and reason are touched with emotion and love. Paul is an illustration. After his startling experience on the Damascus Road, the Spirit of God swept through him. The enthusiasm of the cross compelled him to the most daring deeds. He performed the most heroic human service that any mortal ever achieved. He was a religious enthusiast.

This same spirit was true of the reformers. It was also true of the great leaders, Whitfield and Wesley, in the revivals of the eighteenth century. In a word, Christianity in the reformation was resurrected from the tomb of error, indifference, and formalism by men and women who rejoiced in the miracle of regeneration and were inspired by the Spirit.

This enthusiasm should sweep through the whole denominational life today. Thus fired with holy zeal, bound together by the ties of a common faith and purpose and stimulated by denominational consciousness that makes patriots of us all, Southern Baptists will be welded into a solidarity with irresistible power.

If there ever was a time when we needed this unity of spirit and effort, that time is now. The world is aflame with hatred, pillage, and plunder. Rapine and murder stalk across the continents. In the midst of this dark hour a bewildered world, with fear in its heart and darkness in its mind, cries out, "Is there no hope?"

We should face this question and answer it with a frankness and simplicity which will leave no doubt in any mind—Christ and Christ alone is the answer. The gospel speaks its timeless message to the world's eternal hunger. Southern Baptists can meet that hunger with the gospel of redeeming grace.

The Drift of the Times

"We are living in an age," says a writer in *The Times* (Pittsburgh), of New Orleans, "where there are more facilities for acquiring knowledge than ever before." Yes, we have more schools, more books, more magazines, more forms and means of transportation for taking us to various places, more churches, more libraries, more opportunities for reaching from research work into all branches of science, and yet, in spite of all this, there is a deep and fundamental lack in the supreme knowledge—the knowledge of God.

There is a growing tendency for more and more diversion in the game of world, meaningless enjoyment. People everywhere seem to be in a hurry. They have no time for showing a little appreciation of a deed well done. There is confusion and disillusionment. Life is plunged deeper in despair. There never was a time when we needed Christ more than we need Him now.

Missions

AND THE MARCH OF EVENTS

Significant Trends In 1948

Those who are keeping abreast with world movements today might consider the following trends as significant in the religious world: (1) formation of the World Council of Churches; (2) overtures toward organizational unity among closely related church bodies (3) emergence of "religious" political parties with important influence in European countries; (4) influence of the state in prohibiting or controlling religious liberty and churches in Spain and the countries behind the "Iron Curtain;" (5) postwar missionary extension despite growing uncertainties; (6) tremendous relief and reconstruction efforts in Europe and the Orient by American church groups; (7) uncertainty of released-time programs for religious education caused by the adverse decision by the Supreme Court in the McCollum case; (8) gradual abandonment of racial segregation by church groups heretofore serving races separately; and (9) growth of American churches to the highest ratio of population in history—53 per cent.

So far as Southern Baptists are concerned, I think the most significant trend is a re-emphasis on evangelism

The Trend Toward Military Control

It is reported in the United Press that Professor Albert Einstein and 17 other prominent citizens have called attention to "the marked trend toward military control over American life." There is also a marked trend toward governmental control by legislation. There is a reason for this, and that reason is deep-seated in human nature. People have to be controlled when they live together, and if they are not controlled by love on the inside of them, then they must be controlled by force on the outside of them.

What we need in American life today is the spirit of Christ, and this can come only when Christ is accepted by faith and becomes a resident of the soul of the individual. How we do need to preach the gospel of redeeming love in this age!

Was Peter a Pope?

In a recent dispatch from the Vatican City, the statement is made, "that the pope, sooner or later, would affirm the truth of the tradition that St. Peter, martyred in Rome, was buried on the site of the world's largest Christian church."

There is no historical evidence that Peter was ever in Rome. The only basis for such a supposition is tradition. It is claimed by tradition that Peter was the first pope, but the Bible does not substantiate such a claim.

When Paul wrote to the Romans, A.D. 55 or 56, he mentioned 35 names and sent greetings by name to 26, but he neither greeted nor mentioned the prominent Apostle Peter. How utterly absurd to think that Paul would have so slighted the "Bishop of Rome," had there been such an office and had it been filled by Peter! Furthermore, Paul wrote letters from Rome during A.D. 59-61 and about the year 65, but in none of these letters, which contain references to well-known Christians working with Paul and greetings from some, does Paul ever mention the Apostle Peter. Obviously, Peter was not in Rome, as a pope or otherwise.

Peter journeyed about preaching the gospel, especially to the Jews. The Bible record does not contain as definite an account of his travels as it does of the journeys of Paul, but it does show him at different places at different times. One of the places is Babylon (1 Peter 5:13). Only religious tradition—and not the Scriptures—supports the conclusion that Peter was in Rome and that he was the first pope.

The Gospel by Radio

It is reported that the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod—will increase its radio budget from \$1,250,000 to \$1,400,000 for the next fiscal year. The present fiscal year ends May 30. The increased budget will be spent in securing additional stations, mostly on the Mutual Broadcasting System. Foreign broadcasting will also be expanded. Currently, the "Lutheran Hour" is heard in 40 countries, where the program is transcribed in 8 languages

We do not have any record as to the amount of money spent by the Catholics in the "Catholic Hour," but we are satisfied that it is quite a large amount. The Seventh Day Adventists also have a radio program, and while we do not know the exact amount of money they are spending, we do know, because of the cost of such programs and the extent of their coverage, that the amount spent is considerable. These denominations believe that it is advisable to preach the gospel over radio.

We rejoice that there are so many of our pastors whose church services are broadcast. Every Baptist church that has access to a radio should broadcast its services. We have found in Cuba, where we have a national hookup, that our radio program is one of the most profitable methods we have of preaching the gospel to the people of Cuba. Multiplied thousands are hearing the gospel who would never go into a Baptist church, and the gospel is having its effect. The radio program of the Home Mission Board, going now over sixty stations, five of which are in Alaska, is reaching thousands of people who would never go to church. The letters and reports that come from the various sections indicate the benefits of this program.

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A Baptist challenge for a spiritual awakening

By C. E. MATTHEWS
Secretary Evangelism

MANY Southern Baptists are feeling the need of a spiritual awakening in this our own country. In an effort to bring this about, 8,441 churches west of the Mississippi River are planning a simultaneous revival, April 8-23, 1950. Some 18,158 churches east of the Mississippi will engage in simultaneous revivals March 25 through April 8, 1951.

