

## This Is the Lord's Doing

By PAULINE CAMMACK Missionary to Indians. New Mexico

THE Lord's day on April twentyfourth was a day of real rejoicing in Indian mission work at Santa Fe, New

"Once in a lifetime" could well describe the experience for some who were present at the special service for the laying of the cornerstone of the Baptist Indian Center.

Visitors came from Albuquerque, Espanola, Los Alamos and Arizona for occasion. The scripture passages read by the moderator of the meeting, pastor Clint Irwin of the First Baptist Church, reminded all of the chief cornerstone, Jesus Christ, elect and precious. To Him is all praise and glory due for every victory through the years which is making possible the present construction of this first unit of the

The main address was given by Rev. C. W. Stumph, senior missionary to the Indians of New Mexico. He outlined briefly some of the highlights of the beginnings of the mission work among the nts at the Santa Fe Indian school.

After his message, he placed in a copper receptacle, along with other me mentos, a detailed history of the early mission work. This paper he had prepared especially for the purpose. Mr. Gradalupe Garcia, Puehlo Indian of Albuquerque, who recently chose Jesus rather than houses or lands, sealed the

Rev. Wiley Henton of Globe, Arizona, who has done much in helping to expedite the beginning of actual construction, represented the Home Mission Board. Before placing the cornerstone, which was donated by Mrs. Mary Martin in memory of her husband, he brought a message emphasizing the significance of the name "Baptist." He pointed out that through the years, Baptists have stood for religious liberty of all people. Since New Testament times Baptists have proclaimed the God-given right of every soul to approach God for himself, without the help of any advocate, priest, or other mediator than the

Of great interest was the presence of

dian Church of Albuquerque, who had worked with the C. W. Burnetts in beginning the student work here. He led in the hymn singing and gave a brief gospel message in song as he sang "One

Even though this "once-in-a-lifetime" occasion of cornerstone laying was outstanding, it did not eclipse the rejoicing because of the obedience and testimony of six Indians in following their Lord in baptism this same day. Two of these were former kindergarten pupils of our mission kindergarten, and four were students at the Santa Fe Indian school.

"This is the Lord's doing; it is mar-

#### A Song and a Little Child Helped

By FRANCES CURB Goodwill Center, Tampa, Florida

EVERY Monday morning at the L Tampa Goodwill Center kindergarten we sing to each boy and girl who attended Sunday school the day before The little song goes something like this:

"Who came to Sunday school?-Gav-le, Gav-le,

Who came to Sunday school?

If the child brought a parent or friend they get second and third verses

"Who brough her mother?

We not only sing to Gayle, but week after week for three years we had sung the same song to Joyce Elaine, her olde sister, who also attended kindergarten. Their mother always brought them to

Sunday school, but somehow it never suited her to stay. On Easter Sunday, two years ago, the kindergarten had a special campaign for

mothers to attend on that particular Sunday morning. Gayle and Joyce Flaine were all smiles that day, not just because they had new clothes, but because their mother had consented to stay with them. There would be two verses to the song on

Monday morning!

That Sunday was the beginning of Mrs. Dabney's regular attendance at Sunday school. She has missed only two Sundays-when the children had an Indian Baptist pastor and missionary.
Rev. George Wilson of the Baptist Inhome to nurse them!



Mrs. Aida Dubney and her two children

About a year ago Mrs. Dabney accepted Christ as her Saviour and was haptized at Clark Memorial Church. After that she not only brought her own children, but many of her children's little friends

A few weeks ago the Sunday school needed someone to take charge of the Beginner Department and it was Mrs. Dahney who accepted the class.

"You know I am not a teacher," she said when approached about the matter, "but I am willing to try."

With that she smiled and began mal ing plans for her class in the Sunday



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Alaska A Missionary Challenge

By DAVID M. GARDNER

Editor, Baptist Standard

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS has invited Dr. David M. Gardner, editor of the Bartist Standard of Texas, to be quest editor this month Dr. Gardner was a member of the evangelistic team which went to Haisa under the direction of Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of exanglism of the Home Mission Board, for an exangelistic crustade. The accompanying editorial has been capited from the Bartist Standard, by the children of mission work in Haisa weigh heavily upon the exangelistic who were in the crustale in March.

