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of in the name of the Father, of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of Usangels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfulb



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By J. B. Lawrence

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IN ONE of his parables Jesus said, "If a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the ountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?"

Statisticians tell us that we Baptists have not one out (a hundred of the Lord's sheep which have gone astray, but some two million out of about eight million that have wandered away. These sheep are lost in the wilderness of neglect and the deserts of despair. They are no longer an asset to the churches and to the kingdom. They must be bund and brought back into the fold.

task. We have as a denomination and as churches been so busy winning people to Christ—getting the sheep into the pasture of the Lord—that we have failed to keep the fences up, with the result that the marauding forces of the world have torr down panels through which the sheep we have corralled have shipped through and wandered away. We must is up the fence around the

Lord's pasture—tighten up the loopholes in church life -so that we can hold what we have in the fold while we go afield for the sheep that ave wandered away. All denominational forces

will help in this great task. hey are planning. An organization has been set up look-

ing to and preparing for a Convention-wide field hunt for the sheep that are out of the fold. But we must get back o the keepers of the sheep—the ones whom the Lord and owner of the sheep is looking to and upon whom he has placed the responsibility of watching after and caring for the sheep. The denomination can help and it will help this search for the lost sheep, but after all the shepherds of the various folds of the Lord — the pastors of our this fremendously important task of finding the sheep that

have straved away and getting them back into the fold.

The shop which have strayed away are some pastor's sheep—the members of some particular church. They were all of the shop which have strayed away are some pastor's sheep—the members of some particular church. were at one time haptized into the fold and their names were place upon the church record and are probably now issed as numbers by some church. Each church, therelore, is involved in this great search and must assist.

It must locate its members, listing those who are safe in the fold—the resident members—and listing those who have moved away-the non-resident members. As far as possible every non-resident member should be located his mailing address should be secured. The entire membership of the church should be enlisted in the search for these lost members. Those who can be located should be lifted and the names sent to the pastors in the towns in which they now live. Each one should be written to and urged to join the church where he lives. If he has friends in the mother church, and assuredly he will have, then these friends should be

alerted and enlisted to do their best to contact the absent member, to find his local mailing address, and to insist that he join the church where he lives.

In order to facilitate this work of finding and enlisting those now non-resident members, a list should be distributed to the members of each local church so that the members of the church would know about the nonresident members and, knowing about them, would their spiritual condition. In the prayer meetings they could be prayed for and in the various group meetings of the church they could be

mentioned and the resident members urged to assist in every way possible in finding them. Nothing should be left undone by the church to locate these non-resident

In this work every organization of the church should be enlisted. The Sunday schools are in a position to do a most magnificent work in finding the lost members. The Brotherhood, the Woman's Missionary Societies, and the Training Unions can render valuable assistance. This is a task for the whole church and the whole church must work at it until it is accomplished. We must find these non-resident members, the sheep which have wandered away, and get them back into the fold of the Lord.

The most important person in this undertaking is the pastor. He is the under-shepherd of the flock, the divine injunction to him is to have a care of the flock over which the Holy Spirit has made him overseer. His is a unique (Continued on page 31)







Catholic Parochial Schools

We are informed by a news dispatch, New York Times News Service, that the enrollment in Catholic schools and colleges in the United States is growing at a very rapid rate. In the past ten years this enrollment has increased more than thirty-five per cent. The result is xpansion program in the school con-truction and facilities. For the next year construction facilities will cosut \$130,000,000.00, while \$110,-000,000.00 is to be used in the construction of buildings. The enrollment now is about 4,000,000 students in the colleges and schools.

The Catholics are to be congratulated upon their efforts to put their religion into the education of their children. In this respect Protestants are derelict in their duty to their children. Christianity has been practically eliminated from public education. God is a frozen asset in the educational system of America. The result is that we are developing a godless generation. There is no hope morals of a people when Christianity is left out of education. The evil ncies inherent in the life of every child, unless that child comes under the shaping influence of Christianity, will develop a pagan character. There is one d one hope only, and that is to put Christian teaching back into the srooms of our schools and colleges. The Bible ought to find a place in our

The Church Affiliation of The Senators

In the Senate of the United States there are now 19 Methodists, 11 Presbyterians, 11 Episcopalians, 9 Baptists, 9 Roman Catholics, 8 Congregationalists, 5 Disciples, 5 Lutherans, 3 Latter Day Saints, 3 "Protestants," 2 Church of Christ Scientists, 2 Friends, 1 Unitarian,

The Baptist Senators are: Frank Carlson, Kansas; W. F. George, Georgia; safe by cleaning out the ca Theo. Francis Green, Rhode Island; produces the drunken driver.

Olin D. Johnson, South Carolina; Estes Kefauver, Tennessee; Robert S. Kerr, Oklahoma; Russell B. Long, Louisiana; John L. McClellan, Arkansas; A. Willis obertson, Virginia; Chas. W. Tobey, New Hampshire

We suppose that there is no legislative body in the world where religious affiliations have less influence on the action of the members than in the Sen-ate of the United States. We are one people, and whether Bantists, Methodists, Presbyterians, or Roman Catholics, we believe that the men in the Senate conscientiously try to do their duty by the nation and for their constiuency. We have a great body of men in the Senate of the United States. Let

Number One Road Killers

In an article appearing recently in the Atlanta Constitution, we find this statement: "One out of every five drivers in Georgia is a potential killer." This minority group, so we are told, rules the highway with a ruthless hand. Irresponsible drivers leave a daily trail across the state of three persons dead, twenty injured, and 100 vehicles wrecked. When not actually involved themselves. the potential killers create situations on the roads which draw innocent persons into bloody crashes. They drink and drive, they pass on hills and curves they boast of speed, and they hug the center line when meeting or passing traffic

Who is responsible for this? The open saloons and the blind tigers. If the good citizens of Georgia, those who believe right and righteousness, who want the highways safe, will do their duty they can close every saloon inside of a year and put every single blind tiger out of existence. It is the good people who keep them in business by not putting them out of business. Under God, the people who believe in right and righteousness ought to make the highways safe by cleaning out the cause which

The Nation Lacks Morals

Dr. W. G. Henry, Jr., of LaGrange College (Ga.), said in a prepared speed ecently that as a nation, "we do no believe in justice." This speech was de livered at the annual banquet of the association of bankers at Augusta, Geor gia. The speaker, in support of the statement that we do not believe in justice said, "We are willing to rob generation of children unborn. We have a case bad morals which we are not willing to correct. George Washington would co demn us, our children will curse us. He was referring to the administration of public affairs in the national life o our land.

What we need is to make our religio operative in our social, political, and economic life. We are informed b statisticians that practically fifty per cent of the people of the United States ar members of churches. If their members ship means anything then it should pro duce right thinking and right living. R ligion is not simply a creed, it is a life. It is not those who say, "Lord, Lord who shall enter in." but it is those wh do the will of Christ. Let us translate our faith into the actuality of conduc and character.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSION

Record for Additions

Bellevie Baptist Church of Memphis nessee, has a record for new memon in twenty-four and a half years Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor, has welmed into the membership of the burch more than 17,000 new members. This is approximately two for every by, fourteen per week, or nearly 700 every year.

This achievement reminds us of the wo million Southern Baptists who hould move their church membership during Transfer Church Membership Week, September 14-21. Join a church where you can serve

Open New Work Among Indians

Rev. and Mrs. Victor Kaneubbe, who formerly served with the Board but have been in church work in Tulsa. Oklahoma, more recently, were appointed to open work among the Indians at Lawrence, Kansas, at the last meeting of the Home Mission Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaneubbe will serve principally with the students at Haskell other Indians living in the vicinity of

Among Home Board missionaries who are being transferred from one eld of service to another are Rev. and Mrs. Norman Kelley of the San Tan Indian Church in Arizona to the Indian Center at Flagstaff, Arizona, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley are swapping fields with Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Crews. Mr. and n. Crews are having to leave Flagsaff for a lower altitude because of the health of Mrs. Crews.

Other transfers include Rev. and Mrs. Ravid Treviso, Spanish missionaries at Brownwood. Texas, who will go to the Val Verde Mexican Baptist Church in Paso, lexas, to fill the vacancy left by the transfer of Isaias Galarza.