These crusades will be the greatest and most challenging effort at soul-winning in the history of Baptists.

The task is tremendous yet it is reasonable, and with proper preparation, the spirit of co-operation, and with God's help it can be done.

Steps of Preparation for 1950-1951 Crusades

1. Every association should have a simultaneous crusade in 1949 if possible. The experience gained is invaluable. We learn to do by doing.
2. Each association should elect an associational organizer and an associational chairman, NOW!
3. The above two officers should be present at a convention-wide conference on evangelism to be held in First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Monday evening, May 16, 1949, at 7:30 o'clock, where additional plans concerning the crusades will be thoroughly discussed.
4. All state secretaries of evangelism and all associational officers should attend home mission week at Ridgecrest, June 1-7, 1949. There will be eight days of conferences led by secretaries of evangelism, and inspirational messages by Dr. R. G. Lee and Dr. W. A. Criswell. It will be a seminar on evangelism with emphasis on methods and the spiritual elements of a revival that none can afford to miss.
5. Steering committees for associational crusades should be elected

6. one year before the crusade begins. It would be well to teach the book, *The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism*, five nights in each association to all associational officers, pastors, and members of steering committees, six months before the crusade begins.
7. We suggest that every full-time pastor plan to preach in his own church



Allapattah Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, where at a Sunday morning service during recent evangelistic campaign, 206 persons came forward for church membership, 168 of them by baptism.

during the crusade. Pastors who serve more than one church should thoroughly prepare each church for the revival, obtain an outside evangelist for each, and then give general supervision and direction to each church. If the pastor has two part-time churches he could prepare both for the revival, preach for one, and secure an evangelist for the other. He should use all general evangelists, ministerial students, and retired ministers who are available. There are many preachers on the faculties of our schools and employed by our various boards who could serve. Ministerial students should and can conserve absence from class previous to the crusade

so that they would be permitted to give two weeks to the crusade. This is tremendously important.

Mr. Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood, will recommend splendid and capable laymen to churches where an ordained minister cannot be secured. There are many great laymen who are experienced in preaching in revivals.

If a pastor does secure another pastor to help his church, he should invite one from the opposite side of the Mississippi River.

8. Let every pastor and layman attend this statewide evangelistic conference in 1950 if possible.
9. Above everything else, follow the program of preparation as outlined in the book, *The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism*.
10. Every man, woman, boy, or girl

who is a member of a Baptist church should feel in his heart that this revival is his responsibility and privilege, that as a Christian he holds within his possession the only remedy for sin and the only hope of this world, Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

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IN the Southern Baptist program of evangelism the associational organizer and the associational chairman are key men. Upon these two officers rests the success of this program. They can make it a success or they can defeat it. They are the key men in the two great simultaneous campaigns that Southern Baptists are undertaking in 1950 and in 1951. It is the purpose of this article to set forth the duties of these two important officers.

The Associational Organizer

This officer is elected by the association, and it is a permanent office. At the annual meeting when the associational Sunday school superintendent, Training Union director, W. M. U. president and the other associational officers are elected, the associational organizer for evangelism should be named. An association which does not now have an organizer for evangelism should have the executive board elect one to serve until the next associational meeting.

The organizer is to be the missionary of the association. If the association does not have a missionary, then one of the key pastors should be chosen.

The organizer is to see to it that every church in the association has at least one revival each year. Each year there are thousands of churches in the Southern Baptist Convention which report no baptisms. The associational organizer should meet with these churches and talk and pray with them in an effort to interest them in having a revival. If every association in the convention will elect an associational organizer for evangelism who will really work at the job, the problem of churches reporting no baptisms will be solved.

The associational organizer is to look after the unchurched communities. He ought to prepare a map of his association showing the location of each church. He should indicate the places where mission revivals need to be held, and get churches near by to agree to sponsor a revival each year at this mission point.

It is the privilege of the organizer to enlist each church of the association in the simultaneous campaign. This may mean that he will have to visit some of the churches and explain the advantages of going into the campaign. Where there are good associational organizers for evangelism, usually all the churches participate. During the campaign west of the Mississippi, April 9-23, 1950, and east of the Mississippi, March 25 through April 8, 1951, the associational organizer for evangelism

Key Men in Evangelism

By C. Y. DOSSEY
Assistant Secretary of Evangelism

is the key man for the enlisting of the 8,441 churches west of the Mississippi and the 18,158 churches east of the Mississippi.

The Associational Chairman

Like the associational organizer, the associational chairman for evangelism is to be elected at the annual meeting of the association along with the other associational officers. This is to be a permanent job, and is to be filled by a key pastor. It must be a pastor who believes in evangelism and practices it in his church.

The associational chairman is to co-operate with the associational organizer. The responsibility for the promotion of evangelism in his association rests upon his shoulders. He ought to be on the program committee for the monthly workers' meeting in the association and see that some phase of evangelism is discussed each month.

He ought to promote an annual associational evangelistic conference, and urge every member of the church council of evangelism, the deacons, the Sunday school teachers, the Training Union workers, and pastors to attend. An attractive program ought to be arranged and the meeting well advertised.

Perhaps the associational chairman's most important duties are during a simultaneous campaign. He is to serve as chairman of the steering committee, and is known as the general chairman. His responsibility here is similar to that of a pastor in preparing for a revival in his church. The chairman is responsible for the "build up" for the campaign. He ought to know the duties of each member of the steering committee so he can know when committeemen are performing their duties and help them when they need it.

Beginning six months before the campaign, the chairman ought to have a meeting of the steering committee once each month with written reports from each member. Three months before the

campaign, the committee ought to meet twice each month to see that the proper preparation is made. It has been found that 70 per cent of the success of a campaign is in the preparation. The associational chairman is the man who is responsible for seeing that this preparation is made.

A Very Important Meeting

On Monday night, May 16, 1949, a very important meeting will be held in the First Baptist Church at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. We are asking that all of the associational organizers and chairmen in the states west of the Mississippi meet us at this time and place. The purpose of this meeting is to promote the preparation for the campaign west of the Mississippi in 1950. It would be a fine thing if the associational organizers and chairmen east of the Mississippi could also attend this meeting and thus start the preparation for the 1951 campaign.

Is There an Altar in Your Home?