THE TERRITORY of Alaska with an area of 586,400 square miles, is more than twice as large as Texas. In fact the combined area of Texas and all states that touch her borders, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico, lacks 32,081 square miles being as large as Alaska.

There are fewer than 80,000 people in Alaska, more than 40,000 of whom are natives, Indians and Eskimos, and slightly less from the States and all foreign countries.

There are only 10 towns in all Alaska with a population above 1,000, the largest of which, Anchorage, has about 17,000. Fairbanks has around 15,000, and Juneau and Ketchikan about 7,000 each. Cordova, Kodiak. Nome, Petersburg, Sitka, and Wrangell have from 1,000 to 1.200 each.

Southern Baptists have churches established in Ketchikan, Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks. Northern Baptists have a community church in

Kodiak. That leaves only five towns with as many as 1,000 people without any type of Baptist work. There are numerous small villages where there are 100 or so people engaged in seasonal work such as fish canners, trappers, hunters, and so forth. There are no churches or missions of any type in many of these smaller villages, and it would be most difficult to maintain a mission in the vast majority of them

It seems to me that Southern Bantists should have churches in each of the 10 towns mentioned above at the carliest possible time. We have made

a beginning at Ketchikan, Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks, and have made satisfactory progress in all except Juneau. We are happy to believe that conditions are improving in Juneau. Given an active church in each of these centers under aggressive leadership and one missionary-at-large to assist in establishing missions as needed, there is no way of knowing what the future holds for Bantists in Alaska.

Baptists of Alaska need well-trained, experienced missionaries, plus immediate financial help. We cannot start missions in Alaska as we do in the average American city and hope to succeed. Alaska is filled

with educated and sophisticated pagans. Many of them would close every church and mission in the territory if they could do so, and they are brazen and bold in their opposition to Christianity, in any and every form. They will not attend a mission service in a cellar or a shack. Our missionaries must be a match for them intellectually, and must be provided with attractive chapels. It would be cruel and almost criminal for Southern Baptists to send inferior or inexperienced missionaries into Alaska without following them with our prayers and sufficient financial help that will convince the natives that Southern Bantists mean business.

Our Home Mission Board could and doubtless should go into such towns as Juneau and invest from five to ten thousand dollars in attractive chapels. Give a competent missionary an adequate chapel in any one of the larger centers in Alaska, and we can grow a Baptist

church with a congregation of two or three hundred members within five

The Brownfield association in

Texas has assumed the financial responsibility of keeping a mission pastor on the field at Juneau. Brother and Mrs. Jimmie Bolton have been selected to represent Baptists there and will move on the field June 1. He will need \$10,000 with which to build a chapel to meet immediate needs. Those of us who have been on the field feel that our Home Mission Board ought to provide these chapels at the carliest possible moment.

Alaska is a big mission field from the standpoint of square miles covered, more than two and one-half times as large as Texas. Its population does not compare with its size, but the potential possibilities of the territory make it important as a mission field.

The few Baptists in Alaska are most grateful and Southern Baptists are indebted to Dr. C. E. Matthews, the Home Mission Board, the Baptist Standard, the pastors and their churches for making possible the recent evangelistic crusade in Alaska without cost to the churches. Let us hope that such crusades may be promoted annually for the next five years and that Cuba and the Hawaiian Islands may be included.



where convention was held.

BAPTISTS of Cuba met April 11-15, in their annual convention. The ing the year 337 were baptized into the Training Union convention. There general sessions were held in the meet-fellowship of the churches. This is one are 61 unions in 42 churches with 21 inghouse of the Baptist Temple in Cien-freece Dr. A. T. Bequer naster baptism for every eighteen members, reaching the standard of efficiency.

is a stone structure located on a promi- The churches range in size from the visits, 10,000 tracts given away, and 1 nent corner in the downtown area. smallest with seven members, to the week of special evangelism The seating capacity of 400 was packed for all the services of the convention largest, the Baptist Temple in Havana. Drs. Sanchez, Munoz, and Gonzalez

Dr. Bequer, first graduate of the Baptist seminary in Havana under the direction of the late Dr. M. N. McCall, Bratherhood and Woman's is president of the convention. For 30 Missionary Union years he has been pastor of the Cienfuegos church. Besides being a graduate of the Baptist seminary. Dr. Bequer holds two doctor's degrees from the University of Havana. He is held in high extern by the Cubrary Many of pitality.