Rev. and Mrs. Carter Bearden, stunt missionaries to the deaf at Ft. North, Texas, will go to New Orleans. uisiana where they will serve the deaf Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alahama while attending New Orleans Baptist heological Seminary.

Ft. Worth, Texas, have been transferred to the Calvary Mexican Church, San Antonio, Texas

NEWS

Falls Creek Indian Assembly Proves Successful

A total of 524 were registered at the Falls Creek Indian Assembly in Okla-homa for the annual camp. There were 110 decisions made at the camp, 66 re dications, 30 professions of faith and 14 surrenders to special service. Rev Victor Kaneubbe served as director of the camp which was attended principally by Indians in the state of Oklahoma.

Bible Schools Good Mission Opportunities

The first fifty-eight Vacation Bible schools reported by missionaries of the Home Mission Board resulted in 230 professions of faith. These schools had an enrollment of 3,593 and an average attendance of 2.694. The mission offer ings totaled \$457.13 and were designated for various mission projects in cluding the Cooperative Program, local mission projects, and special interest activities. The largest mission offering was made by the mission at Key West. Florida, where Rev. and Mrs. Negrin work as missionaries. The offer ing there amounted to \$50,00 and was designated for mission work in Gallup, New Mexico and in Cuba. The second largest offering was made by the First Bartist Church at Thibodaux Louisiana where Rev. Lawrence Thobodeaux is missionary. The offering amounted to \$31.27, and was given to the Belle River Baptist Mission.

Dr. Courts Redford to Alaska

Dr. Courts Redford, assistant executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, spent the latter part of July in Alaska where he represented the Home Board at the Alaskan Baptist Conven tion.

The Convention, whose theme was "Lifting Up Christ," met in Ketchikan July 29-31, Rev. Felton H. Griffin of Anchorage, president of the convention presided over the meetings

To Build at Glorieta

Dr. T. B. Lackey, executive secre-Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Mojica, Jr., of tary of the Baptist General Convention pital July 23.

CRISIS CONTINUES By ALFRED CARPENTER

Chairman, Chaplains Commission

On a recent itinerary of the East Coast, visiting forty-nine military units, contacting 130 chaplains, sixtyeven of whom were Baptists and orty-two commanding officers, I found the crisis in shortage of chap

Southern Baptists are requested to supply 116 additional chaplains be-tween July 1 and December 31-

Army, 42; Navy, 38; Air Force, 36. During the first part of the year, anuary 1 to June 30, our goal was 114. The Chaplains Commission o the Southern Bantist Convention en dorsed ninety-three during that pe

There were 410 Southern Baptist chaplains on duty as of August 1. The need is immediate—the chal lenge imperative.

During 1953 an estimate of 1,-190,000 young men will enter military service with 1,080,000 returning to civilian life. The religious and ral issues or problems involved in the lives of this many men of this oung age group is staggering and

The young men need a sufficient number of the right kind of preachers in uniform. Southern Baptist preachers have the answer to a large rtion of this responsibility.

If God is calling you to serve in the chaplaincy, write Dr. Alfred Car penter, 161 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta. Ga.

of Oklahoma, has notified the Sunday School Board that the Oklahoma convention's Board of Directors has agreed to underwrite \$50,000.00 for the construction of the first unit of Oklahoma Hall to be erected at the Glorieta Bap-

Dr. Lawrence Recovers

Dr. J. B. Lawrence is recovering satisfactorily from a major operation which he underwent at Georgia Baptist Hos-



By JOHN CAYLOR

nis ohurch is ineffective and useless.

the "going" part is separated from the churches. "record" part of his church membermember has a record book. This is a voucher recording membership. What the member does with his membership another matter. Every Christian ought to be busy in the Lord's work, busy where he lives now. Absentee membership is a dead record; active

membership is a living record. It is estimated that among Baptists 20).

RAILROAD ticket is not all that is there are two million members who are A nullified when the "going" part is not active where they now live. If these not active where they now live they now separated from the 'voucher' part. A members were busy where they now church member who is separated from live the work of the Lord would advance with such enthusiasm that there When a church member is detached would be revivals in nearly all our

It is not only the responsibility of ship. It is one thing to belong to a church; it is another thing to be worker. The church of which one is a worker. The church of which one is a them; visit them; invite them to special services on September 14, 17, and 21; and put them to work in the churches.

"And ve are not your own . . . For ye are hought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6: 19,

Transfer Church Membership Week

The most important movement among Southern Baptists at this time is Transfer Church Membership Week, September 14 to 21. The movement is designed to enlist as many as possible of the two million Southern Baptists who live away from the churches to which they belong. Its pur pose is to enlist unaffiliated Baptists in the full church program. Its goal is to make soul-winners of the full complement of Southern Baptist membership, seven and a third million.

Sponsors of the movement represent all the agencies and avenues of service among Southern Baptists. On the Southwide level the Home Mir sion Board, the Sunday School Board, the Executive Committee, Woman's Missionary Union, the Radio Commission, the Brotherhood, state secretaries and editors, and the Southwide promotional organizations of Sunday school and Training Union are co-operating

On the state level all denominational agencies and organizations are working and on the local level all the church organizations are engaged. It is an all-out effort to enlist all unaffiliated Baptists.

What if seven and a third million Baptists were all active in local churches? The splendid record now being made by Southern Baptists

The Days Move Their Membership

Rev. L. O. Griffith was preaching at Calvary Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona, just before the Home Mission Board's Western Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Grant W. Day came forward to apply for church membership. They had spent a year in Ashland, Oregon, because of their young son's health. Upon their arrival in Ashland they united with the Memorial Baptist Church.

In the accompanying picture Rev. Glynn Ford is seen welcoming the young couple upon the return of the family to Tucson. This was their first Sunday in Tucson and their first service in Calvary Church.



Before going to Oregon the Days had been members of Calvary. They wasted no time in Oregon, but im-mediately made contact with a church there. Upon their return they joined Calvary at the first service they could attend.

Transferring church membership

is easier than a lot of people think It is more important than many real ize. Two million church members ought to transfer their membership

all over the Southern Baptist Convention September 14-21, is the picture on the cover of this magazine of Dr. O. M. Seigles valcoming new members into the Cascad Baptist Church in Atlanta

Chaplains Baptist are MISSIONARIES in KOREA By JOHN ABERNATHY

Southern Baptist Missionary in Korea

FOST of our Baptist chaplains are too modest to talk about the exwork they do in Korea. Knowing out their missionary work, and havmg the privilege of working with many f them. I feel Southern Baptists ought to know and give these noble men credit r their most important work.

Only those who live in this theatre civilians, or those who are a part of ur armed forces, know just how busy chaplains are in their daily routine of inistering to their men. I have been impressed over and over with the high quality of our chaplains; their call and levotion to their work.

In this article I can mention only a tw names of the many chaplains I know and have learned to love and with whom I have been privileged to

Chaplam Clarence Hopkins said recently to me, "My unit, the AAA, is widely scattered along the line. I have to do a lot of traveling to minister to them. I preach from two to four times daily. When I drive my jeep into their place of operations, no matter what day of the week it happens to be, I tell the anding up to their ankles in mud."

herever or whenever he meets with his men. When Chaplain Hopkins came to tents. san a lew weeks ago for rest and

were saved. He is always ready to help in any way possible with our mission activities. Chanlain Lewis W. Prewitt was with

reached the Yalu River on the victorious march to the north. Then, when Chinese Communist soldiers came like a flood, his unit was among our forces that were surrounded and had to fight their way back to the sea where they were rescued and hrought to Pusan. most 100 to one can in any adequate

take it easy. He continued to carry a heavy schedule of work with his men.

There being no primary school in that vicinity, Chaplain Weaver opened Aside from this he was deeply interested a day school in which there were more in our Bantist work which we were just beginning in the city of Pusan. We at from their Sunday offerings, employed first had to meet in a room of a Korean four or five teachers. One Korean gen brother. When this was outgrown we secured a vacant lot, but had no building in which to meet. Chaplain Prewitt serve as schoolrooms. The local people men This is your Sunday. Yesterday ing in which to meet. Chaplain Prewitt serve as schoolrooms. The local people preached to a group all of whom were was able to get from the army two army were so interested they gave freely of tents from salvage. Also he got for us their time in labor to help put up the several truck loads of lumber which was used to make floors and walls in the

Later, after we had got a larger buildmedical treatment he preached in our ing that needed to be completely reno-

Korean Baptist church. Twelve people vated, he was able to get paint, lumber, and many other kinds of materials that were next to impossible for us to buy on the local market. He has always been glad to preach in our Korean his unit last year during the bitterest cold weather of the winter when it It has been my happy privilege to conchurches when he could spare the time. duct two preaching missions for him in the army chapels.