By JOE W. BURTON

A family altar is the practice of family worship. It simply refers to reading the Bible together in the family circle and praying to God together. It is a season of family devotion.

A family altar will alter any home. It will give the home a lift. It will solve problems. It will bring new life, new joy, new peace into the family.

Southern Baptists are now in a campaign to establish 100,000 new family altars. Realization of this goal can bring great spiritual blessings to our land.

"Family Worship Every Day in Every Baptist Home." Get the family altar habit.

April, 1949

Gospel Music in Evangelism

By E. POWELL LEE
Field Secretary of Evangelism

SINGING and preaching are intimately associated in the reaching of the unsaved for Christ. In the great revival movements of the past the names of Moody and Sankey, Torrey and Alexander, Sunday and Rodeheaver, and Truett and Coleman cannot be dissociated.

Gospel singing holds a place of great importance in the program of evangelism. The song service bears the same relation to the revival service as the preparing of the soil for planting of seed does to a successful harvest. Both are preparatory; both are essential and necessary if a harvest is to be reaped.

The exhortation of the Psalmist, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord," is most fitting in the revival meeting. Real praise to God finds free and easy expression through the medium of song. Gospel songs serve to prepare the minds and hearts of the members of the congregation for the proclamation of the riches of grace in Christ Jesus.

Gospel singing warms the heart as the words of the song tell the story of the love of Christ and His saving and keeping power. Gospel songs make the worshipper conscious of his rich heritage through Jesus Christ the Lord.

The song service properly prepared for and prayerfully presented in a spirit of joyous praise and true and genuine reverence will prepare the people for the preacher and his message. It will create an atmosphere in which one can feel the very presence of God.

Such a program may be realized when evangelist, pastor, and song leader have spent time together in meditation and prayer and in a free and full discussion of the revival and the aims and objectives to be attained.

A further essential for best results is a meeting with the choir at which time each member shall accept responsibility for the services and enter a prayer covenant to do his part during the special meetings.

In my experience the greatest hindering obstacle in the way of successful preparation for the preaching of the gospel is the utter lack of understanding on the part of choirs of the purpose and technique of the revival song service. It is not a time for concertizing; it is not a time for displaying the range and depth of the individual voices; it is not the time to bring in outside soloists who are out of touch with the spirit of the meeting to render some song they have studied.

In the revival meeting it is desirable to use the gospel songs with both congregation and choir since the purpose of the service is to present the claims of Christ to the saved and the good news of Christ as Saviour to the lost.

When the minister speaks of the cross, the songs should likewise magnify the cross as the one and only way of salvation. Many a time the gospel message on the wings of song has lodged in the heart and under the power of the Spirit of God has brought conviction and conversion. The call of Christ frequently sounds and resounds in the sinner's ear, when the choir has intoned, "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling." Often a sermon in song has made an indelible

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PREACHING On a Streamlined Train

By HAROLD D. GREGORY
Superintendent City Missions,
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IN the towns and villages along the way people were gathering for church. I noticed, as I rode "The Georgian," a fast streamlined train, one Sunday morning recently. As the eleven o'clock hour approached, the preacher in me cried out for the privilege of expounding the Word of God. I had been listening to the announcements over the amplifying system as attention was called to historic points of interest along the right of way.

The uniformed passenger representative was making one of his customary trips through the car when I stopped him to ask if it would be considered too irregular to have a worship service over the loud-speaker. He graciously agreed, saying that he would prepare the control room and that I could take as long as I liked.

Once inside the broadcasting booth, I introduced myself to my fellow passengers and invited them to worship with me as we rode along.

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I read the Bible, offered prayer, then delivered my message. After the benediction I stepped from the booth wondering what the reaction had been.

I heard many favorable comments in the diner and other cars, even though they did not know that I was the speaker.

That afternoon I decided to break the monotony of sitting by going back to the lounge car. As I spoke to the "bar-tender," a Negro, he said, "Reverend, I sho did enjoy that spiritual message this mawn'ing." Then he added, "But it kinda made my sins come down on me tho."

I pressed the point by asking, "Did

they" come down far enough for you to repent of them, and trust the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour?"

"Yes Suh," he answered, "it made tears come to my eyes."

The Lord gave me the assurance that my message had been heard, and encouraged me by allowing me to know that at least one soul had been won by that simple message.

As a further encouragement, the passenger representative of the train came to me before I left the train to speak a word of appreciation for the message and also to invite me to take advantage of the same opportunity whenever I happened to be on that train again.

Changed by the Gospel

By HERBERT CAUDILL
Secretary Missions, Cuba

FELIX RIVERO is a mild-seeming, soft-spoken tenant farmer in his early thirties. For years he has been a renter on the farm of Miss Marta Cabarrocas, outstanding Cuban Baptist. Of all the tenants on the place he used to be the worst. He paid his rents grudgingly and never had a good word to say for Miss Cabarrocas, though she treated him with kindness, courtesy and justice.

Several years ago Francisco Rodriguez married a niece of Miss Cabarrocas and went to live in her home and do mission work. He began to preach in the home, and in other homes near-by. Finally a chapel was built on the place. Brother Rodriguez became interested

in Felix Rivero, who had even threatened to kill Miss Cabarrocas.

Felix began attending the services at the mission. The music inspired him, and the sermons began to transform him. The hatred he had felt began to dissolve, and now Miss Cabarrocas has no more loyal friend and worker than Felix Rivero. He sings in the choir, and when there is anything to be done for the church he gives his time and labor freely. He is now superintendent of the Sunday school, and a loyal supporter of his pastor.

The gospel has power to transform in Cuba.

Evangelistic Opportunities In the West

By FRED A. McCauley
Field Secretary in Western States

TEN years ago the first Southern Baptist church of California was organized; seventeen years before that the work was begun in Arizona and a few years prior to that New Mexico voted single alignment with the Southern Baptist Convention.

In 1948 New Mexico reported 181, Arizona 66, and California 220 Southern Baptist churches. During 1948 New Mexico reported 2,707 baptisms; Arizona, 1,056; and California, 3,087; or a total of 6,850.

These three states (with the assistance of the Sunday school and Home Mission Boards) now have practically the regular complement of state workers. Each owns a state headquarters building, a state paper, and New Mexico owns her own printing press. New

Mexico also has three beautiful student buildings (adjacent to state educational institutions), a children's home, a W. M. U. youth camp, and the Glorieta Assembly grounds. Arizona will open the Grand Canyon Baptist College near Prescott in September, 1949. California has the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary located at Berkeley with a faculty of 20 and 121 students registered this year.