#### The Cienfuegos Church

The Baptist Temple in Cientuegos was instituted in 1899. During one of the sessions of the annual convention of Cuba the local church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. With 214 members, it is fourth in size among the Cuban churches, surpassed only by the churches in Cardenas, Cruces, and Havana.

Adjoining the auditorium are Sunday school rooms and an apartment for the pastor's family.

#### Cuban Baptists

that there are 69 Baptist churches in convention.

high esteem by the Cubans. Many of Pascual Herrera, a prominent surgeon the Cubans and the missionaries refer of Havana. Dr. Herrera is superintendto the sweet disposition of Dr. Bequer.
He is a Christian gentleman, presided

Temple, Havana. His reputation as a with dignity and dispatch, and enter-tained the convention with due hosand his consecration is valued by Cuban Baptists.

The president of Woman's Missionary Union is Miss Mildred Matthews. The annual report showed 160 unit organizations with 41 reaching the standard. Missionary offerings from the societies totaled almost two thousand dollars.

#### Religious Education

Dr. Jose M. Sanchez, secretary of religious education, reported an enroll-ment of 8,257 in Sunday school in 1948 with a goal of 15,000 by 1950. The 69 churches operate 183 Sunday schools with 689 teachers. Dr. Luis M. Gon-Reports at the convention indicated zalez is president of the Sunday school

haptism for every eighteen members, reaching the standard of efficiency.

The accompanying picture shows the auditorium of the attractive church. It 50 prayer meetings, 500 missionary

onvention

all teach in the Baptist seminary and all hold doctor's degrees from the University of Havana.

Superintendent Herbert Caudill is held in high esteem by Cuban Baptists He walks worthily among noble



Miss Christine Garnett, for thirty

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS



Superintendent of Cuban missions, Rev. Herbert Caudill, his wife, and three children.



General officers, Western Cuba Baptist Convention.



Seminary and Training School choir, directed by Mrs. Rose C. Pool.



Dr. 1. M. Sanchez, secretary of religious education in Cuba, talks with a Cuban Baptist in his office in the Baptist Temple in Havana.



Miss Mildred Matthews and four Cuban girls. Miss Matthews, long time missionary to Cuha, is president of the W. M. U. of Cuba.





June. 1949



THE greatest missionary meeting we have ever attended" was the

expression of many as they left Albuuerque, New Mexico, on March 23 after seven busy days of fellowship, aspiration and information at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Con-McCaulley, general field worker for the western states, was at his genial, wholesome hest as he directed the conference program and later conducted a group of thern Baptist leaders on a tour of the western mission fields. There was a splendid balance in the conference program between missionary testimonies and highlights, evangelism. Bible study and inspiration

Each morning four missionaries gave highlights of their experiences during the past year. There were twenty-four such messages. The experiences of hattle"-experiences often of persecution, loneliness and extreme hardship, were always accompanied with a triumphant note of faith. The stories were a challenge, and oftentime a bewilderment, to the rest of us.

One of the most memorable features of the conference was the time each day when missionaries presented their trophies, those they had won to Christ. Among them was a Navajo Indian girl, Miss Florence Begay, who was presented by Missionary H. E. Baer of Flagstaff, Arizona. This young lady was not only valedictorian of her high school class, but made the highest average in the state of Arizona. She was offered scholarships from colleges in every section of the country. She plans to attend Grand Canyon College, our own Baptist school which will open at Prescott. Arizona, this fall She accepted Dr. L. A. Brown and Wiley Henton of Christ recently and now plans to study the Home Mission Board; state secremedicine and minister to her own taries, Dr. A. F. Crittendon of Calipeople.

Seferino Jojola (Hohola) of Isleta. New Mexico, himself an Indian preacher, presented his own wife as his of California, Mrs. Minnie Guyton of

Doris Christensen, missionaries to the Indians in Santa Fe, New Mexico, pre- of Texas. These brought Bible studies ented Mrs. Rose Naranjo of Santa Clara Pueblo, an Indian settlement about twenty-seven miles from Santa Fe and Dr. L. E. Barton were the featured two miles from Espanola. Some of us and the privilege of going on Saturday afternoon to this Indian woman's home and of seeing the work she is doing. She told us on the way that she had prayed the Lord to let her people come into her home so that she might tell them of and help. Jesus. "Oh boy, how He did answer my

she allowed the Indian women to use her electric washing machine and oftentimes she could not do her own work for the crowd, but she did have an or

portunity to talk to them about Christ Mrs. Naranjo and her husband have added a couple of rooms to their adobe home so that the largest room in the house might be used for church services She has a circulating library and dr tributes garments whenever she can se cure them. Mr. and Mrs. Naranjo proudly watched while their eleven-year old daughter played the piano for us They take her all the way to Santa Fe once a week for music lessons.