Chaplain David E. Weaver too was up on the line during the bitter cold weather. He was kept busy with his regular work, but somehow managed to find time to open a Sunday school for Only those who went through that ex- the large numbers of children refugees perience of fighting in the bitter cold and others in that city and surrounding an enemy who outnumbered them alcommunity. He and his men did a fine iob of administering relief to many of way know just how much they suffered the unfortunates who were suffering beStationed in Pusan for a rest and change. Chaplain Prewitt refused to nourishing food.

than ninety students. He and his men tleman donated a piece of land on which to build a chapel that could also asked us to take over this work. He said, "This is distinctly Baptist

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOM! MISSIO

eptember, 1952

Home Board Appoints Missionary To Russians

By MILDRED DUNN

IN APRIL of this year the Home Mission Board opened Southern Bap-lists' first work among the Russianpeaking people in the United States by ing Rev. Paul Rogosin, native of Russia, as missionary. By May 18, Missionary Rogosin had led in the or-ganization of the Slavic Baptist Church of Hollywood, California, the first large group of Russian-speaking people now living in our territory. (According to Mr. Rogosin there are now more than 150,000 Russian-speaking people living along the West Coast of our

Among those present at the organization of the church were ten Russian haptism, and two representatives of the and Rev. Arthur E. Brown, pastor of the Lincoln Heights Baptist Church, Los cording to Mr. Rogosin. hindered from attending because of serious illness in his family.

ciation, the California Southern Baptist vention. Nick Kovalsky was elected cepted the Lord. treasurer of the new church and Serge Abramovitch was named clerk.

Thus, although the iron curtain pro-

hibits the sending of the gospel to the Russian people in their native land, Southern Baptists have taken a step toward giving the message of Christ to those who have come to live in their midst.

taken this task for Southern Bantists was reared in central Russia, the son of Southern Baptist church among the a wealthy Greek-Orthodox family. He was preparing himself to become a college professor at the time of World War I when he enlisted in the army.

During the period of revolution and civil war in Russia, Rogosin participated. When communistic forces were his native land. He was then twentybaptized believers, two candidates for two years old. He crossed the frontier and entered Poland, but his parents Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. were unable to leave the country and Wade R. Campbell, pastor of the First were arrested. Their estate, money, and Baptist Church of Compton, California, everything was confiscated by the Soviets and they were sent to Siberia, ac-

Despair possessed the young man and general missionary for that area, was he decided that suicide was the only way out. But he says now he knows that God had other plans for his life. The group voted to affiliate itself with for there in Warsaw he became acthe Los Angeles Southern Baptist Asso- quainted with a group of Russian Baptists. Their peace, joy, belief in the State Convention, and the Southern resurrected Christ and his second com-Baptist Convention. The newly-organing, their perfect certainty of their salized church agreed to give two per cent of its income to the state convention vation—all these attracted young Rogosin. After securing a copy of the Bible. and ten per cent to the Cooperative 2 Corinthians 13:5 arrested his atten-Program of the Southern Baptist Contion, and after many struggles he ac-

> In telling of these experiences he explains how immediately the Lord filled lead his people in the establishing

that he began to bear his testimony among the refugees in Warsaw. He desired to go back to Russia to preach the gospel but was denied a visa. He was considered a political enemy of his

Rogosin feels that at this point God led him to the Bible Institute in Berlin, Germany, where he studied for two years followed by two years' study in the All Nations Bible College in Lon

When these years of preparation w over, Rogosin says, God gave him vision of the need for evangelism amon the millions of Russian refugees wh had fled from Russia. He dreamed ho he would lead them to Christ and thes would in turn be the means of evangelizing Russia upon their return t their own country.

He went to Paris, France, where h worked four years and then to Nice Brussels, Marseilles, Rome, and other cities and towns where he could find Russian colonies. In each place work was started and Russian Baptist evangelical churches or groups were or

He finally became impressed w the impossibility of his task of reaching these refugees of moving, scattered masses by his own personal contact an assisted his efforts by preparing much attractive, arresting gospel literature in cluding books, booklets, tracts, and Russian magazine, The Christian.

Immediately after World War II Mr Rogosin was again overwhelmed with the opportunities of witnessing to the hordes of Russian prisoners and diplaced persons. According to his ow testimony, hundreds of thousands of Bibles were distributed and many sould were awakened, saved, and haptized.

More than three years ago he came to the United States to work among th many Russian-speaking people here. He came under the auspices of the Brilish Board of the Russian Scripture Move ment. Inc.

Realizing the necessity of doing more permanent work among these peo ple here in the United States he eager to become affiliated with the Southern Baptist group so that he could New Testament churches

Lights and Shadows of our Russian Work

By PAUL ROGOSIN Missionary to Russians on West Coast

Lord embraces the world and theremunistic Russia raises up in my heart a strong feeling of antagonism toward

And surely, great is the mercy of which he brought out of communistic nell the millions of Russian people dur-

THE missionary manifesto of the risen displaced persons (DP's). There are fore includes Russians. At this time of world confusion the behavior of comby the transfer of the people to different parts of the globe: Great Britain, North Africa, South America, Austrathe red communistic rulers, and com- lia, Canada, and the United States. So assion toward poor, enslaved Russian far more than 200,000 DP's have come asses who are living in midnight darkses, held in cruel bondage, and kept sehind the iron curtain from which seminated the iron curtain from which seem here to the door of Christian should be sent the seminated that they may hear the them here to the door of Christian On the West Coast of our land are

more than 150,000 Russian-speaking cinity, 25,000. God, great is his wisdom and power, by people who are scattered as follows Los Angeles area (plus San Diego). 50,000; San Francisco area (plus Oaking the last World War. These Russians land-Berkley) 60,000; Sacramento (plus fed from their own land at the time of Bryte, etc.), 10,000; Fresno (plus Ker-



lincoln Heights Raptist Church, Los Angeles, California, mother church of the ewly-organized Slavic Baptist Church of Hollywood, California, with the first two converts to be haptized by the new church.



Rev. Paul Rogosin in Hollywood. California, passing out invitations to services at the Baptist mission

In addition, there are Slavic, Russianspeaking people scattered everywhere, having small and large colonies in main England, New York, Middle West, and spreading. North Dakota contains some entire villages populated by Russians and certain little towns bear Russian names. Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, St. Paul, Chicago, Milwaukee, Junimore, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Boston, Bridgeport, and Miami are among the cities with Russian colonies.

There are dozens of Russian Greek-Orthodox churches in the land, two or three monasteries, several bishops, quite a number of priests and other clergy.

There are various political organi-

zations, national unions, clubs, societies, restaurants; and shops in every big Russian colony of America.

Three Russian newspapers are published in New York City, and three others in San Francisco; in addition there are several Russian magazines of po-

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Rev. and Mrs. Jose Gomez Diaz. A Home of Missionary

and Mrs. Diaz. Note small arbor at side of house where evangelis

tic services are held.

4 Building in center

originally used for church at Las Tablas, where Home Board is

trying to huy property

Church at Mon-



Papaya-Eating Missionaries Become

Leaders In Panama

Gomez invited me to go for a ride with

provincial prison. I got down with some

Brother Gomez told him that Brother

night at his church and he thought it

By LOYD CORDER, Secretary Direct Missions Department

R EV. M. C. MOJICA, paster of the Good Will Mexican Baptist Church EV. M. C. MOJICA, pastor of of Ft. Worth, Texas, and I were invited to go to Panama for two weeks of revival work among the Spanish speaking churches of the republic. He was to do the singing and I was to do the preach-

A number of our missionaries we at the Tocumen Airport of Panama City to meet us upon our arrival in the wee hours of the morning. We got to bed a little before day and shortly were up again and on our way through the jungles to Las Tablas back in the interior of Panama. For about two hours driving out from the Canal Zone, we were on a good two-lane pavement. We drove for about three more hours on one-lane pavement. The remainder of the road was gravel. We passed town and villages in most of which there was no gospel witness. In two or three cases we saw the kingdom halls of Jehovah's Witnesses.