The Home Mission and State Mission Boards support 28 field workers (Arizona 6, California 11, and New Mexico 11) who reported a total of 2,235 professions of faith and 1,323 additions to the churches by letter during 1948. The Home Board also provides a large group of student summer workers for each of the states.

Young and Old for Christ

By WARD COCHMAN
Missionary to Indians

LYANSTAH SOOTAWAKEKY is a 70-year-old Indian woman, a widow whose health is breaking and who is aging fast. She has many grandchildren. One is Frankie Toney, a promising young lad of 17. When he was home for Christmas I had the privilege of knowing him. Neither he nor Lyanstah ever dreamed we would pay them a visit. By "we" I mean my wife, our daughter, Christine, and an adopted son, Charley, and myself. The Lord had plans for us to go however.

The first thing the Lord used in getting us to their home was the death of one of their family.

When the news of the death was received, the Spirit by which God prompts his ministers, urged me to go. Even though I had many things to do at home, I left everything and went to the home.

About midnight we arrived, and what sorrow we witnessed there where all the kinsfolk were gathered. I breathed a prayer that God would comfort them. During the course of events the fun-

eral fell to me to conduct. The Lord gave me a successful service and showed me that the people were ready for the gospel.

The gospel had been preached there by Creek Indian missionaries about thirty years ago, but because of anti-Christian forces, the work had ceased.

The Lord opened to us a door. We agreed to come back to the community and preach the gospel to them if they would let us. Their answer was "yes" and with other brethren we returned and held a three-day revival.

Before the meeting we had time to pray and we did so night and day—sometimes for hours at a time for the leadership of the Holy Spirit of God. The Lord dealt with us just as he promises in His Word, going with us and seeing us through.

The meeting was begun on Friday night. The group was interested. Even though some felt the urge to respond, none was able to pick up enough courage to make the step to accept Jesus. (Continued on Page 22)



Fred A. McCauley

Special attention is given to various groups by Home Board missionaries distributed as follows: Indians, 27; Spanish, 29; Chinese, 4; Japanese, 3; Italians, 4; and migrants, 2; besides two special workers, two general workers, and part time service of the church buildings worker.

Many and enthusiastic are the reports of the blessings derived from the "Good News Hour," broadcast over 20 radio stations in the West.

This year two new associations were organized in New Mexico and four in California. New Mexico had 10 newly organized churches, Arizona 8, and California 72, a total of 90 during the year.

The Home Mission Board staff has materially assisted with a state-wide evangelistic conference in each state; a state-wide evangelistic crusade in Arizona, in preparation for the 1950 "West of the River" evangelistic crusade, and in conducting the home mission conference for the Western states each year.

Probably without exception each of the 467 churches in these states is in dire need of a building. Many (newly organized) need the first unit, the others must secure additional space for their rapidly growing work.

Gifts or loans in the amount of \$15,000,000 is an immediate necessity for present churches, to say nothing of the needs for many hundreds of churches, colleges, orphanages, hospitals, and other Baptist institutions needed to win this great unevangelized area to our Lord. In California alone, with a population of 10,000,000, there are more who profess no religion at all than there are people in the state of Texas (7,000,000).

Please come over into the Macedonia of the West and help us—with your prayers, your preachers, and your purse!

Fruits of Evangelism in City Mission Work

By J. PERRY CARTER
Field Secretary in City Missions and Juvenile Delinquency
(Former City Missionary, Louisville, Kentucky)

JESUS wept over Jerusalem, not because the people were more sinful than others, or because He loved them more, but because the multitudes there were as "sheep without a Shepherd." Thus He put the city in the very heart of His great commission. Our cities are great mission fields.

Recently, after I had spoken on city mission work, Dr. J. W. Black, state secretary of Kentucky, said, "That is the first time I ever thought of Louisville as a mission field."

One is not surprised at such a statement, for few people realize the needs and the problems that abound in our cities. More than two hundred thousand people in Louisville and Jefferson County give no sort of evidence of knowing Christ as Saviour.

The city mission program in Louisville became part of the city mission program of the Home Mission Board in February, 1943. A small portion of what is now being done was being carried on at the time. The work has grown rapidly, both in evangelistic results and in favor with the churches. Baptists throughout Kentucky are coming more

and more to look upon their largest city as a needy and fruitful mission field.

More than eight hundred volunteer workers from the various churches of the city now give themselves regularly each month to one or more phases of the work which has been organized into departments with administrative committees and helpers.

During the past six-year period, twenty-two mission stations and eight new churches have been established. Half of the churches organized in Long Run Association in the last twenty-two years were constituted during the last six years. A total of 3,673 professions of faith and 3,290 additions to the churches were reported from this outside-the-local-churches ministry.

Some 260,000 Bibles, Testaments and other pieces of Christian literature were distributed.

In 1948 alone, the mission stations, together with the new churches established during the six-year period, reported 432 professions of faith, 490 additions for baptism and by letter, and more than \$80,000.00 contributed to all causes, including more than \$9,000.00 for missions.

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AMONG the MISSIONARIES

Indian Woman Translates Song

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She pointed toward heaven, and we understood that the Lord had put it upon her heart to get the message of this hymn into the language of her husband's people.

Like most of the Indian languages, Tewa is not a written language. Therefore, translation is not such a simple matter, and doubtless some revisions will have to be made in her copy.

Previously, a gospel chorus, "Fishers of Men" was translated into Tewa by another Christian Indian.

Pray for these who are attempting to get the message of God's love into the language understood by the Tewas.

MISS PAULINE CAMMACK
Missionary to Indians
New Mexico

Witnessing Through Funerals

I recently had the privilege of witnessing for Christ through two unusual funerals. The first was for a baby girl who died unexpectedly before her parents, Catholics, had had her baptized by the Catholic church. The priest had consequently refused to have anything to do with her funeral.

The parents were inconsolable because they thought that due to their neglect their child had been forever shut out of heaven.

The funeral director had asked me to take charge of the funeral, and I held a simple service, trying to help the parents and friends to see the truth as taught in the Bible.

Following the service, the father confessed to me that my message had brought great comfort and hope to him and to his wife.