The husband, Miguel Naranjo. hopeful that they can soon build a Baptist church on the reservation

We also went to the pueblo of Mrs. Naranjo's ninety-one year old grandmother. This Christian of only a few months has a wonderful testimon

We learned from Mrs. Naranjo that she had only been a Christian eight months and that she had won already eight people to Christ. I asked her how many of the five hundred people in her pueblo she hoped to win to the Lord Without a moment's hesitation she said "All of them." I asked her how long she thought it would take to win the whole pueblo. She thought a moment and said "Four years"

Not only did Mrs. Naranio come to the conference as a trophy of missions but she brought a young mother, not yet a Christian, in order that she might bet ter hear the gospel story.

Outstanding speakers and leaders were present, such as: Dr. B. O. Herring, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Cali fornia: C. Y. Dossey, Dr. S. F. Dowis fornia, Dr. Willis J. Ray of Arizona, Dr. Harry P. Stagg of New Mexico; and W. M. U. secretaries, Mrs. W. C. Howe Arizona, Miss Eva Inlow of New Mex-Miss Pauline Cammack and Miss ico, Miss Margaret Hutchison of Oklahoma and Miss Eula Mae Henderson led in conferences, and gave addresses inspirational speakers.

The reports and conferences led by Loyd Corder, superintendent of Spanish work and Dr. J. B. Rounds, superintendent of the Indian work for the Home Mission Board, were of great interes

The limits of snace make it imposs ble to mention all of the missionaries SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

even though they were the most important persons present. The glow on their faces was a heavenly sight.

Mission Tour

Immediately following the conference, four cars left for a tour of the mission fields. An hour's dust storm that ruined the windshields of the cars and about three hours of snow storms that afternoon made March 23 rather memorable for us. The first stop was Budville, New Mexico, sixty miles west of Albuquer que, where the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Sieg serve as missionaries to about 3,000 Indians in the Laguna and the Acoma tribes. The new building, for which appropriations have already been made, will adequately provide for this work.

At Gallup, New Mexico, with an ele

vation of 6,560 feet, we drove in the snow to see the Indian Center, composed of a large auditorium and two nouses one for missionary Sam L. Isaacs, and another guest home for the

At Flagstaff, Arizona, next morning we met Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Baer and

The author of this article re-cently attended the annual South-ern Baptist Home Mission Con-ference for the western states and made a tour of most of the mis-sion fields in New Messico, Ari-zona, and California. The com-ments in this article reveal some-thing of what he saw and heard in that event mission area of our in that great mission area of our convention territory.

did a little snowballing at the site of the new Indian center and missionary's home which is soon to be built, the money having already been provided.

We stopped for our morning devosouthwest boundary of the Navaio reservation. On this marker a map shows parts of four states. Utah. Colorado. Arizona and New Mexico (the only place in America where four states join squarely). There are 16,000,000 acres in this reservation.

Miss Hutchison told us a thrilling story of how 350 Navajos were sent to the government school at Chilocco, Oklahoma. Thirty-one of these were led to Christ during the year by our Baptist missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. A. Worthington. Since so few of the Navalos know English and since they are very hard for Anglo missionaries to teach, Miss Hutchison suggested that

The Grand Canyon was of termend ous interest to us all, and when we came ingenuity could do in bridging and utilizing the forces of nature. However, as we looked out over this vast territory the Navajo country, and realized that the Navajos do not live in villages but largely in settlements of two or three hogans, we took new hope that these valleys of ignorance and sin might hear the gospel, be bridged, beautified and made useful for Christ.