We arrived tired and dirty at the home of our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Jose Gomez Diaz, in Las Tablas about 3:00 P. M. I had already seen enough of Panama for mc

Brother Gomez was not at home. He had gone to invite people to the services that night. Mrs. Gomez very cor dially invited us in and showed us to our room. After a long nap and a cool shower, Panama looked a little better. By that time Brother Gomez had returned and Mrs. Gomez had suppe ready. After supper I decided that was going to like Panama

We held services the first two nights in the shed that Brother Comez bei

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hult to protect the jeep the Balboa Heights Baptist Church had given him for his work. That is, the singer, the preacher, Joe the Baptist, and a few of the people were under the shed. About would be a good thing if the prisoners could have the privilege of our singing and speaking. The captain was pleased and a time was set for the gathering that afternoon. two hundred more people stood around outside. I was surprised at the cour-From there we went downtown to see

a lawyer about a property the Home rous, worshipful behavior of the crowd Mission Board was buying for the mis-sion work in Las Tablas. As we parked even under those adverse circumstances. Immediately after breakfast, on the the jeep, a car passed and the driver waved cordially to Brother Gomez. He first morning we were there. Brother waved back and then said: "That is the mayor of Las Tablas."

him in his jeep. We got on the jeep tyou don't get in a jeep) and bumped over to what Brother Diaz said was the With our business done we returned home and then Brother Gomez took me to see the governor of the province of Los Santos. I was not used to meeting misgivings and went with him to the entrance. He asked the sentry for the governors and felt a little ill at ease, but not Brother Gomez. To my surprise the governor broke off a conference with someone else to see us. We had captain, who, I later learned, was the commander of the provincial army. The captain apparently had just waked up, but he seemed happy to see Brother a very enjoyable conversation in which Brother Gomez again bragged on Brother Mojica and me. As we left, Brother Mojica and 1 were two "very cultured gentlemen" from the United States who Gomez explained to me that the gover nor was the brother of the president of were giving lectures and music each the republic.



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OVER 100 YEARS



By MRS. ELMER W. BRILLHART

About twenty years later Mr. Stod-

dard himself became very, very ill. His

ousness of his illness. In the depths of

beloved congregation realized the seri-

his despair, God revealed himself. "A

cloud came down and in that cloud was

confessed that he had not preached all

he knew to preach. On what he thought

he could get well he would preach tith-

ing. His people had spent much time

regained his health so as to he at his

first sermon. The pastor's deep love

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EV. W. F. STODDARD, full-blooded Creek Indian, served as pastor of same little church — Montezuma Baptist Church — about fifteen miles west of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, all of the forty-nine years he preached the gospel. Okmulgee is the capital of the Creek

"I felt the call to preach," Mr. Stoddard related with a winsome smile, "one year before I was baptized. It came in a dream. An angel handed me a lot of Bibles stacked high-little pocket-sized ones. My name was written on the one

The angel said, "Pass them out, Stod-

The year was 1901. From that time on he knew God had special plans for him. Soon he enrolled in Nuyaka Boarding School operated by Presbyterians. However, he was quick to say, "I became a Baptist preacher because I was directed that way through the study of God's Word. No preacher or other outside influence caused me to accept the Baptist belief." His parents died when he was a little boy. They were not even Christians.

When Stoddard entered the school, he could not speak one word of English. He had quit school in 1895 to get married. Now, he again become friendly with textbooks in his preparation for the ministry. Stoddard continued his education until 1906 when he began to

For years all went as well as he could expect. There were the usual weddings and funerals. And, of course, the regular church services kept him busy. He has had a large family with all its at-tendant joys and sorrows. He has four living daughters. Four daughters and

Hobart, Oklahoma three sons have died. Two boys died in infancy. The other, Joseph, developed drawing them to obedience in scriptura tuberculosis when he was twenty-one. giving.

"We tried hard to get him well, sent him to the sanitorium at Ardmore. He they must believe in it also," the was almost a graduate of Bacone Indian agreed. Actually, they felt they had to College," Stoddard lamented. That was do it. That was several years ago.

> what had brought him greatest happi ness during his ministry, a warm smi covered his round face as he exclaimed "The tithing—all the people doing it!" Then he added, "If I had my life to live over again, I would want to be a Baptist preacher '

ters," Stoddard related. Humbly he Did you ever hear of a WMS with a was his deathbed, he promised God if pulpit again he preached tithing in his God's teachings.

"If I speak with the tongues of m and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal" (1 Cor. 13:1 RSV).

Along with many other successful men, this Indian preacher knew the love is the greatest thing in the world No doubt his depth of love and compassion for his people-the first Ameri cans-is why many acclaimed him the outstanding Indian minister of his asso-

for the flock through the years was the strong cement binding them close to him. This love made him a magnet

Rev. W. F. Stoddard, for for-

ty-nine years pastor of the Mon-

tezuma Baptist Indian Church

near Okmulgee, Oklahoma, died

April 4 and was buried in the

family burying ground at his

home north from Okemah.

Oklahoma, about six miles south

from the church he pastored.

"If their pastor believed in tithing

When Brother Stoddard was aske

membership of thirty-seven and every woman paying God her tithe? Believe it or not, it's true in Montezuma Ban tist Church! Perhaps it's the larges missionary society in the Southern Bap tist Convention with all its membe tithing. Through their devoted pastor the women learned the tithe is not choice. Now they know it's a debt. They prefer to pay it rather than to evade it, for they know real happi ness in Christian living and power i prayer come through obedience



By COURTS REDFORD

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THAT the ministry of the Home Mission Board has been greatly increased since 1940?

THAT the Home Mission Board now has 865 missionaries, more than twice as many as in 1942?

THAT these missionaries reported 36,-390 professions of faith last year, a gain of 129 per cent in the past decade?

THAT four new states and Alaska have een added to the Convention territory since 1941? THAT the City Mission Program was

started in 1941 and has served fiftynine cities? THAT the Rural Church Program in-

augurated in 1943 has been instrumental in reclaiming 519 dead churches? THAT there are now 7,000 more fulltime churches in the Southern Baptist Convention than there were a decade

THAT the Schools of Missions Department, started in 1941, has reported a total attendance of 6,000,000 in schools of missions in the last decade?

THAT more than 1,600 students have panicipated in the Student Summer Mission Program started in 1944, and have reported 22,517 professions of

THAT eighteen Negro centers have been located in our larger cities since 1940 and that these centers are rendering a very significant service in training Negro leaders?

THAT Baptist Student Union program for Negroes is now being launched to help the youth in Negro colleges? THAT work was started among the mi- THAT the chaplains reported 10,646 grants in 1948 and that three mobile units are now serving the migrant peo-

THAT the Western Mission Program, launched in 1944, has helped to constitute 450 new churches in that area?

West have reported 52,772 professions of faith and \$21,575,785.00 in gifts in the past seven years?

THAT there are now 426 Baptist chaplains serving in many areas throughout the world?

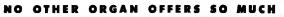
THAT these chaplains are in reality missionaries stimulating Christian interests among the nationals in whose lands they serve, as well as among the mili-

professions of faith in 1951?

THAT the Home Mission Board now has a missionary among the ranchers and the isolated workers with a program designed to reach with the gospel the last man?

THAT the Home Mission Board granted seventy-seven loans for church buildings in 1951, and is now arranging for additional funds with which to meet great needs for more church buildings?

THAT the Home Mission Board is seeking to help wherever there is a spiritual need in our homeland which cannot be adequately met by local forces?





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THE BEDON Baptist Church near Walyears old before it went from a quarterime to a half-time program. Since then its growth has been remarkable

rch was organized in 1847. Rev. P. H. Hughes, now associational onary in the Barnwell and Edisto Associations in South Carolina, was or at the time the momentous move o half time was made in March 1947

Pastor Hughes at the same time led a neighboring church, thirteen miles away, the Pine Grove Church, to move from a quarter-time to a half-time pro-gram. Later Rev. L. G. Cribb was called as pastor of these two churches and is still leading the Bedon Church.