The second funeral was for an old man, blind and paralyzed, who had been helpless for five years. It had been my privilege to visit him and try to point him to the Saviour. Therefore, when he died, I went along to the funeral simply to show a personal sympathy.

His wife was a loyal Catholic, there-



Large crowds attend Sunday school at Baptist church, Cumanayagua, Cuba.

Mission children relax after handwork period in kindergarten, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Teacher is Mrs. Gregorita O. Lord. Only three children come from Christian homes.

war brides. Thanks be unto God, we have been able to win one of them.

REV. and MRS. SAM A. BONETATI
Missionaries to Italians
San Francisco, California

Hardened Sinner Converted

A 65-year-old man, very hardened in sin, was gloriously saved in his home yesterday.

He was a drunkard and gambler. His wife, who was converted and baptized in our mission some time ago, had been praying for him for about three years.

One of the men, who had also been saved at our mission, asked the pastor of the Second Baptist Church to go with him to the trailer home where this man

lived. The Holy Spirit worked in such power that the man humbled himself enough to kneel in prayer and finally surrendered his life to Christ.

Immediately he went to the next trailer where his brother, a Catholic, drunkard and gambler, lived, and urged him to accept Christ. The brother has promised to go to the mission. Pray that we may be able to win him.

MISS HELEN LAMBERT
Missionary to Nationalities
Granite City, Illinois

Weather Doesn't Stop Indians

This has been a hard month, due to snow and sub-zero weather. Just a few moments ago it was announced over the radio that 101 inches of snow has fallen during the month of January.

We have been snow bound several times, and were unable to have services one Sunday because of the huge drifts.

However, our Indians have shown an interest and loyalty that is truly heart-warming. The newly started prayer meetings have been well attended, and there is much interest in the Bible studies. The all-Indian Sunday school is showing what a group of Christian Indians can do for the Lord.

This group is also sponsoring a fifteen-minute radio program each Tuesday night called "The Voice of the Indian." In this way they are using the most modern method to give their testimony for Christ. The program has a very good hearing among the Indians who live in and around Flagstaff, also among the Anglos as well. There are, no doubt, Negroes, Mexicans and a few Chinese who also tune in to this program.

REV. HAROLD E. BAER
Missionary to Navajos
Flagstaff, Arizona

Keeps Sabbath—Loses Job

"I will have to get somebody else who is willing to work," the foreman told Bill Onceola recently, not because Bill is lazy or does not understand his work, but because he had refused to work on Sunday.

"I want you to work tomorrow," the foreman said to him.

"I no work Lord's day," Bill, who is an ordained deacon in the little Seminole Indian church in Florida, replied.

"All right," the foreman answered, "I'll just get someone who is willing to work."

Bill walked away that day from a sixty dollar a week job.

Although he has looked for other work, it has been difficult for him to obtain a job. He has obligations, a family including a little boy, and a car on which payments are due.

But Bill keeps smiling, and he says, making me humbled as he does so, "Maybe that's the way Jesus wants it."

Yes, that is what Jesus would have us say. "I am a Christian and will not work on Sunday, even if I have to lose my job and go hungry."

STANLEY SMITH
Missionary to Seminoles
Florida

Alaska Church Puts Magazine in Budget

Rev. Felton H. Griffin of Anchorage, Alaska, sends a list of 150 names for a budget subscription for the First Baptist Church of that city.

The church budget for last year was more than \$20,000. Gifts to missions in December exceeded \$400. The Lottie Moon offering was \$103. The church had 211 additions during the past year. In January of the new year there were 29 additions.

The Anchorage church has also provided the pastor with a new home and is using the former parsonage for necessary Sunday school facilities.



Chinese children who study English with Miss Mary Nelle Lynne, Nore in this family are Christian.



Enrique Gomez, Mexican youth who withstood ridicule of friends for Christ's sake.

Faith to Be the Only One

By EUGENE WOLFE
Student Missionary

It was hard at first being the only baptized believer in the community. The men on the job laughed at him and told him he was a fool. Many of them even refused to talk to him. Was it going to be worth it?

Enrique Gomez was born in Pleasanton, Texas, but soon afterward went with his parents to Old Mexico. He grew up in that country, and consequently did not learn to speak English.

He is like many American-born Mexicans, who because their parents shuttle back and forth across the Texas-Mexican border, find themselves unable to speak the language of the land of their birth.

One evening in August, 1946, Enrique attended a gospel meeting in Torreon, Old Mexico, and there accepted Christ as his Saviour. Soon after that he came to the States, and began to work as a section hand on the railroad.

He knew that there was a difference since he had accepted Christ, but he didn't know how to follow the Lord completely. None of his companions were Christians, and there was no Spanish-speaking mission nearby.

When Enrique came to Cisco, Texas, he heard about our Baptist mission, visited, and thoroughly enjoyed the services which are in Spanish.

Although several Mexican young people of that vicinity attended the services, none of them had followed the Lord in baptism. When Enrique decided to be baptized, he was really "stepping out" and giving a clear testimony for the Lord.

He was baptized one Sunday afternoon in November. From that time other Mexican young people have shown more interest in the Lord's work. One young man, a "secret" believer, has expressed a desire to be baptized. Four of the young men live together in one of the section houses, and they carry on lengthy discussions about sin and the Bible. Previously they had not given sin a thought. The weekly visit of the Home Board missionary is eagerly looked forward to, and the boys have questions prepared for him to answer.

But Enrique is not satisfied. He wants to be of more service to his Lord. Through the missionary he learned about the Baptist Academy at Brownsville, Texas, and is making definite preparation to enroll there as a student soon.

Yes, it is proving to be worthwhile to Enrique, to have the faith to be the only one to publicly acknowledge his faith in Christ.

Dr. Gartenhaus Retired



Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus

Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus, who has just completed 28 years of service with the Home Mission Board as "ambassador to the Jews," has been retired from service by the Home Mission Board.

His action of the executive committee his retirement became effective March 1, 1949. Brother Gartenhaus assured the Board of his acceptance of its action and of his good will toward the Home Mission Board.

In 1921, just after graduation from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Gartenhaus began his service with the Board. For 23 years he has promoted the Friends of Israel movement which has sought to enlist Baptists in the winning of Jewish friends to a saving knowledge of Christ. He is the author of six books on Jewish evangelism, the latest being *What of the Jews?*, released last summer.