It was our privilege to visit the Baptist state headquarters at Fresno, California, and to visit a few of the one hundred-twenty-five Southern Baptist churches in the state of California. We spent Saturday night in Berkeley after visiting the Golden Gate Seminary, and learning something of its growth and opportunities. Members of our group occupied pulpits in the various Southern Baptist churches in the Bay Area on Sunday. It was my privilege to speak at the First Baptist Church of Richmond, California, a church five years old which s the mother of three and the grandmother of one full-time Baptist churches and now has a Japanese and Italian mission. The church is just finishing a new huilding which is altogether inadequate already. It is located in the midst of a housing project containing 33,000 people. The opportunities there are tremendous. Rev. Earl R. Biglow is doing a splendid work in this over-ripe field. Dr. I. A. Brown, home mission field

worker, told us something of the spirit-ual condition of California where, according to his survey, there are more people who do not belong to any church than live in the state of Texas. Dr. Brown reported 4.111,000 people living in California either foreign-horn or whose parents were foreign-born. One was reminded again of Jesus' word about the fields and the laborers. Rev Loyd Corder told us of our Spanish work that "at the present rate if no new people were born and none died, it would take 1,000 years to win all the Spanish people now living in Southern Baptist territory."

After a night at Phoenix, our party disbanded at the Sacaton Indian Church where Brother and Mrs. C. F. Frazier of Cooledge. Arizona, are our mission aries. Rev. Luke Johnson, governor of the Pima Indian Tribe and supply pastor of the church, with twenty or thirty other indians, made us most welcome.

These Indians all unwittingly summar ized the lesson of the whole experience (Continued on Page 9)

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Truett George deat member of Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, was recently elected deacon in that church.

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tered, and because they are sometimes

Reaching The Deaf With The Gospel

> By J. W. GARDNER Missionary to the Deaf

they are often called, are, because of ing in that field. their physical disability (they do not like the word "handicap"), in a large through the ordinary means of communication. They are not different, not subin the Woman's Missionary Societies. normal, not mentally inferior, but simand must depend on some other means hands, or sign language

silent friends must be gotten to them in work of some nature is carried on, ing worker to brid Some of this work, possibly more than hearing and deaf. friends, sometimes mistakenly called half, is under Baptist supervision. Some The number cannot be accurately determined because they are widely scat-

In some of the Baptist centers we confused with the hard of hearing. The have a local church worker who directs estimate of those in the South who are the church activities and helps the deaf truly deaf and who habitually use the in other ways as well. In other places sign language ranges between twenty where we have not been able to secure ness to the deaf." and thirty thousand. This estimate is a hearing person to work with them, the not a wild guess, but is based on the deaf themselves direct their own work. noon at the Fourth Avenue Church figures of one who has made a thorough We now have about twenty local church

These thousands of silent people, as force of Home Board employees work-

Work in the local church consists mainly of Sunday school classes and other Bible study groups. Training measure a segregated group, unable to Unions, and the interpreting of regular mingle socially with hearing friends church services by a hearing worker. In a few instances there are silent circles

Baptist leaders among deaf strive in ply people who are deprived of the so far as possible, to enlist the deaf in normal use of ears and speech organs, all the church activities and in the full support of the church's program, both of communication-the language of the local and world-wide. It is hoped they will feel they are a part of the church It is clear that any messages to these family and enter as fully as possible into all its activities. In some places we print or writing or in their language of have met with a measure of success in signs. In the matter of religious instructhis endeavor, in other places the deaf tion, there are in our territory some eighty or ninety centers where religious is true especially where we have no hearing worker to bridge the gap between

For twenty-one years the Fourth Ave is done by other church groups including Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, has maintained a mission known as the Church of the Deaf

Chester E. Ford, in writing of the church said. "Recently there has been a renewal of interest, and we believe the future holds great possibilities of useful-

The group meets each Sunday afterwhere the Sunday school lesson is taught workers in addition to the very small and a sermon preached. Usually a silent





The Silent Bible Class, First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, celebrates with a silver anniversary banquet the organization of the class, February 3 1924

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movie is shown, or refreshments served. Each Friday from 7:00 P. M. to 10:00 p. M. a social meeting for the deaf is held which includes games, movies, wedding showers, parties and any of a number of wholesome entertainment.

Last year the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church ordained one of the deaf, Truett George, as a deacon in their church and put him on the committee of the deaf.

In Columbus, Georgia, the First Baptist Church has done work among the deaf for a number of years, not only among the adults, but the children also.

Last year Mrs. S. P. Wright, who spends much of her time working with the deaf, was named the "Good Neighbor of the Day" by the Tom Breneman's Breakfast in Hollywood radio program.