Although there has been no great influx of population, the growth in the work of the Bedon Church has grown to a present membership, including more than 100 non-resident member of 435. Since 1947, when Mr. Cribb became pastor, there have been 244 additions, 150 coming for baptism and 94 joining the church by transfer of mem-

For four years Pastor Cribb also pastored one half-time church, already mentioned, and another quarter-time church. There were 139 additions to these churches and a noticeable increase in attendance and offerings. Both are now half time and have a pastor living on the field in a parsonage built by the two churches

The 1946-47 associational minutes show for the Bedon Church a Sunday school enrollment of 113 and an aver age attendance of 40. Now the enrollment is 364 and the average attendance for the 1950-51 associational year was 143. The average attendance for October 1, 1951 to April 30, 1952, was 169 and during March and April, 1952,

In 1946 there were seven Sunday school classes but now there are twenty with four departments including an Extension Department and Cradle Roll

Housing all these new classes and terboro, South Carolina, was 100 departments has been something of a problem. Ten Sunday school rooms have been added to the original four and recently a 20 x 100 foot building, which had been abandoned at the Walterboro Army Airbase, was given to the church. Plans are now to denartmentalize the entire school. The church hopes drawn up each year by a previously ag to build a new auditorium within the next year or two and arrange an educational plant to take care of its needs for many years.

Training Union, with an enrollment of 240 and an average attendance last year of 103, was organized in the fall of 1946, This year, for the first time, the church had entries in the associational sword drill contest, better speaker's tournament, and hymn festival.

Circles in the WMS have increased from one to five and the enrollment has grown from 70 in 1946 to 188. The Brotherhood, with an enrollment of 33. and the WMU organizations have their monthly meetings at the church on Wednesday night following the third Sunday in each month. This meeting, known as Family Night, has an average attendance of approximately 100.

Church finances have advanced at the same pace as growth and develop-ment in the rest of the church life. During the 1945-46 associational year, offerings totaled \$1.808.18 or \$10.51 per capita. During the last associational year the offerings were \$10,040.65, or \$25.16 per capita. The budget for 1952 is \$11,972.50, or \$234.24 per week. From January through April of this year the weekly offerings averaged \$311.82, or \$77.58 above the budget. This includes \$900.00 given in addition to the regular budget for the building fund.

The total of offerings for the five-year period of 1942-46 was \$4,686,22. During the last five years, 1947-51, it amounted to \$43,553.22, or a little more than nine times as much as the preceding five-year period.

Pastor Cribb, telling of this increase. remarks, "There have been no cake

Compiled from a report by Rev. L. G. Cribb to Eastern Rural Life Conference at a recent meeting at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville Kentucky.

walks, bingo games, chicken supper to raise this money. All offerings has been free will."

The pastor now receives six and two thirds times that paid in 1946. Gifts to missions have increased in about the same proportion. A budget has been pointed finance committee, presented and adopted by the church, and an Ev ery Member Canvass is conducted each

Vacation Bible schools have player an important part in the life of thi church. Last year the church had the largest school in the association, with an average attendance of 225 per day for ten days. This was 6.750 hours of religious training, or as much as a Sunday school of 100 average attendance would give in 67 Sundays meeting one hour each Sunday.

The pastor tells how leaders have

had their vision enlarged through the Vacation Bible school. They were made to realize how many boys and girls there were in the community who should be in Sunday school. On at least one o casion new classes were organized the Sunday school at the close of Bible school.

Not all the advancements have been easy, the pastor admits. For example he tells how that for a time the church had only five deacons. Eventually then Pastor Cribb recognized it was no the proper time to introduce the rotal ing system. In the course of time the advantages of such a system were pointed out and is now in use Recent when new deacons were ordained they were led by the pastor in a study of the book Honoring the Deaconship by Bur-

when the present Sunday school rooms were being constructed in 1949 the pastor greatly desired to build on a departmental basis, but didn't get vel far with the idea because the folk had

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Superintendents' Retreat Proves Successful

By S. F. Dowis, Secretary Co-operative Missions Department

BAPTIST associational superintendents of Oklahoma and their wives held profitable retreat at Talihina Assemhiv June 16-19 under the direction of Rev. Sam Scantlan, state superintende of missions for Oklahoma.

The retreat was an open forum conference, participated in by all the superintendents. The discussions centered around their associational mission programs and methods for building a stronger denominational program in ev-

ery association in the state. The group voted to hold another such conference in 1953 at the Grove Assem-

hly Grounds in that state.

Dr. T. B. Lackey, state secretary of Oklahoma, visited the conference on the last day and brought a helpful message of instruction and information to the

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New Life

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always been accustomed to a class Sun day school. They knew little of the departmental organization. So they built to accommodate a class Sunday

However, in the process of time two Young People's classes were challenged to pioneer in the departmental organization and the parsonage was offered for their meeting place. There are now four classes in this department and the Beginner and Primary Departments have been organized. When the church builds again there will likely be no objection to the departmental setup

The importance of taking church membership seriously is stressed in vari-Ous ways by this small country church. one is accepted by the church as a candidate for baptism on profession of faith in Christ or under watchcare at the same service at which he comes. Rather given a welcome in the name of the Lord and later interviewed and then accepted by the vote of the church. Pre-haptismal classes are held for all candidates at which time the church covenant is explained and the extreme

mportance of one's relationship to Christ pointed out. At the time of baptism a baptismal certificate, offering en velopes, and a church member's hand book are presented to the candidate.

Signs of improvement and progress are everywhere evident, such as the automatic gas furnace which took the place of the coal and wood heaters, the telephone, and the electric lights. The church also now has a janitor and a nursery equipped with a speaker system to enable those in the nursery to hear the messages. Children's work is promoted and they

are encouraged to attend all services. The Junior choir sings at both Sunday services. The pastor is interested in all of the church life and tries to have a part in all phases. "There has been a lot of prayer, hard

work, and straight preaching," says Pas-tor Cribb, "but results are worth it." Four of the young women of this

country church have given themselves for full-time Christian service and one will begin her third year in college in June. A young man plans to enter college this fall to prepare for the ministry. Such dedicated lives as these are a full reward for a work well done by the Bedon Baptist Church.

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The telephone rang. The woman at he other end said she was chairman of the building committee of a certain church and had heard that the Baptist Indian mission was for sale. She wanted to know if she and her committee could see the building and what price was being asked for the property.

Two weeks later, just a few minutes before Sunday school, a man well known to the people of Taos came through the church doors. Knowing him to be of another denomination. was quite surprised to see him. He asked to look at the building. One of the members showed him through, After his tour, he approached the mis sionary and asked the selling price.

I smiled and frowned at the same time. He proceeded to say that the missionary had phoned him, leaving his name and telephone number and saying that the work in Taos was being terminated; the buildings and grounds were

A week later Wiley Henton, field worker for the Home Mission Board. was with us and preached Sunday eve ning. I told him of the incidents. He said, "Tell them we are in business 'till Jesus comes."

The attendance at morning and evening services is better than last year or the year before. We have just finished a two weeks' Vacation Bible school and had an enrollment better than last year or the year before—or both years together. Yesterday we returned from All-Indian Camp where more of our Taos Indians attended than last year or the year before

Quitting? Nope! "We're in business till Jesus comes."

-M. V. Gonnsen Missionary to Indians Taos. New Mexico

One Sunday morning a fine-looking Junior boy came running to the Good Will Center at 8:30 A. M. although Sunday school did not begin until 9:30 He kept asking about woodwork. We told him we did that kind of thing at Vacation Bible school, not in Sunday school.



Group of Mercer University students who worked untiringly getting ready for opening of Good Will Center in Macon, Georgia. About 450 attended open house. Miss Elizabeth Smalley is missionary in charge.



Junior Class, Mexican Kinderporten, Pearvail

"Oh!" he said, "I did not know it was

He looked down at his clean, patched overalls and said, "I'm not dressed for Sunday."

We opened the Word of God and read John 3:16 and Romans 10 9:10 and explained to him about Jesus Kneeling, he offered himself to God. asking for a clean heart. He confessed Christ as his Saviour

Another Junior boy gave his heart to God one day at Vacation Bible school, Neither of these boys' homes has anyone else in them who is Christian, neither of the boys has Christian par ents. Pray for them.