Brother Gartenhaus' influence and ministry through the years has extended far beyond the area of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is president of the Hebrew-Christian Alliance of America and has made numerous trips to foreign countries in the interest of his people. He has made a lasting contribution to the work of Christ.

Now he goes into a wider ministry among his people with the good wishes of a multitude of friends among Southern Baptists.

Let us all remember him in our prayers.

April, 1949

Texas Deaf Have Revival Campaign

By J. W. GARDNER
Missionary to Deaf

As a fitting commemoration of the silver anniversary of the opening of work among the deaf at Houston, Texas, a revival meeting was held at the First Baptist Church of that city starting February 6.

The revival was largely under the direction of Mrs. Louis A. Beard, who has been the leader of this group through its entire quarter of a century.

The work was originally started under the leadership of the veteran missionary, J. W. Michaels, and Dr. J. B. Leavell, then pastor of the First Church. The beginning was made with five deaf who were organized into the Silent Bible Class. Now approximately one hundred are enrolled in the class which meets regularly each Sunday at the Sunday school hour. The teacher, Carey C. Shaw, is himself deaf. The class has not missed a meeting in the twenty-five years of its existence.

Attendance and interest were good throughout the week of the revival at which the writer served as preacher.

There were four professions of faith and baptisms, and six united with the church by letter as a result of the week's effort. The services were climaxed on Friday night with a banquet prepared and served by the church. Dr. W. Boyd Hunt, pastor of the church, brought the message at the banquet.

Visitation in the interest of the campaign was done by the deaf people, who entered heartily into the event, making many contacts during the week.

The Baptist Hour

By S. F. LOWE

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana will be the Baptist Hour speaker in April, May, and June, it has been announced by The Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The theme for the three month period will be "Consider Jesus," with the emphasis on evangelism.

Dr. Grey becomes the first speaker to preach an entire series of The Baptist Hour. He was heard in the 1944 series and has had an outstanding radio ministry in New Orleans with three broadcasts each Sunday.



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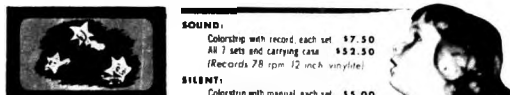
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OFF-Shore Evangelism

J. CLYDE FOSTER, Missionary

By HERBERT CAUDILL
 Secretary of Missions, Cuba

One day a young man whom we shall call Jose, was on a farm near Nueva Paz. A little before eight in the morning he noticed many of the people in the community going to one of the houses. Having nothing else to do he followed and to his surprise found them meeting to hear a radio service from Havana. It seemed they met for this service even Sunday morning. The people were commenting on how much they like the messages of this preacher.

When Jose heard the voice he recognized it as that of Domingo Fernandez, and said, "That preacher is my mother's pastor in San Jose."

Although Jose is the son of one of the members of the church at San Jose de las Lajas where Brother Fernandez is pastor, he had never been much interested in the gospel largely because of the fact that his wife was a believer in spiritualism and other similar cults. However, after seeing the eagerness to hear the gospel displayed in that country community, he has been more interested in Brother Fernandez and the Baptist church.

Another example of interest in the radio was a young soldier from Ciego de Avila in the Province of Camaguey some three hundred miles east of Havana.

This young soldier came to Havana and because he had been hearing the Sunday morning radio messages wanted to meet the preacher.

Brother Fernandez was not in Havana, but the soldier was quite pleased and impressed when I showed him the church where the services were held and the pulpit from which the sermons are preached.

Radio services are reaching many in Cuba. They are broadcast not only from Havana, but from Santa Clara, Cienfuegos, San Cristobal and Artemisa.

sailing the next morning for China. I remember well that there were some forty men with several officers in the service. There were twelve conversions that night.

One of the converts was studying to become a doctor in his native country. He was a prominent young man from Yugoslavia.

Upon his acceptance of Christ as his Saviour, he said, "I came cautiously into the dining room to this service after

I'm trying to follow the command of our Lord, to lift up our eyes and look on the field, we are finding here in San Diego, California, the needs so great that we must use a variety of ways of reaching the lost. Most of our time, of course, is spent directly with the churches. However, one of our most unusual projects is aboard large ocean vessels where we conduct services for the service men.

For a number of years there has been a group of Christian business men in San Diego under the name of the "Floating Society" which arranges for church groups to go aboard vessels and hold evangelistic services.

All services must be conducted under the auspices of this society, as the Navy does not permit individual churches to hold services aboard ships.

Groups from our church take advantage of this opportunity and hold services each Sunday evening.

Almost without exception there are from ten to twenty-five conversions.

Did you ever preach, with all the freedom the Holy Spirit can give, when, upon giving the invitation, every lost person in the congregation came to the Lord? What a thrill!

Recently we were on a large carrier where there were thirty boys present, only three of whom were Christians. Surely the Lord was there, for indeed He could be felt. When the invitation was given, twenty-seven accepted Christ.

There is another thrill which has recently come to my heart. I have never felt the call to serve as a foreign missionary, and I shall probably never have that privilege. However, a recent experience with a young doctor led me to believe that I shall have some little part in missions on other fields, aside from the money I may give through the Cooperative Program.

With a group from one of our churches I went out on the "Union" ship late one Sunday afternoon. The ship was

hearing some unfamiliar songs by the group. I confess they were strange, but somehow they struck my heart. Thus, I sat down to wait and see what the preacher might have to say.

"The message, too, was indeed strange. Of course, I knew some little about sin, but I had never heard of any man called Jesus dying for my sins. I can say that this was my first gospel sermon."

That young man accepted Christ that night and told me that he was going to do all he could for the people in his country by carrying the message of this Jesus back to them.

I have heard from him since and am glad to say that his faith is increasing all the while.

Thus, I can rejoice in knowing that I have had a small part in bringing this, another soul to the cross.

Suppose the group that night had not sung, "Amazing Grace" and suppose the preacher had not preached the gospel.

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RURAL CHURCHES ARE

By J. F. McLELLAND
Superintendent Evangelism and
Enlistment

SINCE the rural evangelistic work was organized in Louisiana in 1941, great strides forward have been made. At the time the work was inaugurated, there were 866 churches. In 1948, 1,008 reported to their district associations.