The deaf are more and more being brought under the influence of the gospel and being won to Christ and Chrisn service in increasing numbers.

With no individual with an over-all responsibility, and with no reports from local church groups to any central mission agency, we cannot give exact figures as to the number of professions or haptisms, but they are increasing from month to month, as the interest in the deaf grows.

The Challenge of the West (Continued from Page 7)

and sounded its prophetic note when they sang, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" and then "Jesus Shall Reign."

Our car, driven by B. M. Crain of the Home Mission Board office, who added so much to the conference in every way. and containing Miss Hutchison and Miss Henderson and the writer, headed south and east while the other cars turned west and north. We came home with a feeling that pastors and church leaders should visit our mission fields. We suggested to Mr. McCaulley that he work out itineraries that might be followed on summer vacations, combining the best in American sightseeing with invaluable mission contacts. There was also the memory of the words of another generation, "Go West Young Man, Go West," ringing in our cars.

The opportunities for serving Christ in the West are tremendous, and it is hoped that a multitude of our finest young people will match these opportunities with the message of Christ.



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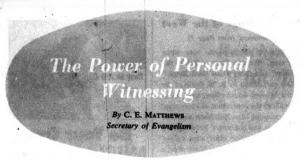
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A ND they overcame him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony [witnessing]" (Rev. 12:11).

The forces of evil and of righteousforces of righteousness by the Son of Righteousness, the Lord from Heaven There have been times when the battle seemed to lull, for it appeared that

age, another when Jesus was crucified,

methods for battle. One of them is per-Satan and his angels were about to pre-sonal witnessing. This method was the vail. One such period was before the chief one employed by Jesus when He flood, another when Israel was in bond- was here in the flesh. We have His

another in the last world war. Each of these periods was followed by a terrific conflict between the two forces when the righteous forces asserted the power ness are in mortal combat today, the forces of evil being led by Satan and the victories. Today the righteous forces are rising for battle, and a world spiritual conflict is about to take place. God has designed for His army

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demonstration of its use recorded for us in the Four Gospels. He found Philip through this method. He won over Satan in His personal testimony with the woman at Jacob's Well, the paralytic at Bethesda, Zaccheus in the sycamore tree, the man in the Garden of Gadara,

We have the same example of the power of personal witnessing given us in the record of the early disciples: Andrew winning his brother, Simon; Philip converting the Ethiopian; Peter healing the lame man at the gates of the temple The latter was such a demonstration of power that it stirred all Israel. Paul or trial for his life before Agrippa resorted to personal witnessing, believing that this was the most powerful weapon of defense and offense that could be employed against the powers of darkness.

The question: Who can engage in personal witnessing for Christ? The answer: Every redeemed soul, regardwon Dr. John A. Broadus to Christ, 1 have seen Juniors win adults to Christ. In a recent revival in Allapattah Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, I saw a Junior girl lead her mother to Jesus and two boys lead their father to Jesus.

#### Who Are the Greatest

If you were asked the question, "Who are the greatest soul-winners?" what would your answer be If you want to know who the greatest soul-winners are, make a test in any church congregation and you will discover that Christian me there have won more people to Christ than has any other group. We, as a denomination, are attempt-

ing a crusade for Christ on a scale neve before approached by Baptists, as far as we know. On April 9-23, 1950, a crusade will he conducted in 8,554 churches west of the Mississippi Rive and on March 25-April 8, 1951, in 18,-268 churches east of the Mississippi River. The power of this crusade and the hone of victory for righteous forces rest largely with what Baptists do in

#### Advantages in Personal

Personal witnessing goes with mass testimony if either of them is to be effective. They are Siamese twins.

First, personal witnessing has in it the power of organization. To carry on a program of personal witnessing effec ively, an organization must be created.

This means the employment of many persons, whereas mass witnessing is done principally by one person, the preacher A well-organized effort is usually powerful, and we as Christians must organize to go afield now.

Second, personal witnessing carries the gospel out beyond the walls of the church and penetrates the strongholds of Satan that likely would never be touched by any other method. The victims of Satan, kept by him in spiritual darkness, seldom attend church services today. The devil has too many allurements for them in this pleasure-mad, materialistic world. He keeps people so busy that they think they have no time to go to church. He has succeeded in destroying the sacredness of the Sabbath and has made of it a holiday or a workday for this generation. Like the disciples of old, we reach his victims mainly by house to house witnessing. When we go, the power of the Holy Spirit will go with us and we will, by His help, lead multitudes from darkness to light.