-Mary Headen Good Will Center Worker

Frankfort, Illinois

Indian Church Sponsors Mission Rible School

The Pima Indian church at Blackwater had the great joy of promoting one of its first mission Bible schools for the children across the Gila River

Rhythm hand at Mexican kindergarten Alamo, Texas Miss Evangeline Lopez is the missionary.



le live, some of whom have never been a worship service. The people are so widely scattered that we had to bring them by car to our meeting place which was under a cottonwood tree. We thank the Lord for his leadership in directing as to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert lackson who opened their home to us that we might have the Vacation Bible

chool there. We began our school on June 16, 1952, with twenty-three enrolled and closed June 20, 1952, with an average mendance of twenty-two.

On Friday the pupils were given a chance to trust Jesus. That was the happiest moment of our lives when we ow ten of these fine children trust the Lord as personal Saviour.

Friday night was our closing night.

This is a place where about 200 peo-belies, some of whom have never been and fixed up lights that made it nice for our evening program. All the students said their parts nicely, about forty attended the closing exercises of the North Blackwater Mission Bible School

Mr. and Mrs. Lebain E. Johns Missionaries to Indians Coolidge, Arizona

Grandma Charpentier Dies

During June Grandma Charpentier, about whom we have written many times, went to be with the Lord.

We have had a mission in her home at Montegut, Louisiana, for more than two years. She had followed Christ by faith and baptism and had helped many others to the same experience. The little mission in her home had grown fast.

Early this year two of her sons who opposed her being a Baptist kidnapped her while she was sick and placed her in a Catholic old folk's home in New Orleans, where the daughters (two of whom are Baptists) were denied the privilege of returning home with their mother. Although they took the case to court, they failed to get their mother home. One of the Catholic nuns said she was going to see to it that the old lady died in the Catholic Church.

Every time we visited there she cried and begged us to take her home. Recently two of the daughters, with help, slipped her out and took her back home where she rejoiced in her faith in Christ until God called her home.

After her death the two Catholic sons took her body away and refused to allow her Baptist friends to see her. They kept a guard around the body. The priest called me long distance and dared me to come get her body.

Nevertheless Grandma Charpentier was faithful unto death!

-Lawrence Thobodeaux Missionary to French Thibodaux, Louisiana

Paul C. Bell Dies in Texas

Rev. Paul C. Bell, for thirty-two years by his father. a missionary of the Home Mission Board, died July 24 after a lineering illness. Missionary Bell was retired from ried to Gladys Harmon of South Carothe services of the Home Board in January of this year and soon thereafter Panama and several Central American underwent a series of operations for a countries. brain tumor. He never regained his health

as, he served in that state until 1941 when he was sent by the Home Mission Board to Panama to be superintendent of the work there. Almost his entire life work in those countries which is now was given in service to the Spanishspeaking people whom he loved.

He first became interested in the Mexicans soon after the death of his father when he moved to San Antonio with his mother and helped her run a rooming house. He made friends with the Mexican children and learned to speak their language, an accomplishment which proved important to him in his future

It was while he was in Baylor University studying to be an engineer that he surrendered to God's call for him to preach. He finished his work at Baylor



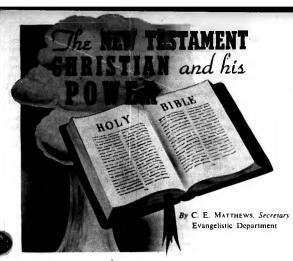
and later studied at Southwestern Theological Seminary, the University of Texas, and Panama Inter-American Univer-

He first came to work with the Home Board in 1919, but had served with the Baptist General Convention of Texas among the Spanish-speaking in that state. Much of the work among the Mexicans of Texas today had its beginning in the mind and heart of Paul Beand his wife Ida Pearle Bell who before her death in 1940 served faithfully with

To them were born seven children, six daughters and one son. The son, Paul Bell, Jr., is following in the footsteps of his father and is now a student-missionary to the Mexicans while studying at Southwestern Baptist Theological Som-inary. He hopes to go to Hondur's where he will continue the work started

One month before Mr. Bell left for his assignment in Panama he was marlina who has helped him in his work in

While serving in Panama Mr. Bell felt impressed to answer the calls for Born in 1887 near San Antonio, Tex-help that came to him from the Central American countries of Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. It was he who thus opened much of the



UT ve shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all uttermost parts of the earth" (Acts

followers, Jesus started a movement others, he had gathered about 120 into on, if they became Christians. a company or congregation which was

When Jesus was crucified and buried. ward the gospel message. The rulers and the people had put him to death was how to re-open the case, how to get a favorable verdict. There was nothing which they could do that would bring a reversal of the case. Witnessing was of no avail. Who would believe their

Christianity could not propagate

sword." They had nothing in the way of economic gain to offer those who would join them, as communism and the totalitarianism of today claim to Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the have. In fact, these early Christians were boycotted in business and discharged from their places of employ The most thrilling story of all time ment so that they were forced to pool is the story of the conflict and triumph their possessions and divide as each had of Christianity. Beginning with a few need in order to live. They could not offer liberty as democracies do. The which soon came to be the most power- truth was, they were most certain to be ful influence for good in all the world. persecuted and to lose what liberty they When he left his cause in the hands of had, even to the point of going to pris

These followers of Jesus were not known as the church at Jerusalem. His eloquent men. There was not an orator followers, greatly discouraged at his in the group, as far as we know, that death, could, with difficulty, interpret could sway the few that might listen to the meaning of his going away from him. They were convinced beyond the shadow of a doubt that lesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God. They knew this for three distinctive reasons First, their own experience when he the public mind was not favorable to- saved them. Second, his miracles and wonders. Third, he was risen from the dead, for they saw him and talked with and it looked as if the case were closed. him. Their supreme need now was for The question confronting the apostles power over the minds of men, and that

Power Had Been Promised

No one knew better than Jesus the great need for a divine power, a mystestimony? How could they prevail on tical power, that was beyond anything people to see who and what Jesus was the natural man possessed, if Christianity was to triumph. So, in his last interview with them before his ascension itself by force. Peter tried it and Jesus he said plainly to them, "But ye shall rebuked him and told him, "They that receive power, after that the Holy Ghost live by the sword shall perish by the is come upon you: and ye shall be wit-

nesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). That was a definite promise from their Lord. Would he make that promise good? They believed he would Had he ever broken a promise? That old song, "He has never broken any promise spoken; he will keep his promise to me," was as true then as it is now and always will be

How the Power Was Given

We must not overlook the thing required of these disciples in order to receive power, because it was of divine Jesus told them what to do He said, "Tarry ye in Jerusalem and pray," They went to an upper room in a quiet place, shut themselves off from the world, and there they waited on the Lord until the promise was fulfilled. Two things stand out in the way they obtained this power. The first was obedience and the second was prayer. They did what Jesus told them to do

Obedience has always been the most pleasing thing a Christian can do for his God. The heavenly Father loves obedience better than sacrifice. The employer loves the obedient employee. The master loves the obedient servant. A parent loves and cherishes an obedient child. The heavenly Father loves an obedient son or daughter. How many times have I talked with parents before the funeral for a child! They would tell me of the good qualities of their precious one, but the one that touched them most was obedience. The disciples pleased their Lord by doing what he

Then they prayed. They did not stop praying; they continued for ten days, Why not? What was ten days compared to the value of power from on high We work ten days for this and for that. How much money would the average person receive for ten days work? Think what they obtained for ien days of effort at prayer! When they had followed instructions and had prayed sufficiently, the promise was fulfilled and God unloosed his power upon them. The dynamic of their religion had come. The thing that was needed to turn the Roman Empire upside down in a generation was there. It was the presence of the Holy Spirit, the power of God filling these men, that brought victory out of defeat that turned the tide of battle of right against wrong, that brought the light of heaven to the darkened souls of men and women Thank God for his power.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

Sole Purpose for Which Power

Now we come to the most serious milh in our sermon and, without doubt, the most vital truth known to any Christhe one and only purpose for shich power is given to man from God. emember the giving of this power is tional with God. He does or he does according to his own will and wisdom. The most dangerous thing in this world would be the misuse of power from God on the part of man. We all thow how dangerous money is to some people. Few rich parents ever left their wealth to their children that it did not ruin them. Money is so destructive if possessed in great quantities that Jesus said, "It is next to impossible for a rich man to get to heaven." Here are his stact words, "It is easier for a camel to through the eye of a needle, than a rich man to enter into the kingtom of God" (Matt. 19:24).