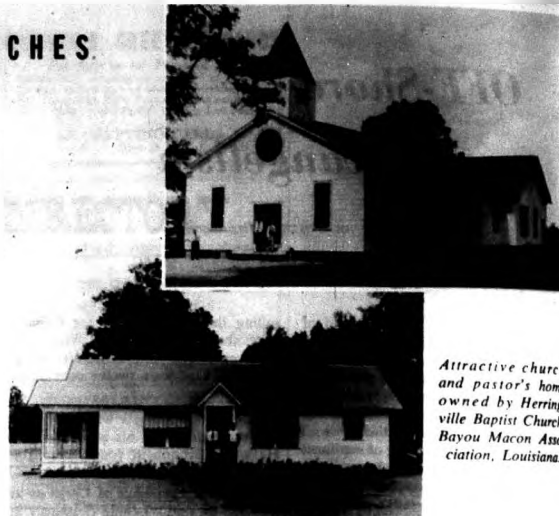
Other points of progress include the increase from 244 full-time churches in 1941, to 597 in 1948. In 1941 there were 350 half-time churches, and today there are 320. In this same period of time quarter-time churches decreased from 272 to 60. There are 31 other churches on the rolls either dead or non-existent.

Growth in the matter of giving to missions also has been most significant. In 1941, 515 churches gave nothing at all to missions (all of these were rural). Of the 1,008 churches reporting last year, only 87 failed to give to this important cause.

Evangelists of this department who have preached in 525 revival meetings, report 5,035 professions of faith, 13,603 tithers, and more than 300 churches with increased gifts to the Cooperative Program. Some churches are now giving twenty times more than they were. In 1941, the Cooperative Program budget receipts totaled \$135,314.88. In 1948, Louisiana Baptists gave \$552,732.72.

From the beginning, soul-winning was the department's number one objective. With this thought spearheading the effort, individual churches have been led to adopt revolutionary programs which proved to be examples which neighboring churches soon followed.

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Soul Winning in Schools of Missions

By BERTHA WALLIS
Field Worker

SCHOOLS of missions are not usually considered soul winning enterprises. However, an old man came forward confessing Christ as Saviour at the Sunday night service in a school of missions in Tennessee. Inquiry revealed that as far as the pastor knew, it was the first time he had been to the church. However, as he sat there that night and heard how other people were lost and had found Christ, he realized he was lost and needed the Saviour, too.

One Tuesday night in Illinois a young mother was converted. Before she left the altar she was remarking how anxious she was for her husband to come home from Missouri where he was working, so she could lead him to Christ.

At the first service of a school of missions in a little church in California, there were four conversions and five dedications for special service. The first person to come forward was an eleven-year-old boy who had never been to church before, but the previous week had attended the Royal Ambassador meeting and was invited to Sunday school and church. He told the pastor he wanted to trust in Jesus. The next two people were a soldier and his wife who came accepting Christ. The next was a woman who had been weeping since the middle of the message. With her was her husband, they came rededicating their lives. The woman said she had not wanted the school of missions for she knew the Lord wanted her to surrender her life for something definite. She is night supervisor in a hospital, and felt the Lord was calling her to work with the Catholic nurses and patients in that place.

Next came a Mexican woman who said she thought her work was to take her Spanish Bible and lead her Mexican neighbors to Christ. She saw that they were her responsibility.

Another young lady came forward trusting in Christ, then two young women for special Christian work. One had no home and lacked one year in high school. She wanted to be a missionary, but was troubled about getting the training. I talked with her pastor and he promised to get her a job in a home so she could finish high school and help her get a scholarship to college.

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The Baptist Chaplain and Evangelism

EVANGELISM is an important part in the life of Southern Baptist chaplains now scattered around the world.

Chaplain Ray L. Allen, stationed in Tokyo, writes: "My own work with the men of the famed 7th Cavalry Regiment comes first, but God has opened the way for work among the Japanese."

"I have Bible classes in my own home, and during the noon hour, have Bible classes for the Japanese laborers in my office on our post. Through one of the Japanese interpreters of the regiment we have had many opportunities to tell the story of Jesus. More than one hundred Japanese have embraced the Christian religion."

"I have two military government teams to preach to, and three rest hotels besides my own work in the regiment. These places are one hundred and fifty miles from Tokyo, and I go by Japanese train and bus. As the train stops at various places I have tracts to give to these rural and village people. They crowd to my train window and reaching up to my hand snatch a tract which carries in their own language the story of Jesus. Often as many as fifteen or twenty hands reach to mine and the people are saying 'I want one.'"

Chaplain Allen one day received the following letter from a young Japanese girl, Sadako Ishimatsu:

"I am living at Utsunomiya City, far away from Tokyo. I have been searching for the New Testament for a long time. But in my town, unlike in Tokyo, I could not find it."

"Fortunately, when I was walking with my friend, I looked through the window of a bookstore, and there on the shelf I found the New Testament which I had been looking for."

"The store keeper looked amazed at my unusual joy."

"Chaplain, please teach me the way of salvation through the redemption of Jesus Christ."

"After the war was over, the atrocities by Japanese soldiers were revealed. I was very much frightened."

"Though we live in different countries, why did they use precious life in such atrocities? I don't understand this. Why should we hate each other, simply because we are different races?"

"Chaplain, I am praying that the Japanese people will be changed and that they should never do any atrocities like those."

"My father is a physician. I don't have time to go to your place to be taught about Christ, because I have to help my father."



The quiet waters of Fukuoka Bay serve as a baptistry as Chaplain W. E. Sutterfield baptizes a young corporal.

"I am still young, the generation for us is coming, and when our generation comes, I am wishing that many people would be reborn into the people who have more mercy by accepting Christ in their hearts."

I came up to Tokyo after riding for three odd hours, though I was afraid that Chaplain must be busy."

"I am going to stay in Tokyo for several days, before going home. It is an honor, if you will tell me about Christ, if the circumstances permit."

This young girl was won to a personal acceptance of Christ at the altar in the chapel, after the Scriptures had been read and explained to her."

Chaplain Jephthah E. Turnage with headquarters at Greenland base command, writes of his experience with a young sergeant who was admitted to the hospital as a possible mental case. Chaplain Turnage was called to see him. Before going to the hospital ward he

talked with the doctor, who told him how the sergeant had been acting. "He has been praying for forgiveness of his sins, in the mess hall, in his room, in the hospital halls, or wherever he might happen to be," the doctor said.

After visiting the patient Chaplain Turnage told the doctor that he felt the young soldier was experiencing godly sorrow, and that he was praying as a result. The chaplain took the Bible and showed the sergeant many things regarding sin and the way of salvation. After prayer together, the sergeant was gloriously saved.