Third, personal witnessing has in it cleansing power. Any Christian who onsistently tries to win souls for Christ will pray. We cannot go without power But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ve shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are cleansed of sin. He will not empower a worldly Christian. When a Christian gets a taste of the joy of winning other to Christ, he loses sight of worldly allurements. The devil's appeal to the world loses its power, for there is no comparison between the joy that comes through Christian service and the pleasure that comes in the indulgence of

worldliness. Fourth, personal witnessing creates interest in the movement of God among people. Any movement which succeeds the extent that great numbers will give time and effort to personal contact will attract any community. The public knows that it is not difficult for Christians merely to attend church services where they are privileged to listen to good music and preaching. But when disciples are stirred to do individua effort in trying to impress a cold and indifferent world with the claims of Christ. a lost world is going to consider ou

Our prayer is that everyone who claims to be a follower of Christ, will rally to this great effort of Southern Baptists as we try to make our contribution to a world wide spiritual awakening

#### **Books Needed in Negro Work**

R EV. A. N. Murray, missionary in the Mississippi Delta in Louisiana, gave away 1,115 good books during 1948. In his work among the Negroes he finds use for a great many volumes on various Bible and study course themes. Some 1,400 books were con- books on doctrine. tributed to his work from people in al-Convention.

A number of good books are placed in a circulating library. Last year 300 to Rev. A. N. Murray, missionary in St. copies of the books received from vari- Joseph, Louisiana. ous sources found use in that way. The circulating library now has about 500 use to which Brother Murray can put

Missionary Murray declares that the greatest need for books in his leadership institutes and in the circulating library is for refernce books, Bible dictionaries, secular dictionaries, Baptist history, and

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There is no Baptist church in the community, though there is one close by in a neighboring community.

We have dedicated a portable chapel at Three Rivers and are now having services each week. The chapel is built in eight foot sections bolted together so that when a permanent building is erected this one can be torn down and reassembled in another community. The chapel is the result of contributions of churches and individuals. It is twenty by thirty-two feet and will seat 120

The local priest has made considerable effort to stop our work in George West, but attendance has increased to 103. We managed to get eighty-eight people inside the little mission (12½ x 181/2 (eet). Some sat on the table, some on the stove (no fire), and some two in a chair. Others were sitting in the windows or on the movic projector case Fifteen listened from the outside and joined in the singing.

Milton S. Leach

#### Deaf Student Missionary Ordained to Ministry

"Rev. Carter Bearden of Dallas, newly ordained Baptist minister, may deliver some fiery sermons—but they will be quiet ones," commented a Dallas newspaper about the ordination of this young Baylor student who is preparing himself for greater service among the deaf.

nself a deaf-mute, he is already serving under the Home Mission Board as part-time missionary to those suffering the same limitations

He was ordained at the Congress Avenue Baptist Church in Austin. Approxi-

mately 250 attended the service, many of his deaf friends among them. One deaf man. Mr. Carey Shaw of Houston a deacon, served on the ordaining council.

Although this new minister neither hear nor speak, he delivered his first sermon through the use of inter-

He is a graduate of the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin and the Gallaudet College for the Deaf in Washington,

"No matter whatsoever my lot shall be. I shall look up to Him and depend on Him to supply my every need. Wherever He wants me to go and whatsoever things He wants me to do, I will heed Him and answer His call, for He knows what is best for me."

C. F. Landon Missionary to Deaf

#### Navajos Approve Schools of Missions

I never go on a School of Missions engagement without telling the Navajos of our Sunday school and mission where and why I am going

They are always glad when I go to tell the people of the Baptist churches about their tribe. They often lend me Missionary to Spanish
Blanco Association, Texas

items of Navajo clothes and Navajo silver to show the people of the

> The Navajos are looking to Southern Baptists for help in getting the Gospel of Christ to their people. Many of them realize the old Navajo gods are not meeting the needs of their people. Some of them are becoming concerned about the spiritual condition of their people. Some day we hope to see many young Christian Navajos on the reservation witnessing to their own people about the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Harold E. Baer Missionary to Indians Flagstaff, Arizona

#### From Bowling Alley to Church

Because of the steady growth of a nission Sunday school established ten months ago at LaVale, Maryland, it has been found necessary to move from the dwelling house used temporarily as a

meeting place.