But money cannot be half so danger ous as spiritual power misused. Once a reat power in his life, that moment he ishes it above every other thing he an possess, because it makes him a

When the power of God is upon any ridual he can do things and say hings that sway the natural man. At cost. Simon Peter had the power God upon him. He stood face to ace with the mob of people who had ucified Jesus only a few days before still thirsted after the blood of Christ's followers and were not there hear them but to destroy them. They ere so angered, determined, and hard ted that the quaking of the earth, e three hours of darkness at midday e cries of Jesus on the cross, the opening of the graves at Jerusalem, and the ply tomb with all of its evidences the resurrection of Jesus had not softned them but made them more bitter.

Simon Peter, the one who had been cowardly before the power came upon him that he denied his Savious id curved and swore, was so transformed and so dynamic when this power same that the mob willed and men rembled with fear under his preaching that they cried out, "Men and brethi, what must we do?" Peter's seron is given us in Acts 2. It is not nything but a simple and bold narra-be of the fulfilment of Joel's prophecy bout the pouring out of the spirit upon men and about the crucifixion and rrection of Christ. It was not what said that staggered the men that ard him. It was the power which accompanied what he said that aroused their guilty consciences and convicted them so deeply of their guilty sins that they humbled themselves like little children, and 3,000 followed Jesus in baptism in one day.

O, what God's power can do! When man is possessed of it, demons and devils bow before him, and there is no task too great for him to undertake or to perform. What, then, is the purpose of power? Just one: To witness with. "When you receive power, ye shall be my witnesses everywhere."

How Are We to Witness?

We are confident that the command to witness needs explanation. What is fect, he answered, "If I omit one day's witnessing? It is bearing testimony of practice, I know it; the next day the Jesus Christ by word and by deed. But

there are two kinds of witnessing for Christ. One is selfish; the other, unselfish. One is for self-glory; the other, for the glory of God. One can pray to be heard of man or he can pray that gospel to display his voice and receive the plaudits of man, or one can sing for the glory of Christ. One can be on a Train a Training Union program, teach a Sun-day school lesson, or preach a sermon for self-glory, or he can do it for the glory of Jesus. Don't you see our witnessing can be for self or for the Lord?

Then true witnessing is constant and everywhere. When someone asked Rubenstein how he kept so constantly per-

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Lights and Shadows

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litical and religious nature, several in Ukrainian and Polish. Two or three radio programs are operating in the East, one or two in the Middle West, but so far none on the West Coast.

Russian refugees are deadly anti-com munistic. They suffered long enough to know Stalin. For them to know Stalin means to hate him and to hate every-thing he stands for. There is no one among them who did not suffer, who ror, who did not lose his parent or relavolume of most pathetic stories, most sad and inhuman experiences.

ground, appearance, and uncomproised character. While in Russia, this engineer was

hunted and persecuted until he saw that sooner or later he must share the fate of his older brother and then, in despair, he tried to commit suicide. Fortunately, doctors did their best and

shortly before the war. sowing the German occupation did help him to the harvest.

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He has already got his first papers One of these Russian DP's is an example of many. He was a gentleman American citizen, but he does not wait of high education and culture, an engi-until then to express his gratitude to God and to men for the new life and to Siberia. His older brother was shot new country, he does it now, everywhere he goes. Be sure he is not a pro-Communist. He is the fearless defender of American liberties and rights, as he enjoys them every day and values them Don't you think that these long-suf-

things are become new."

fering people deserve our Christian sympathy, understanding, and help? It to California, which means a lot of seems to me that the Lord, himself, has saved him although he was left with terrible scars on his face and lost the their sufferings of the years past and hearing in one ear. This happened that we must co-operate with him in sowing the good seed and in reaping

During the month of June we had a glorious meeting here at our mission California when we baptized two Russian souls. Both of them passed, in Europe, through a deep sorrow. One of them lost every earthly possession. pass on to you this loud cry of hungry of greatest price; another lost two little | Lord: "Give ve them to cat.

children and found the perfect peace only when she came to Christ. Both of these persons are bearing witness to the fact of their salvation every day and everywhere.

Over sixty Russians were present a our first baptismal service and the great majority of them were those who saw such a service for the first time in their lives. And, as we were told after, they were deeply touched by the simplicity, sincerity, and solemnity of the service

Many blessings have been mine dur-ing the last month in visiting homes and distributing Bibles and New Testaments. The Lord laid upon my heart a special need of reaching people whose addresses were in my possession but to whom I had not spoken before. I prayed that the Lord would give me needed wisdom in introducing the truth to those Russians. From the past years' experience, we found that the best way begin a conversation is to offer a Russian tract and inquire whether the person has a Russian Bible. Thus I have had many opportunities to witness about the new life in Christ. Hearts often have been opened just by hearing th story of how I, myself, came to the Lord. Some Bibles were sold and a lot of gospel literature was left behind. In some places, however. I felt that the poor folk were not willing to spend money on anything but food as they are still paying off their trip from Europe money, a heavy burden of debts. We pray that the Lord may send us free supplies of Russian, Ukrainian, and Pol ish Bibles that we may give them free

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Baptist Chaplains

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ad my men and I want it to remain

I looked over the proposition and ter consultation with Korean leaders cided to take the project. Now we ave a growing Baptist church there. ne of our strongest Korean pastors been located there.

Air Force Chaplain David K. Shelwhile stationed at the Suwon Air st, became interested in the spiritual elfare of the many Koreans employed n the base. He began Sunday services Korean with an interpreter. The servis were well attended from the begining. One of his Korean assistants in office, a college graduate and a macher, became interested in the Bandoctrine and along with two doctors nd a nurse were baptized by Chaplain belton. Two of our Bantist nastors en invited to conduct a revival meetu for the Koreans on the base and tox in the nearby city. Many people ere saved and baptized. A Baptist thanh was organized and a young college graduate called as pastor. He ns ordained. The work is growing apidly in that strategic city. Besides church, Baptists now have in the my a hospital that is doing a fine work mercy, as well as giving out the mes-

Chaplain William T. Pelphrey was tationed up on the line just across from Thirty-eighth Parallel. Connected in his outfit and helping in the fightwere more than 2.000 Korean labor Little or nothing was being done pritually for these men. Chaplain fliphrey found time to lead religious ervices for them. Among the laborers found one man who had been trained a preacher and who until the war been active. With this preacher er services were undertaken.

he need was great and urgent calls the for more services. Chaplain Pelhey flew to Pusan to ask if we could a Baptist preacher to help him. look a fine young man on the plane him back to the front line. God essed this work in a wonderful way large numbers were saved. Later

the head chaplain in that theatre was rotated and a Catholic was sent to take his place.

The former Protestant chaplain had co-operated in every way. From the beginning the Catholics seemed jealous of Chaplain Pelphrey and tried to get him to stop this extra work among Koreans. Chaplain Pelphrey was not the kind to stop without knowing the reason why. Later he was informed that he would be transferred to another section of the theatre. It almost broke his heart to see such a fine work stop so abruptly. Of course the Korean preach- change and rest he not only continued ers continued the work. It paid off in

the long run. Air Force Chaplain Estes L. Lewis is stationed at a base where all kinds of warcraft are going and coming at all hours of the day. He is in the briefing room to pray for airmen when they take off on their dangerous missions. Then when word comes that a plane has been hit or damaged, members of the crew wounded, or that they prepare for crash landings, Chaplain Lewis is called and is on duty waiting to speak a word of encouragement to the wounded or comfort to the dying. It is his duty to write thank God for every one of them and the first letter to the loved ones of those the splendid work they are doing.

killed in action, or who do not return from their missions.