Within two days the soldier was returned to duty and he immediately started witnessing for his Lord. He was sent to the States soon after that, and reports received by the chaplain tell that he was later sent to Goose Bay, Labrador, and is still rejoicing in the Lord. While other men play cards in the barracks, this man reads his Bible. When it is time for the evening chapel he is always there, and usually encourages several others to go along with him.

Chaplain Peter E. Cullom tells the following story:

"While driving home from Tokyo one night, a distance of about twenty-five miles, I picked up three soldiers in my jeep."

"After I talked about other things for a few minutes I asked my favorite question, 'What is your idea about religion, or how do you think a person becomes a Christian?'"

"On this particular trip I was tired and the idea kept coming to me 'Why don't you let this be one time that you don't talk religion?'"

"Firmly I resolved that I was not going to bring up the subject, but I began to pray quietly. Soon a deep sense of shame crept over me as I felt that I was stubbornly refusing to do the thing that I knew I should do."

"To the sergeant sitting on the front seat with me I asked my question. In a few minutes I knew that it was the devil who had put it into my mind to let this one time go by without trying to let the Lord use me to help someone."

"I have never seen a man who was as sick of sinful living as this man. In most emphatic terms he kept saying over and over, 'You are talking to me at the right time. I have definitely made up my mind that I am not going to continue living like I have been living.'"

"He was from a fine Christian home, but had let the devil trip him up on sins that are common to a soldier in a foreign country."

BOOK REVIEWS

The English New Testament from Tyndale to the Revised Standard Version. By Luther A. Weigl. Abingdon-Cokesbury. Cloth, \$2.00.

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Young Wheeler revitalized *The Bugle*. God through Wheeler spiritually revived the community. A charming daughter of the chief of sinners won Perry Wheeler.—A.C.

The Message and Authorship of the Epistle to the Hebrews. By Walter D. Kallenbach. Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich. Price 20c.

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NEXT DOOR Evangelism

By T. H. YORK, Missionary



Mrs. Dolores Guida at top of steps, and her next door neighbor, Mrs. Frances Hull, whom she won to Christ. Little Sandra Hull, center, was also enlisted in Sunday school.

THE continued invitation of a Primary Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. Dolores Guida, has helped to win a young Italian mother to Christ.

Mrs. Frances Scario Hull is wife of Franklin D. Hull, engineer in one of the plants in Tampa, Florida. She lives next door to Mrs. Guida, who again and again invited her to attend church. Her reply was always, "I'll come when we get through with the remodeling of our home."

Sandra Hull, the little seven-year-old daughter, did start attending Sunday school, however, and commenced urging her mother to go. Finally she did.

Mrs. Hull was reared a Catholic, and after attending the Baptist church for awhile admitted to her neighbor that until that time she had never read anything but the catechism. She began to read the Bible and to understand the Word of God. Before that, she declared, she did not know one verse from another.

Her conversion came during a big city-wide revival campaign to which the Home Board missionaries took Mrs. Hull and as many others as possible. The night she came forward, seven others came also.

"The night before I gave my heart to Christ I wanted to go down the aisle, but something held me back. The next night I went, and I felt so contented and happy. I felt swell," she reported.

"I went home and was so happy I couldn't sleep and the next morning I told my mother. She was happy, too. I told the girls at the telephone company where I work. Some of the girls who were Christians hugged me in their delight. One of the men in the office said he had noticed a difference in me in the past few months since I had been going to church. He said I even looked different."

Even before she, herself, joined the church she had talked to her sister-in-law and niece about accepting Christ. Already she has been rewarded by the niece, Florence Scario, joining the church.

Pray that this may be the beginning of a great period of Christian witnessing.

Young and Old for Christ (Continued from Page 10)

Upon the invitation many came for prayer and we prayed for them.

The service continued through Saturday night, Sunday morning and afternoon. We preached our hearts out to them and they were seeking to know Him. On the last service, Sunday night, at the last invitation, Frankie, who had been showing interest all along, came forward and took Jesus as Saviour.

What joy filled the house, but that was not all. For Iyanstah rose, stepped hurriedly forward and put her full trust in Jesus!

There before us stood a young man 17 and an elderly woman 70 years old who had come near to missing the way of life.

The Lord had answered our prayers.

Gospel Music in Evangelism (Continued from Page 8)

impression on the mind and heart of a soul without Christ.

Southern Baptists have a department of music which is promoted through the Sunday School Board. State musical directors are rapidly being enlisted to further the program of teaching and training. A new day should dawn soon as a unified program of music is developed for all age groups in our churches. Then our gospel singing in evangelism will become more effective as we continue our soul-winning crusades.

To Italy and Back ... with the Gospel



Missionary A. Pucciarelli and Mrs. Antonia Benetti in whose home he holds services for the Italians.

By REV. A. PUCCIARELLI
Missionary to Italians, California

THE home of Mrs. Antonia Benetti, 84 year-old Italian woman now living in Southern California, is being used by Rev. A. Pucciarelli, Home Board missionary, for religious services for Italian people.

Mrs. Benetti is a native of the Province of Foggia, Italy. She first heard (in vangelo) the gospel, years ago in her native land. The message was preached to her by an Italian man who had lived in the United States, been converted, and returned to Italy to preach in his home town.

When Mrs. Benetti first came to the United States, she and her husband lived in Rochester, New York, and they attended services at the Salvation Army hall.

Later her husband died and she was married to Mr. Benetti who took her to live in California. Since that time, thirty years, she has not heard the gospel preached in her native language. However, she has constantly read her Bible and sung the best she could the songs in her Italian hymn book. She has used these two books so much they are completely worn out. The first request she made of the Home Board missionary when he became acquainted with her, was for a new hymn book.

She is so happy and grateful that she can again hear the gospel preached in her native language. She has gladly opened her home to be used as a place for prayer meetings, inviting her friends for the services.

Cover Page

Three Southern Baptist leaders shown boarding the plane for Alaska on March 10. They, with two others, were enroute there to hold an evangelistic campaign under the direction of Dr. C. E. Matthews, secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board. The three men shown here are: Dr. James Middleton, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee; and Dr. Matthews. Others who went on the trip were Dr. David Gardner, editor *Baptist Standard*, Texas Baptist paper, and Dr. W. D. Wyatt, First Baptist Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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