Just one hundred and fifty yards up the highway was an almost new building that had been erected for use as a bowl

After much prayer and consideration by those attending the Sunday school and with the assistance and encouragement of others, the building was pur chased.

As can be seen in the picture on this page, the new building, which is 112 feet long and 32 feet wide can, with renovations, make an attractive church building. The basement floor, which had been built for a shooting range, will furnish ample room for Sunday school denartments, and the social needs of the growing congregation which now aver iges more than ninety in Sunday school and about fifty in Training Union. A W. M. S., Junior G. A., and R. A. are also flourishing. I C Ledhetter

Missionary, LaVale, Maryland

Army barracks recently purchased for work among the Mexicans in Mason, Texas. Large lot provides ample space for building church and parsonage at later time.



Agustin Samudio, member of a Mexican Rantist Church in Texas, who bought a car and learned to drive in order to atsend the services in Rotan several miles from his home. Also he is learning to read in order to serve the Lord better

That same afternoon Mrs. Vedder called her friend, Mrs. John Banks. The two began to make plans.

While inquiring, visiting and contacting people who had places for sale, t women began taking donations for t work. These contributions were mad not only by Baptists, but by many others

interested in the work. It developed into a community contribution.

Mrs. Vedder and Mrs. Banks, in the meantime, had contacted the man who owned the property we had been using. He consented to sell it to us. With the aid of Rev. Fred Key of the First Baptist Church, the transaction was made.

The building and a large lot were pur-

chased. The land is enough for future growth including the building site for a pastorium. We are working now toward equipping the building.
On the first Sunday after we bought

the building, thirteen were present for Sunday school. We plan to conduct Sunday school and an evangelistic service each first of the month for the

There are about fifty Mexican families in the area of this mission. During Bible school last summer six boys and girls accepted Christ. Before that time only one boy had made a profession of

Missionary to Spanish-speaking Brownwood, Texas



LaVale Baptist Chapel, Cumberland, Maryland, is a reconstructed

Get Needed Meeting

It has happened! We have our own

We had been meeting in a borrowed barracks in the late afternoon each first Sunday. There was no means of heat during the winter months. We had hopes and knew our prayers would be answered, but as yet we did not see how we were to secure the much-needed place of worship.
While eating dinner with Mrs. C. S.

Vedder, a member of First Baptist Church of Mason, Texas, we told her of the possibilities of the work among the Spanish-speaking people in that community if we had a permanent meeting

Mexican Baptist church in Los An-

geles, California, our first work

among the Spanish-speaking people

in that city.

### With God's Help . . . I Will

By B. FRANK BELVIN Missionary to Indians. Oklahoma

WANT to share with you a story of a man whose manifested sincerity trunk and a sack from another place. and childlike faith have inspired me.

small churches here in the Indian counhome. Soon after I came here as misold, speaks little English, and is totally blind. Since I am a Choctaw and do not speak Creek, we could not underwas a stranger, he was a little uneasy at he could hardly understand. So the first the pastor there of my visit and to find out about me. The pastor informed him that I was the new missionary and that

I desired to help him. The next time I went back, he trusted me implicitly. He voluntarily brought out the records of his church; then with sensitive fingers he felt over the furniture of the room and brought out a box



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Then he took me to the church, a little shack snuggled back in the timber. stand each other very well. Because 1 Among the last services in the building was the funeral of his wife a few years my coming and at my questions which ago. And now with the sensitive fingers of his feeble hands he lovingly patted thing the next morning he made his way across the country to another Indian church thirty-five miles away, to tell happy memories of years gone by, and while blind eyes cried he said repeatedly



Aged Indian preacher, who, though blind, still trys to serve his little flock

in broken English, "Good Baptist church, good Baptist church." I cried too. And as we knelt in prayer,

and then as I looked through the holes in the roof at God's blue sky. I resolved that by His help that church would be repaired and that once again it would resound with prayer and praise and the voices of little children.

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ference Young Men's Mission Con-ference Writers' Conference. August 4-10 -- Woman's Missionary

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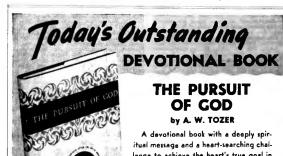
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