In spite of this strenuous, full-time schedule, Chaplain Lewis finds time to preach to the Koreans on the base and n the nearby city. Also his men give liberally to support orphans in the vicinity. They've just completed adequate buildings for a large group of orphans. Not only that, at different times from their Sunday offerings they have sent money to help in Baptist work and

Chaplain Edward L. Spence in the Engineer Corps is doing a wonderful job. I first met him way up on the front line and was impressed with his zeal for his work and the spiritual welfare of his men. Wherever they go he goes; into the foxholes-whenever and wherever he is needed he is there regardless of how tired he is or how dangerous it is. When his outfit was moved back for his program for his own men, but began a program of preaching to Korean wounded convalescent soldiers in his locality. Once a week several hundred of these crippled men who have given their best for Korea are gathered in his army quonset chapel and he or some one of our Baptist pastors preaches to them. At every service some are saved.

Time and space would fail me if I went on relating what these Baptist chaplains are doing to help our Bantist mission work. I have often told them I consider them as unofficial members of our missionary staff in Korea 1

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These individual churches had been affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Arizona, and had a general missionary, L. A. Watson, from the Arizona convention leading them.

Dr. Willis J. Ray, executive secretary of Arizona, met with the group and brought the introductory message in the morning. Dr. S. F. Dowis, secretary of the Co-operative Missions Department of the Home Mission Board, was invited to meet with them and brought the clos-

The six churches forming the new association included: Temple Baptist



the Temple Baptist Church of Denver. New officers and speakers at the organization of the Southern Baptist Association of Colorado. (L to R) W. J. Weeks, E. J. Speegle, L. A. Watson, D. A. Bryani, Mrs. Vivian Glenn, Willis J. Rav. and S. F. Dowis.

Church of Boulder City, Colorado, E. J. bylaws were adopted. Speegle, pastor; Wheatley Baptist Milstead, pastor; and First Southern Baptist Church of Casper, Wyoming, officers and leaders of work for the O. R. Delmar, pastor.

Three missions were also represented, one each from Pueblo. Colorado: Den-meeting of the association. ver, Colorado; and Cheyenne, Wyoming. About one hundred people attended the organizational meeting.

The messengers voted to form what Church of Denver, Colorado, D. A. will be known as the Southern Baptist stalled. Bryant, pastor: First Southern Baptist Association of Colorado, and elected The association voted unanimously Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado, the following officers: D. A. Bryant, to co-operate with Southern Baptists W. C. Bryant, pastor; Southern Baptist moderator; E. J. Speegle, vice-modera-Church of Manitou, Colorado, T. D. tor; W. J. Weekes, clerk; and Mrs. Viv-

Taylor, pastor; University Baptist ian Glenn, treasurer. Constitution and

Committees were appointed by th Church of Wheatley, Wyoming, J. B. moderator, and before adjournment the nominating committee suggested other association and they were elected. Time and place were set for the first annual

> Rev. L. A. Watson, the general missionary, led the churches in the organization and presided over the meeting until the moderator was elected and in-

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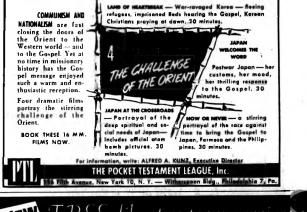
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Papaya-Eating Missionaries

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sation of meeting so many important people, when an itching arm reminded me that I should have my smallpox vaccination inspected. Brother Gomez immediately took me to the head doctor the provincial hospital.

The next day we went to drink cocofind out, if I could, what goes into the What I learned is as fascinating as are Jose Gomez Diaz and his wife.

tales, Nicaragua, in 1912. He grew up as one of the more reckless of a reck-

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I was still recovering from the sen-ation of meeting so many important social club. They were married a year later by a civil ceremony because of his continued to live in Nicaragua for four years-years of misery and heartache for his wife because of his wayward life.

One day, on the border of Nicaragua nut milk in a grove on a ranch nearby.

1 saw that Brother Gomez was just as mer basehall playing companion and the mer baseball playing companion and the uch at home with the peasants as with two went on a three-day binge. When the leaders, and they in turn appre- that was over, sick and despondent, he ciated him just as much. I decided to casually walked past a Methodist church in Alajuela, Costa Rica. Suddenly making of such a missionary as this. dawned on him that these people had something that could help him. He went in and subsequently was con-

less group. "Make your promises to God. You have made too many to me and have

broken them." That he did and kept

Before long the pastor of the Meth odist church entered into a public discussion with the local priest. Brother Gomez was one of those who helped to collect funds for the advertisement of these conferences. The more he worked the more enthusiasm he had for the work. He decided that God wanted him to preach. He asked for recommendations to the inter-denominational semi-

ted to the seminary. He had no mone but his wife had seen such a change i his life that she was happy to take wo as a store clerk in a Nicaraguan town in order to support him in school, even though it meant that they would see each other not more than once or twice a vear.

a year.

In the seminary Gomez had the same trouble of asking too many questions.

The only person there who could answer him satisfactorily was Jose Pradu Cideres, a Spanish Baptist who had come to the faculty there by way of Cuba. Gomez decided to join the Baptist church of San Jose, Costa Rica, but waited until after graduation to avoid the consequences of ill will of some o

An interesting thing hannened Brother Gomez about the time he left the seminary. He was invited to preach in a Nicaraguan town. When he wa ready to return to Costa Rica they had not given him enough money for his transportation back home. He had to go to the coast by train, then part of the way by boat, and the rest of the 1 dog had dragged away and destroyed way by train. He was able to buy his the little bag of flour. ticket on the train to the coast and started out. As he entered to buy his Gomez decided to see if he could catch boat ticket for that portion of the jourive who had heard him preach. The man said, "Mr. Gomez, do you have your boat ticket?" When Gomez replied that he did not, the man banded your boat ticket?" When Gomez replied that he did not, the man handed him a ticket and said, "Here, I do not know why I bought two tickets." know why I bought two tickets."

On their way across the water, the same gentleman asked if Mr. Gomez had had dinner. Gomez replied that he had not, so the man bought him a fine dinner. When they arrived at the other shore the man said, "Brother Gomez. do you have enough money to buy your

Gomez said, "Why do you ask that.

to go where I choose."

The man said, "Pardon me, but I just impressed to ask you."

Then Gomez confessed that he did

tions to the inter-denominational semi-nary in Costa Rica, but the pastor de-clined because Gomez was given to ask-ing embarrassing questions about bap-tism and other things. The pastor felt-that he would never make a good Meth-odist preacher. by breakfast, papaya for dinner, and

had any such dreams. I was just hoping spect that I do not have enough that the Lord would give me a place where I could serve the people. I was very happy on my mission field in spite of all the economic problems we faced."

In the meantime his former professor. Rev. Jose Prado Cideres, had been employed by the Home Mission Board in Panama City, Panama. Upon his recommendation, the Board employed Brother Jose Gomez for the work at Chorrera, Republic of Panama, where Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Wolfe now serve. The work at Las Tablas and Monterro grew out of the Gomez' acquaintance with a Congregational woman who Gomez was finally able to be admit to the cut of money. So they had papaya ro. She witnessed for the Lord there are to the cut of the the cut of the cut o

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ission, he volunteered to repair the ma's shoes. With the four colons the bought some flour. His wife made some of the flour to make bread to sell. When the started to make her bread to sell,

tramed that he was fishing and that he deaught a tremendously large fish at he was having difficulty landing. The same this wasked up, he was rolled up in the beautiful to the control of the control of

with all his might.

Those were difficult days but happy Gomez and, "When I was in school the churches with church secretaries

believers who desired to be baptized ane the papaya was gone a man can be inquiring where he could have the same shoes repaired. Since Gomez pre-rough had been a shoemaker by one services in her home. Out of that has grown the Baptist church at Monterro and the mission at Las Tablas. The Board has now purchased a lovely dwelling and the site on which we are now in the process of building a church

building in the town of Las Tablas. Not only do Brother and Mrs. Gomez have the respect and appreciation of the There was a river not far away, so people among whom they serve, but I was happy to see that they have in their home a young man, Miguel Olmeda, seventeen years old, and his sister, Edilma Olmeda, sixteen years old, whom they originally met in Chorrera. This young man has surrendered to the ministry and is expecting to go away

The same thing that has happened in Las Tablas could be repeated over and over in many of the towns and cities of the sheet and pulling at the corner of it Panama if we only had missionaries such as Brother and Mrs. Gomez who would give themselves to the work.

Brother Gomez said, "The greates need of our work is for more preachers ome of ne schoolmates had dreams of and the second greatest need is for ade quate church buildings."



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